

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

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 8th, 2026. Acting Mayor Dan Riggs called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Council members absent: Brian Hitchcock

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from March 11th, 2026, Regular Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for March
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$170,539.03. Check numbers #23694 - #23729. Online disbursements #11015OL - #11058OL. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$123,789.64.
- Administration Finance Report for March
- March Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Resolution 10-2026 is a resolution acknowledging donations for Akeley Community Projects.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 10-2026, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Resolution 11-2026 is a resolution acknowledging donations for the Akeley Easter Egg Hunt.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 11-2026, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Discussion and opening of bids for the Hay Contract. The first bid was from Tim Drury in the amount of \$3743.00 as annual payment. The second bid was from Dan Splittstoesser in the amount of \$2,100.00 as annual payment.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve Tim Drury for the hay contract for seven years with the annual payment amount of \$3743.00, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Just an FYI that the LBAE meeting is on April 14th, 2026, at 11:30am. Dan states that he will be there. Bobbie and Dale are unsure if they will be able to make it.

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy states that he is working on snowbirds and also working on some blight issues.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.
- The new door was installed, and it looks very nice.

Parks – Dan Riggs

- Discussion on new swim buoys for the beach down at the park. Timber Creek Dock and Lift Service can get us the buoys at cost of \$265 each. They do not include the hardware.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the purchase of 6 new swim buoys not to exceed \$1,600.00 that would come from park funds, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Bobbie asked if there was any update on the trees in the campground. Dan states that due to snow, he and Dale have not been able to get down there yet.

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

- Nate Deshayes was there to introduce himself to the council and give them the water report.
- Reid discussed that the pump at lift station 2 is still working well and that there is an invoice that needs to be paid to WWGoetsch.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve paying the WWGoetsch invoice in the amount of \$8,352.00, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Reid states that he has been working alone for the last three weeks and is wondering if he could put a help needed ad on Facebook. Dan states that he needs to work with Kristi to get it in the newspaper.
- Bobbie questioned Reid as to why there was a fire hydrant on 64 with a black bag on it. Reid stated that it was leaking and it is going to be rebuilt with the help of Ben from MRW once the weather warms up.

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report on March minutes.
- Dan states that a purchase agreement has been drafted for the corner lot.

Old Business

- Bobbie states that Rock Solid is doing a fantastic job.

New Business

- Randy Vredenburg proposed making a change from the bid from Hansens Electric for a 90-amp service to a 100-amp service. That would increase the original bid from \$1,250.00 to \$1,775.00. The park would pay \$887.50 instead of \$625.00.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to rescind the motion from March 11th, 2026, regular meeting, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve splitting \$1,775 with the Akeley Lions with \$887.50 coming from the park fund, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Sharon Natzel from the Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HCCOLA) asked if the city would give them permission to install a blue and white cleaning station sign on a metal post with the toolset of four tools for the Eleventh Crow Wing Public Water Access. It will help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to allow HCCOLA to install sign and devices at the fishing pier and lift station, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

Public Forum

- Frank Lamb states that the Historical Society had a meeting to take out both bathrooms in the museum after Paul Bunyan Days.

Motion by Bobbie Wosika to adjourn the meeting at 6:39pm, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.

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