

**MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2024**

The Akeley City Council met in a Special Meeting September 24th, 2024. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

The reason for the special meeting was to discuss the potential of the acquisition of the Blue Ox Building by the City. (Parcel ID's 29.37.04400 and 29.37.04500)

- Kristi states that after the September 11th, 2024, regular meeting she received an email from Mary Thompson stating that the city had received the grant to use to help with costs for that building. The council had decided that the city was not interested in the building at the September regular meeting.
- Mary Thompson states that she put in an application for the city to be able to have resources to use for the building like architectural costs. She states that if the city does still decide to let the building go up for public auction, they will no longer have control of what happens with it. She also states that there are obviously somewhat of a risk because the city would incur fees with acquiring the property but are taking the risk of what could potentially happen with that building if the city did not want it. There is also other funding the city could look at if they wanted to tear it down.
- Dan states that he doesn't understand why the city would want to invest in a building that is valued at zero dollars.
- Brian states that he thinks it would be in the city's best interest because the city could tear it down and make a parking lot or even possibly a playground.
- Corey Kimball from Hubbard County states that the first auction is on November 4th, 2024, and that the starting bid will be what it is valued at which is around \$117,000.00. If it does not sell at that auction, then at the next auction the starting bid will be however much the back taxes and additional fees are.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to take no actions, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed with Brian Hitchcock opposing.**

Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn at 6:20pm, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.

Respectfully submitted by:
Michaela Dunham
Deputy Clerk