

# MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Council members present: Mayor Brian Hitchcock, Dan Riggs, Nathan George, and Bobbie Wosika

Council members absent: Billy Krotzer

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

## Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting
- Minutes from January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Special Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for January
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$133,170.57. Check numbers #20026 to #20101. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$73,070.78.
- Administration Finance Report for January
- January Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika approving the consent agenda, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**

## City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Discussion on the calcium chloride contract. Reid states that there is an alternative that they are offering instead of the calcium chloride that they have been putting on the road. The alternative is called durablend and is supposed to stick better, and it lasts longer but it is more expensive. Reid states that he thinks we should stick with the calcium chloride.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the calcium chloride contract in the amount of \$2,991.66, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- The Local Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting will be on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 11:30am at City Hall.

## Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy states everything is going well.
- Dan Riggs states that the pier down at the lake access got hit. He asks if a claim needs to be made to the league about the damage. Jimmy says that the people that hit it stated that they would pay for the damages. Reid says that he will talk to the DNR about getting parts for it.

## Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent

## Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Discussion on the parks manager contract. Nothing has changed with the contract. The 2022 managers will be Bernie and Carol Penner.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the parks manager contract with Bernie and Carol Penner, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

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

- Reid discusses wanting to get a lift gate for the city truck. He states that it would be handy for lifting the heavier things that need to be hauled. He says that he tried to get some estimates but the only estimate that he was able to get was from Akeley Auto. The council asks if Reid could get at least one more estimate.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to table until next month, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- Reid states that the water tower is now up and running.

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

- Report of January minutes.
- The council agreed that the city should pay invoices. They will be reviewing their insurance policy make sure that it is current. They are currently looking at new air packs and looking into resurfacing the parking lot.

### **Old Business**

- Discussion on the Moore Engineering invoices.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve Moore Engineering invoice number 29104 in the amount of \$1140.00, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve Moore Engineering invoice number 29105 in the amount of \$5,426.20, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- Discussion on the Akeley Community Projects letter. Bobbie states that it is a letter that they would like to start sending out to community members. Kristi states some changes should be made to the letter.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to table the projects letter until March's regular meeting, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

### **New Business**

- Brian that he would like to call a special meeting to discuss the deputy clerk's wages. He says that with the pay equity discussion last month, it noted that the deputy clerk is only making \$14.86 an hour and would like to see that increase if possible.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to have a special meeting on February 23<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00pm to discuss the deputy clerk's wages, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

### **Public Forum**

**Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn at 6:35pm, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**

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