

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, JULY 8TH, 2026

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 8th, 2026. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Council members present: Brian Hitchcock, Dan Riggs, Dale Nelson, and Bobbie Wosika

Council members absent:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Council and attending audience.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from June 10th, 2026, Regular Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for June
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$167,267.26. Check numbers #23806 - #23853. Online disbursements #11182OL - #11191OL, #11202OL - #11209OL, #11223OL - #11229OL. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$167,950.49.
- Administration Finance Report for June
- June Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda with the addition of a Hubbard County Variance Application under City Hall, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed unanimously.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Approve claim numbers 11169-11243.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve claim numbers 11169-11243, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**
- Discussion on moving public forum to beginning of meeting. It would help not to make people wait to speak. Some other cities do this. Dan states it being at the end of the meeting. No action was taken.
- Discussion on the LLC Contract and Superior Fuel. LCC is \$1.55 a gallon. Superior Fuel would have a first fill rate of \$1.099 and then a fixed five-year rate of \$1.399 a gallon. Brian asks if they are willing to work on the length as the council does not want a five-year contract. Kristi states that she can ask Superior Fuel if they would do for one year and also because the council meeting is on the night of the deadline, if they would accept it the next day.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to table this until next regular council meeting depending on those questions being answered, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed unanimously.**
- Resolution 14-2026 is a resolution acknowledging the donation for community projects.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 14-2026, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed unanimously.**
- Resolution 15-2026 is a resolution acknowledging the donations for National Night Out.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 15-2026, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed unanimously.**
- Discussion on the Hubbard County variance application. It is on 11th Crow Wing.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to take no action on the variance application, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed unanimously.**

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy states that Paul Bunyan Days went extremely well.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey states that she has been working with a guy on a new POS system. She states she got a quote from Evolution Technologies in the amount of \$8,674.00. She states it would be only \$79.00 a month. Nevis Muni has the same POS system. She states it is more expensive than Davidson Business Equipment, that she already has but that she no longer wants to use them.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve going forward with Evolution Technologies in the amount of \$8,674.00 with the \$79.00 monthly fee to come from liquor store saving, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed unanimously.**
- Lacey asks the council if there is a policy on video surveillance requests from law enforcement. In a recent incident, a sheriff deputy called Lacey and asked if she could turn around from leaving town because he needed to see video surveillance from the shop camera. She stated that she doesn't have access and that either Reid or Kella are the ones that can access that. Lacey called Kella and Kella called the deputy. He stated that he was going to sit there until someone showed up. It was not an emergency and should have been able to wait until the next day. Council discusses possibly drafting a policy that states that whoever is requesting the video right away would need to pay a fee for service.

Parks – Dan Riggs

- Dan states that Elite Paving came into some challenges with rain and had a wash out. In order to fix it they had to reshape some of it and come closer to the water plant. That is why there is an extra \$9,000 added to the invoice. Dan states that there is a small area that needs more asphalt and they should not be paid until that is completed.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve paying Elite Paving in the amount of \$65,631.00 coming from the park fund, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**
- Discussion on Dottie getting a raise to clean the bathrooms. Right now, she is making \$14.00. Kristi states that she did not ask for a raise.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to table until next month's meeting, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**

Water/Sewer/Maintenance Report-Nate Deshayes/Reid Watson

- Discussion on the Thein Well report. Reid states that there is a well that is going to need some maintenance. The report states that well #2 needs to have the pitless unit replaced. The well also needs to be jetted clean as there is a high amount of oxidized iron. Kristi states that she has not heard from Advanced Utility Solutions. Brian states that they need to be part of this. Reid will need to touch base with Advanced Utility Solutions.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to table this until next month's meeting pending discussion with Advance Utility Solutions by Reid, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**
- Bobbie asks Reid when the hydrant that bagged by Grandpa J's will be fixed. Reid stated that it will be done sometime this summer.

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report on June minutes.
- Joint powers agreement is coming up for renewal. Kristi states that she sent it to the league and is waiting to hear back from them.

Old Business

- Kristi states that there is one last payment to be made to Rock Solid for the bathroom project but that it cannot be paid until the wage verification form is received.

- Discussion on the Akeley Depot Building. Dan states that it is condemnable. That money would be better spent to either build a replica or a playground or something else that would better the community. Dan states he suggests that the city remove the building. Brian states that it could cause the city to be liable in the future. The Chamber would need to carry at least \$1,000,000 in insurance which they do not currently have. The city will start getting estimates for tearing it down.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve Reid looking into getting estimates to demo the depot building, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed unanimously.**
- Randy Vredenberg states that they are moving forward with the renovation at the museum with removal of the old bathrooms.
- Randy Vredenberg also stated that he had a check from the Akeley Lions for their half of the new electrical at the water tower.

New Business

Public Forum

Motion by Bobbie Wosika to close the meeting for department head evaluations at 7:20pm, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed unanimously.

Motion by Brian Hitchcock to reopen the meeting at 8:07pm, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed unanimously.

Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted by,
Michaela Becker
Deputy Clerk**