

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2022

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, September 14th, 2022. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Council members present: 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 August 10th, 2022, Regular Meeting
- Minutes from August 22nd, 2022, Work Session
- Treasurer's Report for August
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$150,509.95. Check numbers #20583 to #20753. Voided check numbers, 20587, 20599, 20576. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$122,931.72.
- Administration Finance Report for August
- August Permits Issued – 2
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda adding purchase agreement cancellation under old business, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Resolution 21-2022 is a resolution for vacation of a street and alley in the City of Akeley. This resolution will not be needed. There was supposed to be public hearing prior to the council meeting but it was canceled due to the purchase agreement being revoked.
- Discussion on an account inactivity advice. One of the cities accounts has gone into inactivity status because of a period where there has been no deposits or withdrawals from it. If it inactive for too long the account will go into a dormant status and will no longer show up on statements and won't be able to be tracked. Kristi suggests that the council make a motion to deposit \$5.00 into it to make it active again. It is the special projects account. Kristi states that she will investigate what the account was originally started for.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve depositing \$5.00 into the special projects account number 2730135 and subsequently as needed to keep it active, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- Discussion on the 2023 tax levy. It is the preliminary levy. It can go down but can not go up. December will be when the final levy is approved. The current number is \$224,767.76. Increase of 7.114%.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the 2023 preliminary levy of \$224,767.76, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Kristi states that she talked to MN Rural Water about that \$10,000.00 grant. She states that we can try and apply again but needs to be in by the 30th of September. It would go towards the generator for lift stations.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve reapplying for the grant funding, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy states that POST came to the City for an audit and stated that he did need the updated policy for racial profiling.

- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the avoiding racial policy, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Kristi states that the city is in compliance with POST.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.

Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Billy states that the cameras are up at the campground but that he needs Reid's help with the rest of installation.

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

- Reid states that it has been quiet. Some hydrants were fixed that had small leaks. Some discussion about Herb's mower. "It's still going", Reid said.

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report of August minutes.
- Discussion on the Joint Powers Agreement. It has been corrected to what the league's corrections were. They do not want to change the date that the contract amounts are given. It was said that the city will just need to budget high. A line must be added on the signature page for Kristi to sign due to the city being a statutory city.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the Joint Powers Agreement as amended, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

Old Business

- Bobbie states that the Community Projects committee did not meet last month but will be meeting on September 26th at 5:30pm.
- Kristi states that she had a conversation with Moore Engineering. They asked if there could be written accountability of all the funds that have been received or promised. Then they will know on how to move forward better.
- Austin and Kayla Hickman would like to cancel their purchase agreement with the City of Akeley. Things with the property did not go how they had planned and no longer what to purchase the property.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to accept the cancellation of the purchase agreement, seconded by Nathan George, passed. Dan Riggs abstained.**

New Business

Public Forum

- Marv Vredenburg asks where the erosion problem at the campground is at in means to fix it. Kristi and Reid met with the DNR. The water and soil department are reviewing the pictures to see if there is another game plan on what they think can happen down by the campground.
- Neil was there to discuss his concerns again about the liquor store. The council listened to his comments.

Motion by Billy Krotzer to adjourn at 6:29pm, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.

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