

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, JANUARY 8TH, 2025

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, January 8th, 2025. 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: Billy Krotzer

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from December 11th, 2024 Regular Meeting
- Minutes from December 19th, 2024 Special Meeting
- Minutes from December 30th, 2024 Special Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for December
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$182,771.15. Check numbers #22715 - #22787. Voided check #22784 due to being torn. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$271,396.65.
- Administration Finance Report for December
- December Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Discussion on the 2025 department commissioners. The council does not want any changes.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the 2025 department commissioner's assignments, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Resolution 1-2025 is a resolution to adopt consignments for 2025.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 1-2025, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Resolution 2-2025 is a resolution for authorization approvals for signatories of all accounts at First National Bank of Walker-Akeley Branch.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 2-2025, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Resolution 3-2025 is a resolution for payments prior to council authorization.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 3-2025, seconded by Brian Hitchcock, passed.**
- Resolution 4-2025 is a resolution allowing wire/automated bank payments.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 4-2025, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Resolution 5-2025 is a resolution for a policy to allow electronic funds wire transfer.
- **Motion by Dale Nelson to approve resolution 5-2025, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Resolution 6-2025 is a resolution authorizing the City of Akeley to contribute funds to Hubbard County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program. Kristi states that the money per hour rose from \$25.00 to \$26.00. Last year the city contributed \$1,150.00. This year it would rise to \$1,196.00.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 6-2025, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- There are no known conflicts for the 2025 meeting schedule for the second Wednesday of every month starting at 6pm at the Akeley City Hall.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the meeting schedule for the second Wednesday of every month starting at 6pm at the Akeley City Hall, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- 2025 mileage rates increased to \$0.70 per mile per the IRS.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to approve the mileage rate increase per the IRS, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy states everything is going well. He states that he participated in the shop with a cop program in Park Rapids. He also states that the ice conditions are at 12 inches.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.

Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Bobbie asks Kristi how the meeting at the county went for the McGregor's campground. She states that she received a phone call. Kristi states that she started off telling the board that the city is not opposed to their campground but that there are concerns. Hubbard County gave the McGregor's approval but they will also have to do the things that are needed to be done.

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

- Reid and Mike were absent.
- There is a monthly operations report in the council packets.

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report on December minutes.

Old Business

- Bobbie states that Chuck was notified that AARP has their grant application process open. The grant amount awarded would be \$50,000.00. Chuck is asking if the council would approve him applying for the AARP grant.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to allow Chuck to apply for the AARP grant, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

New Business

- Frank Kelsey was there to discuss wanting to split parcel number 29.37.18300. Dan states that his concerns are the setbacks of the buildings if split. If the property is split, it needs to follow the ordinance setbacks that are in place. He wants to get it surveys but needs the council's approval to split the property.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the division of parcel number 29.37.18300 putting lot 4 and 5 together and lot 3 and 2 together and that lot 3 does not encroach onto lot 4, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

Public Forum

Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn the meeting at 6:28pm, seconded by Brian Hitchcock, passed.

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