

# **MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Council members absent:

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

## **Consent Agenda:**

- Minutes from August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting
- Minutes from September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Work Session
- Treasurer's Report for August
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$171,028.65. Check numbers #23177 - #23249. Check number #23200 was voided due to being double payment. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$168,879.42.
- Administration Finance Report for August
- August Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda with the addition of treasure chest under liquor store, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

## **City Hall – Kristi Kath**

- Resolution 14-2025 is a resolution acknowledging donations for National Night Out.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 14-2025, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Discussion on the 2026 preliminary levy. Kristi states that it is a 4.495 percent increase with the grand total equaling \$255,609.06.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the 2026 preliminary levy, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Discussion on Hubbard County variance request.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to take no action on the Hubbard County variance request, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Discussion on the LAC Propane Contract. Price per gallon has not changed from last year at \$1.50 per gallon. Remaining gallons from last year's contract are 2345. Kristi proposes to contract 5000 gallons. It would cost a total of \$7,500.00.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the LAC contract at \$1.50 a gallon for 5000 gallons, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

## **Police Department – Jimmy Hansen**

- Jimmy presents a community service award to Alvena Dybsand for having a block party for her neighbors. She loves her community.

## **Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock**

- Lacey was absent.
- Bobbie discusses the treasure chest event that goes on at the Muni on Mondays. Currently the chest is \$175.00. Lacey wanted to know if the money could be put up to \$599.00 because it would bring more people out.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve increasing the treasure chest prize to \$599.00, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

## **Parks -**

- Billy Krotzer states that he looked at the Paul Bunyan statue and that it needs a lot of repairs done. He states that by next month he could give the council a relatively close bid and would be able to work on him next year around May or early June. It wouldn't take more than two weeks to repair.

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

- The council looked through the monthly report that was provided by Mike.
- Reid was Absent.
- Mike discusses the estimates that he received to fix well #2. The first one is from Freeman Well Drilling is in the amount of \$1,010.00. They would pull and check the pitless and replace O-rings. The second estimate is from Torkelson Well Service. For \$420.00 they would replace the O-rings on the pitless. They also provided a second estimate of \$2,953.52. They would replace the O-rings with drop pipe and check valve. The third estimate was from Thein Well in the amount of \$21,000.00. This would include a new pitless unit, pulling the existing pumping system, disconnecting the old pitless, installing the new pitless, re-installing the pumping system, and disinfecting the well and run system. If the council would like option two from Thein Well in the amount of \$4,500.00. This would just be to jet and clean the well.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to approve using Torkelson Well Service in the amount of up to \$3,000.00 for work listed on estimate 112, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Mike states that he had Kory go pick up chemicals to get rid of weeds in the sewer ponds. It cost about \$1,300.00. It was something that needed to be done right away because it must sit for seven days before the irrigation could run. The weeds are causing issues with irrigated water from the sewer ponds. Legally the city can only irrigate until October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Dan states that he went by Hulet and assessed what needs to be fixed and that Reid will have enough funds to fix the street.

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

- Report on August minutes.
- Dan states that Laura Powers has interest in buying the memorial property to use for their business. The board is interested in selling it. Dan is trying to work on what is the right way to sell the property.

## **Old Business**

- Bobbie states that she is pleased with Hubbard County and Mary Thompson on getting those grants for the bathroom projects. Kristi is hoping to get the notice for bids in the newspaper next week.

## **New Business**

- Discussion on the road in front of the ARCC. Kenny Holm asked for this to be on the agenda but could not make it because something came up. Jimmy states that he wanted to talk about the sidewalks and fixing the street. First street is half pavement and half gravel. There are a couple of bids for the work on both blocks of First Street. Dan states that he is not too pleased with the work Anderson Brothers does. The other bid comes from Bemidji Bituminous. The proposal from Bemidji Bituminous for one block is \$19,620.00 and for the other block is an extra \$42,470.00. Andersons Brothers' bid is around \$20,000.00 less. Dan states that he would like more clarification on how many inches of asphalt will be laid before he can make his decision.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to table this topic until there is further clarification which at that time will call a special meeting, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Kristin Fake was not present.

## **Public Forum**

**Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm, seconded Dale Nelson, passed.**

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