

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, JULY 13TH, 2022

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, July 13th, 2022. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Council members present: Brian Hitchcock, Dan Riggs, Nathan George, Billy Krotzer, and Bobbie Wosika

Council members absent:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from June 8th, 2022, Regular Meeting
- Minutes from June 29th, 2022, Special Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for June
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$140,651.40. Check numbers #20396 to #20477. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$259,287.26.
- Administration Finance Report for June
- June Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda adding mowing under the police department, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Resolution 12-2022 is a resolution acknowledging the donations from Arivg, David and Jill Shay, Harvey and Darlene Hanson, Glenna Merritt, Bruce's Construction, Jon Neumann, Tammy Halverson, Barbara Blood, Frank and Deloris Lamb, Leslie Nepl, Bryan and Lo Ann Cox, Daniel Downs, Steven and Luann Lof, T & M Express, and Anonymous for the Akeley Community Projects Fund.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 12-2022, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- Resolution 13-2022 is a resolution acknowledging the donation from the Eastern Hubbard County Fire District for the Akeley National Night Out.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve resolution 13-2022, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- Kristi asks council for a motion to be able to deposit donations for National Night Out that have not come in yet and do a resolution for them at the next meeting.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve depositing the incoming National Night Out donations, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Kristi discusses TH34 project utilities task order from Moore Engineering. The city needs engineers to put the plans to MnDot for any utilities that need to be moved for the TH34 project. It would be the city's responsibility to pay for the costs. The contractor will do the work but at the city's expense.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve Moore Engineering's task order allowing Moore Engineering to handle the TH34 project utilities, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Discussion on the repair of the Paul Bunyan statue. Billy says that he can look at it. Kristi says that there are some spots on his hand and a few other places that need to be touched up. The chamber has the money to pay for the repairs.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve Billy Krotzer and his family to repair the Paul Bunyan statue, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- The mileage expense rate went up from .585 to .625 per the IRS.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve the new mileage rate of .625 as of July 1st, 2022, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Discussion on a few yards that need to be mowed. Jimmy states that he had talked to a few people before Paul Bunyan Days.
- Jimmy states that Paul Bunyan Days went well.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey states that she was measuring some things for building the patio and there is a pole. Minnesota Power states that it is not their pole. MnDot will probably be removing it in part of the TH34 project. Suggestion on waiting until the project is over to start building.
- Lacey states that she is going to start giving the council members the incident reports so that if they are called, they will know what happened.

Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Discussion on getting the cameras put up at the campground.
- Kristi states that Stan's Tree Service came in and removed a tree at the campground. It was dangerous and needed to come down.

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

- Mike was absent.
- Reid discusses Herb's mower that is not working. It would cost around \$1,500.00 to get it fixed. It is cheaper than buying a new mower. Discussion on getting it fixed and then budgeting for a new one come budget time.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve the repair of the mower for up to \$1,650.00, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- Reid states that one of the lift stations went down due to lightning striking a pole. They had a to have it pumped and it is back up and running.
- Kristi says that Mike asked her to discuss possibly getting better equipment to catch a problem better when it arises. Reid says that possibly getting back up generators may help. Kristi states she can reapply for the grant to get back up generators.

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report of June minutes.
- Discussion on the Joint Powers Agreement. Brian would like the league to look at it before the city approves it.
- They received \$2,500.00 from Itasca Mantrap for air packs. They continue to work on additional funding.

Old Business

- Chuck states that they are starting to see results from the community letter that was sent out.
- Brian reads a thank you card from the Akeley Chamber.

New Business

- Robbie McGrath was there to discuss the Round River ATV Trail. He states says that the city is supposed to be making sure that the work is being done on the trail because the city is a sponsor. He would like to get a meeting set up between the other entities to figure out what needs to be done to make sure that the trail is taken care of and whose responsibility it is.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to proceed with trying to get a meeting set up between the entities in the future, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

Public Forum

- Neil Elavsky spoke once again with his concerns with the liquor store management
- Marv asks what can be done with the roads at the campground that are washing away. Reid states that he thinks that the water is coming from behind Paul's Patio could be causing some of the problem. Kristi can get ahold of Hubbard County to see what can be done.

Motion by Bobbie Wosika to close the meeting for employee evaluations at 7:10pm, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.

Meeting was opened at 8:10pm.

Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn at 8:11pm, seconded by Nathan George, passed.

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