

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, APRIL 9TH, 2025

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 9th, 2025. 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 12th, 2025, Regular Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for March
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$112,035.77 Check numbers #22900 - #22961. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$126,162.66.
- Administration Finance Report for March
- March Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve consent agenda with addition of Jean Ruzika's donation to the egg hunt for resolution 8-2025, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Resolution 8-2025 is a resolution accepting donations for the community egg hunt.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 8-2025, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Resolution 9-2025 is a resolution accepting a donation to community projects.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 9-2025, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Just a reminder that on April 16th, 2025, at 11:30am, is the LBEA meeting at City Hall.

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy is absent due to attending training all week.
- Discussion on the updated POST policy of confidential informants.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to adopt the updated POST policy of confidential informants, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.

Parks - Billy Krotzer

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

- Reid and Mike were absent.
- Discussion on where the funds should come from for the Thein Well bill. The total amount of the bill is \$20,811.70. It is suggested to take it from the water and sewer CD. The amount in the CD is \$69,373.35. The CD number is 10098801.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to transfer the \$20,811.70 into the general fund from CD 10098801 to pay the Thein Well invoice, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Discussion on the emails from Dan Coulter. He is asking the city to forgive the water and sewer arrears for the tax forfeited property he just bought. The account is in arrears \$3,823.46. Kris Beissner was there on his behalf and stated that he did not know that when he did a title search that it would not come up with assessments. The city cannot access unpaid water and sewer charges to tax forfeited land. Kristi states that if he used a title company to do the search that the title company would have

- sent out a special assessment search to the city. Dan Riggs states that it says on the county website that you are responsible for all liens against the forfeited land that you are purchasing. He should have done his due diligence before purchasing it. Brian states that he is more worried about that water side of it and suggested forgiving half of the arrears in the amount of \$1,911.73.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve forgiving \$1,911.73 of a water bill that was due during the time that the Blue Ox Building was tax forfeited, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report on February minutes.

Old Business

- Discussion on the new drawing plan from Emcon with the family restroom removed and instead a mechanical room. The council is happy with the new drawing.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the Emcon plans, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Discussion on the dumpsters for Paul Bunyan Days that the committee had asked the city to provide. Bobbie states that she doesn't see why they would need three large dumpsters when one small and one large has seemed to be working just fine. This is just a discussion tonight and no decision will be made at this meeting. Bobbie also states that the committee needs to make sure that they also have ordered hand washing stations for outside the port-a-jons.

New Business

Public Forum

- Frank Lamb states that the Akeley Lions Club is holding a cow pie poker game. Frank states that they would like to have it by the water tower in town. This will be held on Saturday, June 28th, 2025, during Paul Bunyan Days.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the Akeley Lions Club can have the cow pie poker game on the Saturday of Paul Bunyan Days by the water tower, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Marv Vredenburg asks if the council has heard anything from Reid on how the campground is looking. Dan states that Reid is just waiting for the ice to go out.

Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm, seconded Bobbie Wosika, passed.

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