AKELEY CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 16th, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

The Akeley City Council met in a Work Session on Wednesday, September 16th, 2026. 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:
Employees Present: Kristi Kath

Discussion with regards to the General Fund budget for 2027 Levy with the following highlights:

- Kristi states that Kella gave her the number for the fire contract. It's estimated at $17,970.00. Kristi asks if the fire aid is going straight into the relief associations account because it has not come through the city. They will ask at the next fireboard meeting.
- General liability and work compensation numbers have not yet come in.
- Kristi states that the rates are not going to change for Minnesota Paid Leave. The council voted to pay 100% last year.
- Kristi states that the numbers that she put in for health insurance are an estimate as she has not received those numbers. They did give her a spreadsheet and estimated an increase between 9.7% to 12.2%. She estimated a 15% increase just to be covered in case it is more than what they estimated.
- Repairs and Maintenance – Contractual: Buildings under administration is over budget due to substantial furnace repairs. Kristi raised the budget from $1,000.00 to $2,500.00
- Discussion on Roger McCollough's raise that Reid had asked for. A two-dollar raise would be a total of $2,080.00 for the year divided by the multiple accounts it comes from.
- The new levy amount of $266,608.82 a difference of $11,391.76 and a percentage difference of 4.65.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the levy at $266,608.82, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn at 6:32pm, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted By;
Michaella Becker
Deputy Clerk