

# **MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 9<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: Billy Krotzer

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

## **Consent Agenda:**

- Minutes from June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for June
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$123,475.24. Check numbers #23025 - #23088. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$133,174.82.
- Administration Finance Report for June
- June Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda with the additions of smoking marijuana in the park under parks and Billy Krotzer resignation letter under new business, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

## **City Hall – Kristi Kath**

- Resolution 10-2025 is a resolution acknowledging donations for National Night Out.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 10-2025, seconded by Dale Neslon, passed.**

## **Police Department – Jimmy Hansen**

- Discussion on storage containers in town. In the council's packet is the response from the attorney. Kristi states that after reading the response, does the council want to pursue further with this ordinance? Dale states that he would rather see a storage container than seeing a bunch of junk in someone's yard. Maybe try to limit how many a property can have. The council would like to see an ordinance that would limit storage containers instead of removing them.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve working with the attorney in creating an ordinance limiting storage containers to one and that it needs to be aesthetically pleasing, seconded by Brian Hitchcock, passed.**
- Jimmy states that Paul Bunyan Days went great and thanks the Hubbard County Posse for their help.

## **Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock**

- Lacey discusses the treasure chest event that she wants to do every Monday. She talked to the head of the gambling board, and she stated that there is not a problem if they are not requiring anyone to purchase anything and that it is in the Muni building. It would start at \$25.00 and increase \$25.00 every week until someone picks the key that unlocks the chest. The cap would be \$599.00.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the treasure chest up to \$599.00, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Lacey states that the meat raffle held by the EHCDFD gambling will start this Friday. She states that a man approached her and stated that he would help with the meat raffle for \$25.00 each Friday. She has gotten flyers out and has posted the event on Facebook.

## **Parks - Billy Krotzer**

- Discussion on the billboard. Kella made up a design for the council to look at and got a quote from Innovative Sign and Graffix. Not a lot of people do billboard wraps anymore so there is only one quote. The billboard is 10X16 and it would cost \$1,200.00 for them to print and install it. Discussion on the Muni paying a third of the cost. Brian would like to see world's largest Paul Bunyan in bold.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve Innovative Sign and Graffix to print and install the billboard in the amount of \$1,200.00, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Discussion on smoking marijuana in the park. Bobbie states that during Paul's Bunyan Days, you could smell the order of marijuana. Some people complained about it. She states she understands that it is legal now but that they should not be able to smoke it at parks. Brian states that there is already a state law that covers this issue and that he doesn't think that the city ordinance would stop them anymore than a state ordinance. Bobbie states that she will look further into it.

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

- The council looked through the monthly report that was provided by Mike.
- Reid states that Mike called Reid at 1:00am during the storm that took out Bemidji and stated he could not come because he was in his basement.

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

- Report on June minutes.
- They are working on acquiring a used compressor for the air packs.

## **Old Business**

- Discussion on the Hubbard County Highway Department invoice. Kristi states that they were the fiscal agent for the bathroom project and this invoice is the fees that the community projects need to pay. Kristi states that she did not know that there were going to be fees that went with that. Kristi states that she ran it by Zach Thoma with Moore Engineering and he said that this is something that does happen on projects.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to pay the Hubbard County Highway Department in the amount of \$3,370.52 to come out of the community projects fund, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

## **New Business**

- Brian Hitchcock reads Billy Krotzer's resignation letter. The city would need a resolution to declare a vacancy. The resolution number would be 11-2025. It is a resolution accepting resignation and declaring a vacancy. The council thanks Billy for his service.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to approve resolution 11-2025, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

## **Public Forum**

- Brittany Adams was asking about a water/sewer assessment that was assessed on a property that her and Jose Williams purchased. The numbers don't add up from the leak that happened in February of 2024. Kristi states that there was an extra zero added and that the error would be corrected. The corrected usage would be 79,440 gallons.

**Motion by Bobbie Wosika to close the meeting at 6:59pm for department head evaluations, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

**Motion by Brian Hitchcock to open the meeting at 8:25pm, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

**Motion by Bobbie Wosika to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm, seconded Dale Neslon, passed.**

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