

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, OCTOBER 12TH, 2022

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, October 12th, 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 September 14th, 2022, Regular Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for September
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$150,509.95. Check numbers #20583 to #20753. Voided check numbers, 20587, 20599, 20576. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$122,931.72.
- Administration Finance Report for September
- September Permits Issued – 2
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Resolution 22-2022 is a resolution of the Akeley City Council transferring funds to investment account. The funds that were received from MN Dot for temporary easements would be transferred into the street lighting project account in the amount of \$2,800.00.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 22-2022, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- Resolution 23-2022 is a resolution acknowledging the donations from Peg Davies, Elavsky Excavating, Lawrence and Beth Hunsinger, Red River Flags, and Donald Johnson for the Akeley Community Projects Fund.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve resolution 23-2022, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy states that he has been finishing state required up training. Everything is going great.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.
- Bobbie Wosika discusses a roof bid that Lacey received from Prestige Roofing. There is an email from some companies that she also asked for bids from. They either would not take on the job or never got back to her. It would cost around \$27,300.00 with a 50-year shingle warranty. There may need to be new boards that need to be replaced. Bobbie Wosika suggests that they make a motion to not exceed a certain amount just in case the cost may be over the \$27,300.00.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve Prestige Roofing to put a new roof on the Akeley Municipal and not to exceed \$30,000.00, seconded by Nathan George, passed.**
- That money would come out of the Akeley Liquor savings. Right now, the balance of the savings account is a little over \$139,000.00.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika that the funds come out of the Liquor Store savings account, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Kristi states that the current park managers would like to have a debrief meeting. They would like to propose that they would continue to be the contracted managers but would want their niece to be managing the campground June, July, and August. Council states that Kristi, Billy, and Kella can just set up a meeting and discuss things with them.

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

- Reid and Mike were absent.

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report of September minutes.
- Dan asked Billy if there was any word on the grant. Billy replied that he has not heard anything yet and if the fire department does not get the grant the money will come from gambling.
- Brian asks about the Joint Powers Agreement. Dan replied that they are working on getting the agreement signed by everyone.

Old Business

- Chuck states that he has been on contact with the county to get bids for the bathroom project and to get rid of trees, but it has been a slow process. The next meeting is on October 24th at 5:30pm.
- Robbie McGrath was there to discuss that he got the DNR and MN Dot to agree to have a meeting about the care of the ATV trail. He needs a representative from the council to meet with them also and needs to know what days would work for them. Brian states that it would be better for them to let them know what day works better for them and then the council can figure out which one of them would be available for that day. Robbie will include Kristi in the emails.

New Business

- Discussion of proposed purchase agreement option. Dan states that he discussed with the city attorney about the parcel that the city was going to sell but then did not end up selling. The intent was that the city would want a house built on that property if ever purchased so that the city could make some money on property taxes. Steve Bolton suggested that the city chose an amount that the buyer would put into escrow and a time limit in which they will begin construction on their home. The draft that was proposed to the council reads that the time limit would be within 24 months of the purchase agreement and that the amount would be in the amount of \$30,000. Steve suggested that the amount be higher than that. If the buyer does not complete the home in the matter of 24 months, the money would be forfeited. It was then discussed about an option if the funds being half would be released at the completion of foundation and the other half would be released at the completion of the home.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve this option as discussed having \$50,000 put into escrow. In a matter of 24 months half the money would be released upon completion of the foundation and the other half being released upon completion of the building. This will also be sent to the league, seconded by Brian Hitchcock, passed.**
- Kristin Fake was there to discuss a purchase agreement that she had put in for a city owned property. She asked why the new purchase agreement option that was just voted on was not part of the first property agreement that was approved from the council. Brian stated that it was because they were going to have a house built there within a year but then ended up backing out of the agreement. After the league reviews the new language for the purchase agreement option that will need to be included in her purchase agreement if she chooses to proceed with wanting to purchase the property.

Public Forum

- Kris Rech discusses her purchase agreement that she provided the council for the city owned parcel. She states that she would not be building a house on it as she already has a house but the property, she wants to buy butts right up to the property that she owns and would be investing in it. There was further discussion and it was agreed that the council do not want to sell it if there will not be a house built on it.
- Marv Vredenburg asks if he can be notified when the meeting will be for the campground managers that will be with Kella, Kristi, and Billy. He asks if seasonals wanted to stay longer into the season end if it would cost them \$30.00 a night. The seasonals normal rate is \$20.00 a night. The schedule 101 would need to change and add a rate for seasonal off-season rates. Will not be able to happen this year. He also states that he would like to see something done with those roads that enter the campground. Kristi states that when she finds out a time that her and Shawn can meet, she will notify him.

Motion by Bobbie Wosika to adjourn at 6:42pm, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.

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