

**AKELEY CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 30TH, 2023 @ 6:00 PM**

The Akeley City Council met in a Work Session Wednesday, August 30th, 2023. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Council Members Present: Brian Hitchcock, Dan Riggs, Bobbie Wosika, Dale Nelson, and Billy Krotzer

Council Members Absent:

Employees Present: Kristi Kath and Jimmy Hansen

Discussion with regards to the General Fund budget for the 2024 Levy with the following highlights:

- Discussion on Revenue. LGA increased around \$15,000.00.
- The fire contract amount is an estimate. Kella used the formulas to get an estimate. Discussion on putting the fire contract at \$19,000.00. The council decided they would like the fire contract to be \$19,000.00.
- Discussion on new equipment expenses under disbursement. The new loader that needs to be purchased should be discussed. Kristi states that she thinks that highway, streets, and roads should be able to cover the cost, or it could come from the equipment investment fund. The city needs the equipment to remove snow differently this year due to new boulevards and sidewalks.
- Bobbie states that the maintenance truck may need to be replaced because it has not been getting maintenance and has not been taken care of. Further discussion of the truck and finding out what is wrong with it.
- Salaries will be the normal 2% increase unless the council wants to change anything.
- General liability insurance went up. It progresses through insurance in general for administration, highway, streets, and roads, and police.
- Discussion on the new contract from the auditors at Miller McDonald.
- Bobbie asks if the LAC contract for propane has come. Kristi states that she did receive it and that it is lower than last year. It went from \$1.95 a gallon to \$1.50 a gallon.
- Discussion on raising the motor fuel amount for highway, streets, and roads because of the price of fuel rising.
- Discussion on the road repairs. Brian asks whether it should go back up to the \$30,000.00 that it used to be due to the street lighting being done now or if it should stay at what it is at because of it not being used. Brian would like to see it rise. Increase road repairs back to \$30,000.00. Vehicle repairs would be raised to \$3,000.00 and capital outlay heavy machinery would be raised to \$2,500.00.
- The updated levy amount is \$246,668.49 which is a difference of \$20,143.64. The percentage increase of 8.420.
- Discussion on raising the motor fuels for highway streets and roads to \$6,000.00. It would be a \$1,000.00 difference. The council agrees it should be increased.
- The new updated levy amount is \$246,598.49 which is now a difference of \$20,073.64 and a percentage increase of 8.829%.
- Kristi states that she was not able to get the enterprise budgets done so that will have to be a different meeting.
- Discussion on moving Reid's position do just strictly highway, streets, and roads and Mike be the Water/Sewer operator full time. No action currently at this time.
- Discussion on the campground manager's contract. Kristi states that she would like to see Kerri offered the contract. Mayor Hitchcock reminds the council to stick to the agenda and that other issues should be talked about at another meeting.

Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn at 7:44pm, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.

Respectfully Submitted By;
Michaella Dunham
Deputy Clerk