

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, JANUARY 11TH, 2023

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, January 11th, 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 December 14th, 2022 Regular Meeting
- Minutes from December 27th, 2022 Special Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for December
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$146,052.15. Check numbers #20888 to #20964. Voided check number 20965 due to print error. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$283,090.86.
- Administration Finance Report for December
- December Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda correction of \$10m under water/sewer maintenance to \$10,000 and also the addition of a discussion on the plow on the city truck under water/sewer maintenance, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Discussion on the commissioners. Dale Nelson's name replaced Nathan Georges on the list.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the commissioner appointments, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Dan Riggs states that Steve Bolton has given his verbal resignation as the city attorney.
- Resolution 1-2023 is a resolution to adopt consignments for 2023. Dan Riggs states that the attorney that is in the resolution as the city attorney may be the attorney that sued the city three years ago and would like to approve the resolution omitting the city attorney for the time being.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 1-2023 with the omission of J. Brad Person as the city attorney for the time being, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Resolution 2-2023 is a resolution for authorization approvals for signatories of all accounts at First National Bank of Walker – Akeley Branch.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve resolution 2-2023, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Resolution 3-2023 is a resolution for payments prior to council authorization.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 3-2023, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Resolution 4-2023 is a resolution allowing wire/automated bank payments.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve resolution 4-2023, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Resolution 5-2023 is a resolution for policy to allow electronic funds wire transfer.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 5-2023, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Resolution 6-2023 is a resolution authorizing the City of Akeley to contribute funds to Hubbard County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program. It will authorize the city to contribute \$1,150.00 to AIS Prevention Program. It raised from last year due to the hourly wage increasing from \$22.00 an hour to \$25.00 an hour.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve resolution 6-2023, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Resolution 7-2023 is a resolution acknowledging the donation from the Akeley Chamber Donation Jar, Thomas Crook, and Peg Davies for the Akeley Community Projects Fund.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 7-2023, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**

- The 2023 regular council meeting schedule for the second Wednesday of every month at 6pm has no known conflicts.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the 2023 regular council meeting schedule for the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- The 2023 mileage reimbursement per the IRS is now 65.5 cents per mile.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the 2023 mileage reimbursement of 65.5 cents per mile, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy was absent.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.
- Bobbie states that there was an article in the Park Rapids Enterprise about the Akeley Liquor Store being the 14th most profitable in the state for 2021.

Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Bernie and Carol Penner accepted the 2023 campground managers contract.

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

- Water and sewer received a \$10,000 dollar grant from Minnesota Department of Health. It will be used for the generator for the lift station.
- Dan discusses that the plow on the front of the city pick up is getting wore out. Reid brought it to Akeley Auto and was quoted \$2,000.00 to fix it. Dan stated that he took a look at it and he could fix it for \$1,000.00. If it doesn't get fixed it will break.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve up to \$1,000.00 to fix the plow, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed. Dan Riggs abstained.**

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report of December minutes.

Old Business

- Discussion on Moore Engineering invoices. Invoice number 32130 is for task order number three in the amount of \$828.75 for design services and grant administration. Invoice number 32131 is for task order number two in the amount of \$341.25 for grant administration. Bobbie states that she would like to table these until further information is gathered and then approve them next month.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to pay invoice number 32130 in the amount of \$828.75 after clarification on what it is for, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to pay invoice number 32131 in the amount of \$341.25 after clarification on what it is for, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Chuck reported that they worked with Chris Sonmor from Moore Engineering, and they have gotten the site plan pretty much finalized. The committee has picked out a possible pre cast building for the bathrooms. They are now waiting on a "stick built" quote from Encon Fundraising efforts is ramping up with new help from Jean Ruzicka.

New Business

- Discussion on variance from Joel and Kristen Schneeberger. It is more of just an FYI that they applied for a variance from Hubbard County for building on their lake shore.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs that the city is in favor for approving the variance from Joel and Kristen Schneeberger, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

Public Forum

Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn 6:34pm, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.

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