

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, JUNE 14TH, 2023

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, June 14th, 2023. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Council members absent:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from May 10th, 2023 Regular Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for May
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$161,054.88. Check numbers #21236 to #21317. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$142,005.66.
- Administration Finance Report for May
- May Permits Issued – 2
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda adding water line on Graceson Ave under the water/sewer/maintenance department, seconded by Dan Nelson, passed.**
- Brian made a comment to those in attendance to reference the new policy for public comment. The policy document is available at each table.

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Resolution 16-2023 is a resolution acknowledging the donation from Minnesota Chiefs of Police Foundation for the Akeley National Night Out Event. The donation amount was \$1,000.00.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 16-2023, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Resolution 17-2023 is a resolution approving plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids for the Akeley Paul Bunyan Trail Head Project – parking lot and trailhead connections. Concerns about the concrete running across the gravel road due to grading purposes.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 17-2023 with looking for an exception on the concrete crossing to the north of the park, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Discussion on the LMC liability waiver form.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika not to waive the liability waiver, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Discussion on amendment number one between the MnDOT and the City of Akeley. Kristi states that it contains the final payment schedules. The first agreement had a cost of \$192,889.93. It has changed to \$219,888.19.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve amendment number one with MnDOT for \$219,888.19, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Brian wishes to set a special meeting to figure out where the funds will come from to pay for the TH34 project.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock for a special meeting for the discussion of where the payment will come from on June 22nd, 2023 at 5:00pm located at City Hall, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy stated that he has been working on blight issues. He states that he gave out some citations.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey states that the person that let the Muni use a trailer as a stage for Paul Bunyan Days can no longer let the Muni use. She would like to build a stage. It would cost less than buying one. It would cost around \$2,000.00 for materials.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve up to \$2,000.00 to build a stage by the Muni, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Discussion on the donation of \$600.00 to Hubbard County Sentence to Serve for clean-up in the campground. Council thinks that the city should donate \$640.00 to Sentence to Serve due to that amount being the value of the project stated on their project report.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve donating \$640.00 to Sentence to Serve coming from the park fund, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Bobbie asks about the cameras in the campground. Billy states that he has not talked to Mark but will get an update. Kristi states that there was vandalism in the beach bathrooms, and it would be nice if those cameras would have been up and running. Kerri is now closing the bathrooms at 7:00pm instead of at dark.

Water/Sewer/Maintenance Report-Reid Watson/Mike Hubner

- Discussion on new lift station pumps. Mike states that the pump went bad at lift station 2. The first bid from WWGoetsch Associates cost would be \$8,188.00 for the new pump. The install is by the hour at a rate of \$130 per man hour or \$1300 to budget for 10 hours. So roughly \$9,500.00. The second bid from Electric Pump cost would be \$13,941.00. That cost includes the pump, labor, mileage. Bobbie asks if there are warranties on the pumps. Mike is unsure but knows that there is a one-year warranty on clogging. He states that he will find out.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve bid from WWGoetsch Associates in the amount of \$9,488.00, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Mike discusses an estimate from Olson Electric. He states that for the pumps to pump slow enough there needs to be VFE's installed. It is not something the has to be done but he believes that it will help the wear and tear on the equipment. The estimated cost is \$11,897.00. The way it is running now is making the motor run hard.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to table until next month's meeting, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Discussion on water line on Graceson Ave that needs to be installed for a property. Mike states that the city has all the materials to lay the water line and install a curb stop. He would like to get it done before the tar gets laid at the end of the street so that they are not having to tear up the tar later to install it. He asked if the company excavating down Graceson would be able to dig the trench since they are already there. Mike thinks that it would cost roughly \$800.00.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to approve the water service line being installed on Graceson Ave and not to exceed \$2,000.00, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Mike states that he had a porta potty pumper contacted him needing a place to discard the waste. He says the city could charge about \$0.25 a gallon. They would have to make sure that all the debris they dump goes into the lift station. He would also like to do sampling around once a year to make sure that they are dumping what they are saying they are dumping.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve Mike in moving forward with preparing a contract with REX, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report of May minutes.

Old Business

- Chuck asks if the city has heard anything on the helipad. Nothing else has been heard. Kristi states that she had a conversation with Jed Nordin about the extension on the DNR grant.

New Business**Public Forum**

Motion by Bobbie Wosika to close the meeting at 6:50pm for employee evaluations for Reid Watson, Lacey Hitchcock, Jimmy Hansen, Lacey Hitchcock, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.

Motion by Dan Riggs to open the meeting at 7:38pm, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.

Motion by Billy Krotzer to adjourn at 7:39pm, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.

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