

# MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 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 March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for March
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$99,546.76. Check numbers #22009 - #22064. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$95,935.06.
- Administration Finance Report for March
- March Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda adding employee evaluations and email from Hubbard County under City Hall, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

## City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Resolution 8-2024 is a resolution acknowledging the donation from Eastern Hubbard County Fire District in the amount of \$500.00 for the Akeley Community Easter Egg Hunt.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 8-2024, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Resolution 9-2024 is a resolution acknowledging the donation from Peg Davies in the amount of \$50.00 for the Akeley Community Projects Fund.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 9-2024, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Reminder that the Local Board of Appeals meeting is on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10:00am at City Hall.
- Discussion on employee evaluations. Bobbie states that they are normally done in June but that she will not be in town that week and wanted to know if the evaluations could be pushed to the July meeting instead.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to move the employee evaluations to the July regular meeting, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Kristi received an email from Hubbard County about the property that the city is interested in next to City Hall. It states that the city will have 6 months from April 5<sup>th</sup> to complete the transfer of deed. The cost would be \$4,913.00 for clean up fees. \$25.00 for conveyance fees. \$1.65 for deed tax. \$46.00 for the recording fee. \$100.00 for the administration fee.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to table this until the May regular meeting, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

## Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy was absent.
- Kristi states that she spoke with POST because Jimmy is going to need a new vest. POST says that they currently do not have any funds. The funds may need to come from the public safety monies the city received.

## Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.
- Bobbie states that Lacey will be getting a new garbage can for the front of the Muni.
- Dan states that people cannot park on the boulevard. Bobbie states that she will talk to Lacey about it.

### **Parks - Billy Krotzer**

- Last month the subject of a camera at the beach bathrooms was tabled. Kristi states that they are going to get a trail camera to put down at the beach.
- Brian states that the beach could also use a new swim raft.

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

- Discussion on the water treatment plant needs a new chemical flow meter. Flow Measure and Control could either fix the one that is already there for \$1,384.00 or the city could buy a new one for \$4,619.00.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the Flow Measure and Control quote for fixing the chemical flow meter in the amount of up to \$1,400, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Kristi states that tomorrow there will be a meeting with MnDOT to discuss the start up of the rest of the Highway 34 project.

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

- Report on March minutes.
- They have a new board member. Dave Andres is on the fireboard from Badoura.
- Brian asks about the raise in how much is being charged for a fire call. It rose from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00. He is curious if this is a matter that should go in front of the entities to approve due to it being a financial matter. The fire district is going off what the state has suggested to them. Kristi will send the resolution to the attorney and the league to make sure that the entities do not need to have a say in the service fee increase.

### **Old Business**

- The Akeley Community Projects Committee had a meeting this week. They discussed future funding and grant options.
- Discussion on the NCAD food forest demonstration garden. Kristi drove around with them last week to look at possible areas to put one. Would the council be opposed to them putting together a project idea for the area across from Hooch Lake. It is fully funded. Dan states that the location is where the city puts the snow. Brian states that there is a piece of property that they could use by Akeley Auto. The parcel number is 29.37.51080.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the NCAD to use parcel number 29.37.51080 for a food forest demonstration garden, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

### **New Business**

- Discussion on the letter from the Paul Bunyan Committee asking the city if they would be willing to print fliers again this year for Paul Bunyan Days. Last year the size was 8.5x11. This year they are asking for 4000 8.5x14 fliers for the local newspapers. The committee will supply the paper. It will be black and white not colored copies. Last year the park paid for it.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve printing the fliers for Paul Bunyan Days and if there are overages to the city, the park will pay for it, seconded by Brian Hitchcock, passed.**
- Brian reads a thank you card from the Akeley Easter Egg Hunt Committee.

**Public Forum**

- Marv Vredenburg asked if there has been any update on the improvement of the campground road. At this moment the city is trying to get a grant to get Crow Wing Dr paved. He also asks about how campers will get down to the campground with the road work coming up. They will either have to use the ally behind the fire department or come in from the other end of Crow Wing Drive. He also asks why the minutes are two months behind.
- Frances Demars voiced her concerns about people parking on the boulevard.

**Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn at 6:59pm, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

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