

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, JULY 12TH, 2023

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, July 12th, 2023. Acting Mayor Dan Riggs called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Council members present: Dan Riggs, Dale Nelson, and Bobbie Wosika

Council members absent: Brian Hitchcock and Billy Krotzer

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from June 14th, 2023, Regular Meeting
- Minutes from June 22nd, 2023, Special Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for June
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$263,526.74. Check numbers #21318 to #21408. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$302,551.01.
- Administration Finance Report for June
- June Permits Issued – 1
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda moving Justin from Ike's Heating and Cooling to speak before City Hall and adding the furnace and air conditioning bids under liquor store, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

Justin/Ike's Heating and Cooling

- Discussion on the Muni needing new A/C units and a new furnace. Justin discussed putting two heat pumps in and how they work. Kristi asks if the units would have enough power if an addition of around 600 square feet was added. Justin states that the units would be enough for that. The city would get a \$2000.00 rebate back from MN Power for both the heat pumps/units. Discussion on the furnace at the Muni. It is making a lot of noise. Justin states that if his bids are approved that he can start next week.

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Resolution #19-2023 is a resolution acknowledging the donation from Eastern Hubbard County Fire Department and Akeley Veterans & Community Outreach for the Akeley National Night Out Event.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 20-2023, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy stated that Paul Buyan Days was great and that everything went well.
- He states that the blight issues are getting better.
- Jimmy discusses his concerns with the complaints he was receiving that pertained to the 34 projects. He states that there were not many barricades or signage and that it was a complete disaster.
- There will be a meeting every Tuesday at 10:00am at city hall for the public to come to them with concerns.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- The current profit of the Muni for the year is \$29,482.71. The current savings balance for the Muni is \$112,250.68. Northern Pines Plumbing's bid for replacing the heat pumps and furnaces is \$30,940.00. Ike's Heating and Cooling's bid is at \$27,196.00.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve Ike's Heating and Cooling to replace the A/C with the two heat pumps and the two furnaces for a total cost of \$27,196.00 coming from the Muni's savings, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

- **Motion by Dan Riggs to change the previous motion to a total of \$26,986.00, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Kristi states that some of the cameras at the campground are up.
- Jimmy states that there was some vandalism at the beach bathrooms. He found the suspects and confronted them. They are coming this weekend to rake the beach and help Kerri at the campground for the damage they caused.
- Kristi states that one of the seasonals is being overly used. Council agrees that Kristi should send a letter stating that they need to follow the rules in place.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve Kristi to write a letter and send it to the seasonals, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Kristi states that she received an email explaining how great Kerri is at the campground and that she is doing a wonderful job.

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

- Dan asks if any more radio reads have been installed. There have been about three installed.
- Discussion on the bids for installing a water hook-up for Fred McGregor. The city does not have adequate equipment to do the excavating. The first bid is Hason Excavating for a total of \$2,700.00 and the second bid is from T&C Excavating for a total of \$1,960.00. The only business that Kristi has received insurance from is Hanson Excavating. This will be at the city's cost due to this work not being included in the contract with Fred. Kristi states that she had discussed a bid with another company, and they said that they would charge \$10,000 no matter how many hours spent on the project.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve Hanson Excavating in the amount of \$2,700.00, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Kristi states that the city is having problems with vehicles from the campground parking at the water plant. They are parked near or on the city's wells. She suggests some additional signage and notifying the campground managers to enforce no parking in that area. Overflow could park their trailers or cars in the DNR parking lot.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve Kristi and Reid to get signage and gave them put up, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report of June minutes.

Old Business

- Chuck was absent. Kristi states that Chuck let the DNR grant application go and that they will look at re-applying when they have bids.

New Business

- Bobbie discusses the bathrooms at the museum being open during Paul Bunyan Days. In recent years they have always been locked due to the city providing porta potties for the event. Bobbie states that she thinks that they should be open and that the PBD committee would keep them clean. Dan and Kristi do not agree due to possible damage to the bathrooms and that maybe next year they should get another wash station.

Public Forum

Motion by Bobbie Wosika to adjourn at 7:27pm, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.

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