AKELEY CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 3RD, 2019 @ 6:00 PM

The Akeley City Council met in a Work Session Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Council Members Present: Brian Hitchcock, Bobbie Wosika, Dan Riggs, Nathan George, and Billy Krotzer.

Council Members Absent:

Employees Present: Kristi Kath

Discussion with regards to the General fund budget for the 2020 levy and water and sewer rate increase with the following highlights.

- There was a decrease in health insurance due to a new health plan option.
- There was an increase to life insurance due to offering it to full time employees to be in compliance with personnel policy.
- Discussion about highways, streets, and roads radio units. Kelly is going over his data. Council suggests looking into getting unlimited data.
- Kristi states that Lenny's truck is probably not going to make it through the winter. She says that Kelly and Jimmy have been looking into bids for a new one.
- Kristi discusses why she lowered the uniform budget. She doesn't think that highways, streets, and roads should be paying for all of it and that water and sewer should pay a portion of uniform budget amount.
- Kristi asks if the council would consider putting a monthly stipend into their HSA accounts to offset the deductible. She shows two different levy amounts. One with $50.00 a month being put towards the HSA or the other with $100.00 being put towards the HSA every month. This being an option without budget increase due to the lower cost of the health insurance.
- The levy amount that Kristi will be bringing to the next meeting to be approved and certified is $206,571.70.
- Discussion on the water and sewer rate increases. The state connection fee will rise. Brian Hitchcock says that the percentage rates for wages from water and sewer could be altered next year so the levy takes on more of the wages. Kristi suggests that we only set new rates for one year and then after further investigation, set it for a five-year increase next year.

Motion by Dan Riggs to Adjourn at 7:02pm, seconded by Nathan George, passed.

Respectfully Submitted By;
Michaella Becker
Deputy Clerk
City of Akeley