

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, AUGUST 12TH, 2026

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 12th, 2026. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Council members absent: Dale Nelson

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from July 8th, 2026, Regular Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for July
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$266,710.09. Check numbers #23854 - #23899. Online disbursements #11259OL - #11270OL, #11285OL - #112910OL, #49884OL - #49887OL. Voided check 23890 for duplicate payment. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$376,649.15.
- Administration Finance Report for July
- July Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda with the addition of estimates for the depot building demo under old business, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Brian Koehn was there to present the audit report.
- Discussion on the capital asset policy.
- Resolution 12-2026 is a resolution adopting a capital assets policy.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 12-2026, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed unanimously.**
- Motion to approve claim number 11244-11300/49881-49887.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve claim numbers 11244-11300/49881-49887, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**
- Darin Katzenmeyer discussed the new contract and the letter that was sent from Hubbard County. He states that there is an option for hybrid. The Hubbard County commissioners have to approve a resolution in order for the hybrid option and that should be around October. It would not go into effect until 2028 and would have no effect on the 2027 contract.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the independent contract agreement with Darin Katzenmeyer Assessing Inc. for 2027 in the amount of \$7,240.00, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed unanimously.**
- Discussion on the LLC Contract and Superior Fuel. Kristi discusses that she talked to Superior Fuel about the questions the council had at the last regular meeting. She states that it would be a fixed rate for five years at \$1.39 a gallon but if prices were less than the fixed rate, the city would get it at a lesser rate. The first fill would be \$1.09 a gallon. Kristi talked to LLC to see if they would match and they would not.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve contracting Superior Fuel for \$1.39 a gallon for five years, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed unanimously.**
- IRS mileage updated as of July 1st with an increase from \$.725 to \$.76. Just an FYI.
- Resolution 16-2026 is a resolution acknowledging the donations for National Night Out.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 16-2026, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**

- Resolution 17-2026 is a resolution of the Akeley City Council transferring funds received from state aid for roads to investment account 2731364 in the amount of \$4,810.00.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 17-2026, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**
- Budget meeting needs to be set.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to set budget meeting for September 8th, 2026, at 6:00pm, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed unanimously.**

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy states that National Night Out was wonderful and thanked the volunteers.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.

Parks – Dan Riggs

- Discussion on Dottie getting a raise for cleaning the bathrooms. Bobbie states that she would like to give her a \$2.00 raise.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve a \$2.00 raise to Dottie Lanning, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**

Water/Sewer/Maintenance Report-Nate Deshayes/Reid Watson

- Discussion on the Thein Well getting to work on fixing the well. It would be around \$25,500 to replace the well.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve paying Thein Well in the amount of \$25,500.00 to replace the well, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed unanimously.**

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report on July minutes.
- Kristi states that she has not heard back from the league yet about the Joint Powers Agreement.

Old Business

- Chuck states that he has no information for the council.
- Frank Lamb talks about the remodeling at the museum. He states that all bills for the remodel have been paid but is wondering if the city could reimburse the museum for those charges. The total for the invoices paid was \$6,224.95.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve payment to the Paul Bunyan Historical Society Inc. for the work that was done to remodel in the amount of \$6,244.95 with funds coming from community parks project pending receiving receipts, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed unanimously.**
- Kristin Fake was there with concerns about the demolition of the depot building and wants to know how the council came to that decision. Dan states that it would cost more to fix the building than it is worth. Kristin asks for the demolition to be delayed 90 days. Discussion about if the city would be willing to sell it and let someone move it. The council will give 30 days to come up with a plan.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to table this until next regular meeting, second by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**
- Bids for the demolition of the depot building.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to table these bids until the next regular meeting, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**

New Business

- Discussion on Terrance Taylor splitting his lot. He was not present, but Frank Lamb stated that it was no longer something that he wanted to do due to being so close to the lake which is a county issue.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to take no action in the lot split, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed unanimously.**

Public Forum

- Eric Sjolín was there to state that the Akeley song plaques are up.
- Tim Drury was there to discuss the hay contract. He states that in the contract it states that the city is responsible for fixing the ruts from the irrigator. Council will put it on next month's agenda.

Motion by Bobbie Wosika to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.

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