

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2023

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, September 13th, 2023. Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Council members absent:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from August 9th, 2023, Regular Meeting
- Minutes from August 23rd, 2023 Special Meeting
- Minutes from August 30th, 2023 Work Session
- Treasurer's Report for August
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$151,766.80. Check numbers #21501 to #21582. Voided check number 21536 due to printing error. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$139,263.60.
- Administration Finance Report for August
- August Permits Issued – 1
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Discussion on the new auditor contract. It is a three-year contract for 2023, 2024, and 2025.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the contract with Miller McDonald for the next three years, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Discussion on the LAC propane contract. Kristi states that the price has gone down to \$1.50 a gallon. Kristi proposes 5000 gallons a total amount of \$7,500.00.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve 5000 gallons for the LAC propane contract, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Approval of the 2024 tax levy. The amount is \$246,668.49 and a percent change of 8.892%.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the 2024 tax levy, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy states everything is going smoothly.
- Jimmy questioned if there would be temporary lighting in town until the new lights are installed. It is a safety issue.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.
- Kristi asks the council if the rebates that came back from the furnaces and ac units is something they want to be put back into Liquor Store savings.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to put the rebate amount of \$2,000.00 back into the Liquor Store savings account, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**

Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Discussion on the camera being put up by the beach bathrooms. Billy states that he thinks we should put something up in the spring instead of doing it now since winter is coming soon and it would not be used.

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

- Discussion on new winter plowing machinery options. Due to the new sidewalks, the city will not be able to plow them with the truck. Looking into purchasing a bobcat and the necessary attachments.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve up to \$35,000 for the purchase of a bobcat/skid loader not including attachments, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Kristin Fake asked if the council would look into purchasing new equipment. Council members responded that it would be cost prohibitive.

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report on August minutes.
- The F550 is almost finished being repaired.

Old Business

- Kristi states that they have started doing staking and brought in equipment for the parking lot and trailhead project. They are aware that they need to work with MN Dot with the approaches.

New Business

Public Forum

- Kristin Fake asks about the minutes from the Work Session. The council answers her questions.
- Marv Vredenburg tells the council how great of job the campground managers did. He also states that the entrance road down by the water plant needs to be fixed. Dan states that the city is in the process of finding out if the county would allow that to be tarred.

Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn at 6:34pm, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.

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