

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, MAY 13TH, 2026

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 13th, 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:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from April 8th, 2026, Regular Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for April
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$166,809.44. Check numbers #23025 - #23767. Online disbursements #11074OL - #11084OL, #11085OL - #11087OL, #11103OL - #11106OL. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$87,098.30.
- Administration Finance Report for April
- April Permits Issued – 1
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the cleaning of bathrooms under community projects, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Approve claim numbers 11074-11112. Kristi states that it is a new recommendation from the auditor.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve claim numbers 11074-11112, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed unanimously.**
- Discussion on the HWY 34 change order. Kristi states that they are trying to close things out. It shows that the city's portion is \$10,368.00. She says that the city will not owe that when all the product that was not used is credited back to the city. The change order needs to be approved.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve MN Department of Transportation order number 0016 in the amount of \$10,368.00, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed unanimously.**
- Discussion on the capital asset policy per the auditor's suggestion. Dan states that the policy would be meaningless paperwork because the city already has a depreciation schedule. If there are questions about it, the council can ask when he comes to present the audit.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to table until the auditor comes to a council meeting, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**
- Discussion on the out-of-state travel policy. This was also a recommendation from the auditor.
- Resolution 13-2026 is a resolution adopting an out-of-state travel policy.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 13-2026, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed unanimously.**
- Discussion on the Hubbard County Attorney contract. It expires on June 30th, 2026.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the Hubbard County Attorney contract, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**
- Discussion on concrete work for the City Hall entrance. Kristi states that it is disintegrating and that this spring there was an ice rink in front of the door because of the water that comes through the cracks. There is also a crack under the carpet that is pushing up and becoming a tripping hazard. She got an estimate from All Around Stone Solutions and KL Concrete. All Around Stone Solutions estimate comes in at \$2,080.00 and KL Concrete comes in at \$10,110.00. Dan states that \$1,000 to come out of the budget for the building and \$540.00 to come from both the park and the liquor store.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to accept the estimate from All Around Stone Solution in the amount of \$2,080.00. \$1,000.00 to come from the building maintenance fund and \$1,080 to come from liquor store savings, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed unanimously.**

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy states that he is working on blight.
- Bobbie states that there is a cat and dog issue and asks if there should be stronger verbiage in our ordinance. Jimmy states that the clerk's office is working on putting something together.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.

Parks – Dan Riggs

- Discussion on paving estimates for the campground. Hubbard County told Dan that as long as the city is not making the road larger, that it was not a problem and would not need a permit. Brian states that he would like it in writing. Bemidji Bituminous estimate comes in at \$56,631.00. It will be done this summer.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve Bemidji Bituminous paving estimate in the amount of \$56,631.00 to come from the park fund pending approval in writing from Hubbard County that no permit is needed., seconded by Dale Nelson, passed unanimously.**
- Dan asks Reid if he got the docks fixed that he wanted to fix. Reid states that it is on his list to do. Also, some trees were taken down.
- Bobbie states that the flower beds down at Paul's Patio need to be weeded and cleaned out. Randy Vredenburg states that they discussed cleaning the flower beds at the last historical society meeting.

Water/Sewer/Maintenance Report-Nate Deshayes/Reid Watson

- Reid states that he is going to be starting to flush hydrants soon. Bobbie would like it to be put on water bills so that the community is notified before he starts.
- Hired Roger McCollough and is working good so far.

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report on April minutes.
- The corner lot was sold to an investment company.

Old Business

- Discussion about concrete at the new bathrooms at Paul's Patio. Rock Solid, KL Concrete, and All-Around Stone Solutions provided estimates. Rock Solid is who did the concrete for the bathroom project, and they could have the bathroom concrete done by the end of next week.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve estimate from Rock Solid in the amount of \$8,290.00 with funds coming from community projects, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed unanimously**
- Discussion about landscaping around the new bathrooms. Kristi has an estimate now from Minnesota Diversified Services for the amount of \$4,503.00. She did another walk-through with another landscaping company, but she has not gotten his estimate yet.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve spending up to \$4,503.00 for the landscaping and in the event that the second estimate comes in higher, the city will go with Minnesota Diversified Services, seconded by Bobbie Woiksa, passed unanimously.**
- Discussion on the hours of the new bathrooms. Bobbie is worried about vandalism. The council states that they think it should be open 24 hours every day and see how it goes.
- Discussion on fence around the propane tank. There are no fences around the rest of the city tanks. Posts would be good idea though. Kristi will look into the cost of getting posts installed.
- Discussion on cleaners for the bathrooms. Dottie and Lenny are going to clean the bathrooms this year again.
- Discussion about getting a camera installed on the museum for the new restroom. The council states that they think that one camera will suffice.

- Bobbie asks if the bathrooms could be opened before Memorial weekend. The council states that the old bathrooms should be opened for Memorial weekend if the new bathrooms are not ready to be opened.

New Business

- Discussion on the Akeley Depot building. Brian states that someone from the Akeley Chamber asked what the city was going to do about the door. The roof is also falling apart, and it will cost too much money to fix it. Possibly just needs to be torn down and removed.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to table discussion until next month, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.**

Public Forum

- Randy Vredenburg suggested that (North Country Repair) will be going on the market soon and that the city should consider buying that for the museum.

Motion by Bobbie Wosika to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed unanimously.

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