

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, JUNE 17TH, 2024

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, June 17th, 2024. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Council members absent:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from May 8th, 2024, Regular Meeting
- Minutes from May 20th, 2024 Special Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for May
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$162,929.11. Check numbers #22148 - #22233. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$146,898.80.
- Administration Finance Report for May
- May Permits Issued – 1
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to approve the consent agenda adding lumber for docks and porta potties under parks and also adding insurance liability coverage waiver under city hall, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Discussion on the Post Office dedication on June 24th, 2024. Jessie wants to know which council members will be able to make it. Dan has a water meter replacement appointment so he will not be able to make it.
- Discussion on the Hubbard County Attorney contract.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the Hubbard County Attorney contract, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Kristi discusses where the trees from the shade tree grant are going to be placed and what kind of trees those are going to be. Brian asks when the trees will be planted. Kristi says that it will be in September of this year.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve moving forward with the plans on the shade tree project, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Discussion on the Walker ambulance primary service area. The Walker City Council was requested by Cass and Hubbard County administrators to produce and approve resolution 27-2024, a resolution in support of Cass and Hubbard counties working toward subordinate taxing district for the Walker ambulance primary service area. This is more of an FYI at this point as the letter states that there will be more meeting, specifically public hearings on the matter prior to the actual consideration by the County Boards.
- Discussion on the LMC insurance liability coverage waiver.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve not waive the monetary limits for the LMC insurance liability coverage waiver, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Kristi states she will be on vacation starting tomorrow into next Wednesday.

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy was absent
- Kristi states that he is going to start soliciting funds for NNO.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.

Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Discussion on the removal of a tree down at Paul's Patio. Central Lakes Tree Service would charge \$3,006.51. Armstrong Tree Service would charge \$2,750.00. Stan's Firewood and Tree Service would charge \$1,400.00.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve Stan's Firewood and Tree Service to remove tree in the amount of \$1,400.00, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed. Dale Nelson abstained.**
- Discussion on lumber to repair docks at the campground. Nevis Lumber would be an estimate of \$1,446.44 for 16-foot boards with screws and delivery. Dan states that Reid can pick it up and that it does not need to be delivered and the boards can be 8-foot boards.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the lumber from Nevis Lumber in the amount not to exceed \$1,400 and is to come from the park, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Bobbie discusses the porta potties for Paul Bunyan Days. She states that last year the way the porta potties were placed should not have been placed that way. They also had one of the handicapped porta potties by the band stand that had a sign on it that said staff only. The city and the committee need to work together. They should also not be putting a sign on a porta pottie unless they are paying for it.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to have the city work with the Paul Bunyan Days committee on where to place the porta potties, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Dan states that he received a thank you from the 10th/11th Crow Wing Lake Association AIS for the support at the boat access for invasive species.
- Bobbie asks if Reid is going to blow off the cement at Paul's Patio before Paul Bunyan Days.
- Brian thanks Dan for working on repairing the picnic tables at Paul's Patio.

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

- Reid and Mike were absent.
- Kristi states that Midwest Testing is scheduling the water meter replacements. It will start next Monday.

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report on May minutes.
- The department got a new parking lot.

Old Business

- Bobbie states that the Akeley Community Projects received the second \$3,500.00 payment from the grant from Arvig. Brian also states that the construction area at Paul's Patio was hydro seeded today.
- Dale states that the culverts on Hulet Ave as well as Chicago Ave need to be cleaned out.

New Business

Public Forum

Motion by Bobbie Wosika to adjourn at 7:01pm, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.

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