

**MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, MARCH 16TH, 2023**

The Akeley City Council met in a Special Meeting March 16th, 2023. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Council members absent: Billy Krotzer

The reason for the special meeting was to vote on bids for tree removal at Paul's Patio Park.

- The DNR is requiring it to be done by the end of this month due to Northern Long Eared Bats that are a protected species.
- Stans Tree Removal has a bid of \$3,900.00 for all the trees not including stump removal.
- Kristi confirmed that the stumps do not have to be removed.
- Central Lakes Tree Service has a bid of \$2,000.00. The city would need to provide a place for them to dump the limbs which the city has a place for them.
- Bobbie states that she would personally vouch for Eli as she has seen him in action and he did a great job.
- Kristi confirmed the current balance in the community projects account is \$29,673.31. Funds are available for the project.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve Central Lakes Tree Service to remove the trees in the amount of \$2,000.00. Funds to be paid from the community projects account, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn at 6:05pm, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.

Respectfully submitted by:
Michaela Dunham
Deputy Clerk