

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, JUNE 8TH, 2022

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, June 8th, 2022. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Council members absent: Nathan George and Billy Krotzer

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from May 11th, 2022, Regular Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for May
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$110,814.07. Check numbers #20318 to #20395. Voided check number 20390 due to double payment. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$113,902.85.
- Administration Finance Report for May
- May Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Discussion of the two-year Hubbard County Attorney contract. Nothing has changed.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the new contract for the Hubbard County Attorney, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Discussion of the billboard contract. The only change is the amount. Instead of \$2,000.00 a year, Joe Peirce proposes \$2,500.00 a year.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the billboard contract with Joe Pierce in the amount of \$2,500.00 a year for the next five years, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Just an FYI that at the next meeting on July 13th there will be employee evaluations.

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy was absent.
- Discussion on the Hubbard County Posse for Paul Bunyan Days. Last year the city donated \$500.00 for the posse to be at Paul Bunyan Days.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to donate \$500.00 to the Hubbard County Posse for Paul Bunyan Days, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.

Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Nothing to Report.

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

- Mike was absent.
- Discussion on having a second city wide clean up. Reid suggests that the city does not have it anymore because of the amount of garbage and debris that people were bringing. A second one is not in the budget for this year. Dan Riggs suggests maybe putting a limit on how much can be brought to the dumpsters. Brian states that the city takes no action at this time.

- Discussion about painting the crosswalks. Reid states that he can paint them.
- Reid says that he would like to look into replacing Herb's mower. It is not working properly. It is leaking hydraulic fluid and the tires are bad. The council would like to see some quotes before a decision is made.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to table Herb's mower until next regular meeting, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report of May minutes.
- Discussion on the Hon fire truck. Other entities agree they would like to see it go to the historic club.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to allow the Hon to go to the historic club, seconded Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Discussion on the Joint Powers Agreement. Where it changed authorization from town boards to their representatives can not be like that because it should be the entities. Also the calls calculated time frame falls after budget time and would need it to be August. Those issues will be brought back to the next fire board meeting. It will also need to be sent to the league to look over it.

Old Business

- Discussion on the Community Projects Non-Profit. The Akeley Chamber will take on the non-profit for the Community Projects. It has been run through the league and the city's attorney.
- Discussion on the speed signs. Mary Schwartz states that she has been in contact with MN Dot. They still have not finalized the changing of their regulations so it would be better to wait until the regulations are changed so that the city can get approved speed signs.

New Business

- Peg Davies was there to speak about Paul Bunyan Days. She asked if the city could spray for mosquitos before Paul Bunyan Days. Reid will check into getting someone there to spray. She also asks if the City can provide the dumpsters and the porta potties again this year. Last year the city paid \$1,280.00 for 8 regular and 2 handicapped porta potties. Kristi states she already had a bid for \$1,200.00 for the same as last year. Kristi believes the dumpsters cost around \$500.00 last year.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs that the city pays for the porta potties in the amount up to \$1,200.00 for Paul Bunyan Days, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to pay for the dumpsters for Paul Bunyan Days not to exceed \$750.00, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Marie Crosby and Joel were there to discuss cleaning for the seniors. Marie states that city hall has not been cleaned for two years and they received a bid for \$271.12 to get a deep clean from The Dust Busters. Kristi asks why they feel like it needs to be cleaned when both herself and Kella clean the building. Joel states that they have resurfaced the parking lot and sprayed for bugs. Kristi states that the city also paid for that. It would cost \$134.22 to have it cleaned monthly.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to table the cleaning, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

Public Forum

- Neil Elavsky read a speech he had wrote about concerns that he had with the Northwoods Press and the Akeley Municipal Liquor Store. Brian thanks him for his time.

Motion by Bobbie Wosika to adjourn at 6:55pm, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.

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