

**AKELEY CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 22nd, 2022 @ 6:00 PM**

The Akeley City Council met in a Work Session Monday August 22nd, 2022. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Council Members Present: Brian Hitchcock, Dan Riggs, Bobbie Wosika, Nathan George, and Billy Krotzer.

Council Members Absent:

Employees Present: Kristi Kath

Discussion with regards to the General Fund budget for the 2023 Levy with the following highlights:

- Discussion on revenues. Not much has changed there.
- Discussion on expenses. Will the attorney amount change due to possibly needing to find a new attorney.
- Council wants repairs and maintenance under General Government: Building and Plants to be dropped from \$1,500.00 to \$1,000.00.
- Discussion on the police administration capital outlay: office equipment and furnishings. It raised from \$500.00 to \$6,000.00 because Hubbard County is upgrading the software that they use.
- Council would like the fire protection contract amount to be increased to \$18,000.00 because of waiting on the joint powers agreement. After that happens, the city will get the actual number it will be.
- Discussion on spring cleanup days and whether the city should keep doing it.
- Kristi provided the expense increase total and the wage increase total.
- Discussion on wages for Clerk Treasurer, Deputy Clerk, Maintenance Department, and Police Department.
- Levy with changes would have an increase of 15.568%. Nate asks Kristi what it would look like if the dumpsters were taken out of the budget. With that taken out it would drop to 14.847%.
- Discussion on taking more money from the enterprise funds to lower the levy. Taking \$40,000 from enterprises funds, \$25,000 from the park and \$15,000 from the Liquor Store, would lower the levy to a 7.6% increase.
- Kristi states that she will look and see if there are any grants that could help with that cost of Hubbard County upgrading software. If so, that would lower the increase even more.
- Current proposed levy would be 7.633%. Kristi states that if she gets some real numbers to input for insurance and or other budget items, she will present what the new percentage amount will be at the next regular council meeting to be certified.

Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn at 6:57pm, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.

Respectfully Submitted By;
Michaella Becker
Deputy Clerk
City of Akeley