

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, MAY 10TH, 2023

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, May 10th, 2023. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Council members present: Brian Hitchcock, Dan Riggs, Billy Krotzer, Dale Nelson, and Bobbie Wosika

Council members absent:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from April 12th, 2023, Regular Meeting
- Minutes from April 25th, 2023, Board of Equalization Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for April
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$88,123.84. Check numbers #21176 to #21235. Voided checks 20920 and 21137 were voided due to being lost. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$69,640.32.
- Administration Finance Report for April
- April Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda adding picnic tables and weeding flower bed down by Paul's Patio under parks and adding Dave Shotzko under old business, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Brian made a comment to those in attendance to reference the new policy for public comment. The policy document is available at each table.

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Todd Hagen from EHLERS discussed the city's needs for the continuing disclosure agreement and the master arbitration services contract in order to be in compliance.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve the EHLERS continuing disclosure agreement, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the EHLERS master arbitration services contract, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Discussion on the TH34 co-operative agreement change order #1. MN Dot was able to lessen the city's cost for the project by \$25,337.17. To accomplish this, they removed the stain and stamped special concrete as shown on the provided map.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve the change order # 1 to the co-operative agreement, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Discussion on accepting the bid from Potty Shacks in the amount of \$1,330.00 for the porta potties for Paul Bunyan Days. This amount would include 8 regulars, 2 handicapped, and 2 hand washing stations.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the Potty Shacks bid in the amount of \$1,330.00 and that the funds will come from the park enterprise, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Just an FYI that employee evaluations for department heads will happen at the June regular meeting.
- Kristi states that Hubbard County has scheduled a repair project from June 26th, 2023, until August 1st, 2023 at the end of Graceson Ave. Just and FYI.

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy stated that he has been working on blight issues.
- Jimmy asks the council to hire the Hubbard County POSSE again this year for Paul Bunyan Days. The city would donate \$500.00.

- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve hiring the Hubbard County POSSE for Paul Bunyan days and the donation of \$500.00. Half will come from the park enterprise and the other half will come from the liquor store, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.

Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Discussion on repairing the Paul Bunyan Statue. Billy states that he is working on it and needs good weather.
- Discussion on the picnic tables at Paul's Patio. Some of them have warped and broken boards. Brian asks Kristi to talk to Reid about having them fixed.
- Discussion on the garden bed down by the band stand at Paul's Patio being weeded out. Bobbie states that she thinks that it should be posted online that help is needed to weed them.

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

- Mike and Reid were absent.
- Kristi went over the monthly operations report from Advanced Utility Solutions. Bobbie suggests that a warning not to flush flushable wipes should be put on the water bills.

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report of April minutes.
- They received a check from the FEMA grant they applied for.
- They recieved the quote on the repair of the fire damage on the 550. The truck has been dropped off for repair.

Old Business

- Discussion on the Moore Engineering invoice. Bobbie states that she tried to get ahold of Amy Denz to get some clarification on the bill. The invoice is in the amount of \$24,989.28. The invoice is for design services and grant administration.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve Moore Engineering invoice 33350 in the amount of \$24,989.28, seconded by Dan Nelson, passed.**
- Brian states that he met with Dave Shotzko about the helipad in the DNR parking lot. Jimmy went down with Brian and looked at the area that was marked off. Everything looked good. It is understood that the upkeep will be the city's responsibility. The cost of constructing the helipad will be the DNR's responsibility.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the DNR to move ahead on the helipad in its marked location, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**

New Business

Public Forum

- Steve Keranen was there to thank voters for their vote and that he will be making plans to move forward with campaigning for the district 4 commissioner position. He will make meetings when he can.

Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn 6:52 pm, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.

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