

# MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Acting Mayor Dan Riggs called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Council members present: Dan Riggs, Billy Krotzer, and Bobbie Wosika

Council members absent: Brian Hitchcock and Dale Nelson

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

## Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for February
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$121,003.00. Check numbers #21038 to #21099. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$92,384.11.
- Administration Finance Report for February
- February Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve the consent agenda adding Crystal Mathisrud under new business, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

## City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Resolution 12-2023 is a resolution accepting donations for the Akeley Community Egg Hunt.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve resolution 12-2023, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Discussion on Juneteenth becoming a paid holiday and needs to be adopted into the city's policies.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve Juneteenth as a paid holiday, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Discussion on the land for auction that was discussed at the last regular meeting and was tabled. Kristi states that after further research she has found that the city would not have the finances to purchase the property due to the 34 project this year.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to sign the certificate of county board of classification of forfeited lands as provided by Minnesota statutes, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Just and FYI that the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting is on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:30am. It will be held at City Hall.

## Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Kristi and Jimmy worked on a grant for National Night Out. They were approved for a \$1,000.00 grant from the MN Chief of Police Association.
- The mechanical issue with the squad car siren is being fixed. A new siren control box has been ordered and will be installed next week.

## Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.

## Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Nothing to report.

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

- Mike and Reid were absent. They are both at the MN Rural Water Conference.

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

- Report of February minutes.
- Report of March minutes
- Meetings will be moved back to the third Thursday of every month at 7:00pm starting in April.

### **Old Business**

- Kristi discusses the site plan for the Akeley Community project. It was already discussed at last month's meeting and the alterations discussed have then been made. The council just needs to approve the site plan.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the new site plan for the new bathroom, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**

### **New Business**

- Akeley City's new attorney, Zach Johnson, introduced himself.
- Crystal Mathisrud, from the Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation, was there to ask the council for a letter of support for them to receive grant money for forest gardens. They are looking to set up 4 demonstration gardens in Hubbard County.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve a letter of support for the Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**

### **Public Forum**

- Steve Keranen was there to introduce himself. He is running for the Hubbard County District 4 Commissioner's seat.

**Motion by Billy Krotzer to adjourn 6:26pm, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

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