

# MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Council members present: Mayor Brian Hitchcock, Dan Riggs, Nathan George, Billy Krotzer, and Bobbie Wosika  
Council members absent:

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

## Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Minutes from December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Special Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for December
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$257,605.08 Check numbers #19942 to #20025. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$257,760.30
- Administration Finance Report for December
- December Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika approving the consent agenda, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**

## City Hall – Kristi Kath

- The 2022 regular meeting schedule, which is at 6:00pm on the second Wednesday of every month at City Hall, has no conflicts.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve the 2022 regular scheduled meetings, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- Discussion on commissioner appointments.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the 2022 department commissioners, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Resolution 1-2022 is a resolution to adopt consignments for 2022.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 1-2022, seconded by Bobbie Wosika.**
- Resolution 2-2022 is a resolution for authorization approvals for signatories of all accounts at First National Bank of Walker – Akeley Branch.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 2-2022, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Resolution 3-2022 is a resolution for payments prior to council approval.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve resolution 3-2022, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- Resolution 4-2022 is a resolution allowing wire or automated bank payments.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve resolution 4-2022, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Resolution 5-2022 is a resolution for a policy to allow electronic funds wire transfer.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve resolution 5-2022, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Resolution 6-2022 is a resolution authorizing the City of Akeley to contribute funds to Hubbard County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program in the amount of \$924.00.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 6-2022, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Just an FYI that the 2022 mileage reimbursement per the IRS is 58.5 cents per mile. Last year it was 56 cents.
- The audit fieldwork day is February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussion on the flex plan proposal. Kristi states that she spoke with Bill Singer from our AT Group that the city does their health plan through. He asked if the city ever considered doing a flex plan. She states that it benefits the city and that it also will not cost the city money. It would come out pre-taxed from the employee and the city. The city would not be paying taxes on their portion either. It would

also allow employees that have HSA accounts to put pre taxed funds into their HSA account. She suggests it be available for all full-time employees. It would be \$200.00 a year for maintenance and would also be \$40.00 a month to go with TASC.

- **Motion by Dan Riggs to implement the flex plan proposal, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Discussion on the MNDot TH 34 Project. Peg Davies states that the First Lutheran Church of Akeley does not want a parking lot or sidewalk. Kristi states that she received an email from MNDot stating that they will not officially remove it from the project yet but that if the sidewalk and parking were to be removed, a 6'-8' walkable shoulder would be put into its place. The city does not need to do anything at this moment but is just being brought up to see what the council's thoughts are.

#### **Police Department – Jimmy Hansen**

- Jimmy states everything is well, and the investigators conference went well.
- Dan Riggs asks if Jimmy has gotten ahold of the citizens with the partial truck in their yard. Jimmy states that he has and that he gave them until spring to remove it due to it being snowed in.

#### **Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock**

- Lacey was absent

#### **Parks - Billy Krotzer**

- Billy Krotzer states that there was an interview for the campground manager's position. Kristi states that she would like to offer them the contract.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve offering the Penners the park managers contract, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**

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

- Reid and Mike were absent.
- Discussion on the water tower repair. Kristi states that KLM came out yesterday. They have to review some more of the pictures that the investigators took. She says that she should know by Friday.

#### **East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika**

- Report of December minutes.

#### **Old Business**

- Chuck states that the cost of the project keeps rising. He says that the bids have been coming in lower than the estimates. He says that they are just going to keep moving forward. Kristi states that she received an email that states that the designer over designed the bathrooms and that the project would cost \$350.00 per square foot and the current budget is \$126,000.00. It would limit the bathroom size to be approximately 360 square feet. It would not have a boiler room. It would be base board heat. Kristi states that it would be highly inadequate and that they should not move on with that. Chuck states that he will work on getting it figured out.

#### **New Business**

#### **Public Forum**

**Motion by Bobbie Wosika to adjourn at 6:45pm, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**

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

