

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, AUGUST 10TH, 2022

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, August 10th, 2022. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Council members present: Brian Hitchcock, Dan Riggs, Nathan George, and Bobbie Wosika

Council members absent: Billy Krotzer

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from July 13th, 2022, Regular Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for July
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$143,372.97. Check numbers #20478 to #20582. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$222,353.68.
- Administration Finance Report for July
- July Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Nathan George to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Resolution 14-2022 is a resolution acknowledging the donations from Wanda & Bradley Lindow, Daryl & Judi Hendrickson, Annette Aird, Audrey Wolf, Brian Bruns LLC, Carol & Lonnie Liebel, Mike Biessener, Patricia Lamb, Anne Pavlik, Dale & Lori Davies, Jane Hendrickson, Peg Davies, Lorna Cunningham, and the Chamber donation jar for the Akeley Community Projects fund.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 14-2022, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- Resolution 15-2022 is a resolution acknowledging the donation from Akeley Veterans & Community Outreach and the Akeley Regional Community Center for the Akeley National Night Out event.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 15-2022, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Discussion on the TH34 temporary easements. There needs to be resolutions made for these four properties. They would be resolutions 17-2022, 18-2022, 19-2022, and 20-2022.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 17-2022 for a temporary easement for 2 Broadway Street West, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 18-2022 for a temporary easement for 60 Broadway Street West, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 19-2022 for a temporary easement for 25 Broadway Street East, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 20-2022 for a temporary easement for vacant land on Broadway Street East and Park Ave Southeast, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- Discussion on setting a budget work session. The levy must be certified by the 16th of September.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to set the budget work session to be held on August 22, 2022, at 6:00pm at City Hall, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- Discussion of the LAC contract. The prepay price is \$1.95 a gallon. Kristi states that she proposes that the City contracts 7000 gallons which would cost a total of \$13,650.00.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the contract for 7000 gallons in the amount of \$13,650.00, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Discussion on the avoiding racial profiling policy. Jimmy asks to put it on hold right now until the state gets back with answers on a policy that is already in place.
- Jimmy states that National Night Out was a success and thanks everyone that helped out.
- Jimmy discusses the blight issues that he is working on in town. He says that he is working with sentence to serve for the properties that have been tax forfeited. There are some that they do not have the addresses for. The city needs to apply by sending the county the addresses that they do not have that need to be mowed.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.

Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Cameras have not been put up due to waiting on Arvig.
- Dan Riggs states that the DNR went around looking at swim rafts. They need a permit on them, so Dan says that he went and purchased a permit for the parks. He gave Reid the permit number that needs to be put on the raft by the end of next week which would be August 19th, 2022.

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

- Mike discusses the inspection report from Thein Well. They have found that the pitless unit on well #2 is going bad. They gave an estimate of about \$16,000 to fix or replace it. He states that he would like to do some investigating on it before the city makes any commitments. He would like to see how old the well is. It is not something that needs to be done right away. At this point it is just an FYI and Mike is going to get some more information on it.

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report of July minutes.
- Discussion on the joint powers agreement. Dan says that he will bring what the league sent back on what needs to change as well as the proposed date changes to the next fire board meeting.

Old Business

- Moore Engineering invoice 30548 in the amount of \$471.25 for task order number two.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve paying Moore Engineering invoice 30548 in the amount of \$471.25, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- Moore Engineering invoice 30549 in the amount of \$6,037.50 for task order number three.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve paying Moore Engineering invoice 30549 in the amount of \$6427.50, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

New Business

- Austin and Kayla Hickman were there to offer to purchase the city owned parcel 29.37.44010 at its current valuation of \$21,400.00. Kristi states that she sent a copy of the purchase agreement to the league and the league stated that it looked good and was a standard purchase agreement. Mike discusses what they would need to do to get hooked up to sewer due to that property being farther than 200 feet from the manhole. Either they can put in their own system, or they could put in a lift station that would pump into the city's sewer. Part of the purchase agreement would entail vacating a portion of an unnamed street and an ally. The city currently has a brush pile and a gravel pile on that property. There is another property out on highway 64 that the city owns where the brush pile and gravel pile could be moved.
- Resolution 16-2022 is a resolution for accepting a purchase agreement in regard to Akeley city owned parcel 29.37.44010.

- **Motion by Nathan George to approve Resolution 16-2022 regarding the purchase of parcel 29.37.44010, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed. Dan abstained.**

Public Forum

- Marv Vredenburg discusses the roads at the campground. The wash outs need to be fixed still. Kristi states that the city is on Hubbard County's agenda to have someone from soil and water and the DNR to come out and look at what can be done to get it fixed. Also stated that the current managers and their family are doing a great job.

Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn at 6:47pm, seconded by Nathan George, passed.

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