

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, MARCH 9TH, 2022

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

Council members present: Dan Riggs, Billy Krotzer, and Nathan George

Council members absent: Brian Hitchcock and Bobbie Wosika

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from February 9th, 2022 Regular Meeting
- Minutes from February 23rd, 2022 Special Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for February
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$168,938.34. Check numbers #20102 to #20170. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$76,855.73.
- Administration Finance Report for February
- February Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer approving the consent agenda adding the backhoe under water and sewer and adding the library under new business, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Discussion about the Moore Engineering bills. The first bill is for \$877.50. It is for when Moore Engineering helped the city get professional engineering paperwork for putting into the insurance company for the water tower leak repair. It will be covered by insurance. The second bill is for \$682.50. It is for Moore Engineering helping the city with the preparation, submittal, and revisions for the ARP grant proposals for Hubbard County. Kristi states that unfortunately Hubbard County has notified the city that Heritage Living Center is not doing well and that the county may need to put the rest of the funds towards the living center. Kristi is checking to see if other ARPA funding can cover these soft costs. Moore Engineering is okay with the city holding off and not paying this invoice until the city has heard back from the county.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to pay Moore Engineering invoice #29312 in the amount of \$877.50, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to table Moore Engineering invoice #29311 in the amount of \$682.50 until next meeting, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- Resolution 7-2022 is a resolution acknowledging the donation from Eastern Hubbard County Fire District for the Akeley Community Easter Egg Hunt in the amount of \$2,000.00.
- **Motion by Nathan George to approve resolution 7-2022, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Kristi states that since the next council meeting falls after the easter egg hunt, the league stated that a motion is needed to be able to accept donations that will come before the next council meeting. Kristi will have a resolution ready at the next council meeting for the donations to be accepted.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to accept any donations that come in and approve the resolution at the next council meeting, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy states everything is going well.
- Jimmy says that there have been some scams in town that have been pretty expensive.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent

Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Nothing to report.

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

- Discussion on the second lift gate estimate from Five Star Auto Body. Akeley Auto's estimate is substantially lower.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve the Akeley Auto estimate in the amount of \$3,576.63, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- Discussion of the riser pipe issue with the water tower. Mike discusses the pictures that were provided to the city from Tri State showing the repairs. Mike states that there may be some sort of flaw in the riser pipe. He says that the city will probably have to get the standpipe replaced. He discusses what was done to the water tower in 2015. The interior bowl was not replaced and was only coated in the problematic areas. Those are beginning to also wear.
- Discussion on the pumps for the lift station. One was replaced. The pump that was replaced is sitting in the city shop in case something happens, and it is needed. Kristi states that the city got a few hundred dollars rebated from Minnesota Power for the pump replacing.
- Reid states that he had Matt Sautbine look at the backhoe. The rear axle is cracked and leaking. Matt says that he would try to find a used one. To replace the entire rear end with new parts would cost close to if not more than \$15,000.00. Used parts would cost half of that. The city could also look into welding it. After further discussion, welding is not an option and would like John Parks to do the work. John Parks gave an estimate of \$2,000.00 for the new axle housing and \$3,000.00 for labor for the one side that is broken.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to take the backhoe to John Parks to have the one side of the axle fixed, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report of February minutes.
- Discussion on the easter egg hunt.
- They will be going back to regular in person meetings.

Old Business

- Discussion on the Moore Engineering invoices.
- The project received an extension which goes through February of 2023.
- **Motion by Nathan George to approve invoice number 29278 in the amount of \$2,587.50, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- **Motion by Nathan George to approve invoice number 29279 in the amount of \$1,647.50, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Chuck states that he would like to apply for the ARIVG and CHS Prairie Lakes grants. Kristi states that she needs copies of all the grants that he applies for.
- Chucks says that he is working on the addresses for the community letter. The next meeting is on the 28th of March at 5:30pm.

New Business

- Discussion on the letter from the Akeley Community Library asking for a donation again this year. Kristi says that there is \$500.00 budgeted for the library.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to pay the budgeted amount of \$500.00 to the Akeley Library now, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**

Public Forum

- Bob from the Emergency Shelter was there to give an update. They are opened to limited capacity. They have so far provided service for 100 days. They have raised a great deal of funds and are very fortunate. Hoping to fully open when they get more staffing. Dan Riggs asks when the best time is to come take a look.
- Kristin Fake asks for clarification on the number of days that have been provided from the emergency shelter. She asks if that means that there are residents residing there. Bob says that he cannot disclose that information due to the fact that it would violate HIPPA.
- Kristen Fake also asks for what the quote amount is for John Parks to fix the backhoe. Dan Riggs states that it is around \$5,000.00 but will not know for sure until it is opened up.

Motion by Billy Krotzer to adjourn at 6:52pm, seconded by Nathan George, passed.

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