

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
HELD FEBRUARY 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held Monday, February 4, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present: President Dick Johnson, Commissioners Dale Robbins, Shane Hamre, Rob Hach and Jacob Volk. None were absent.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting held January 22, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Volk, and the motion carried unanimously.

5:30 P.M. – This was the time set for reconvening a public hearing to review a request for a conditional use permit to allow a medical marijuana dispensary in an area zoned as commercial at 810 10th St SE. Hearing and receiving no comments, President Johnson closed the public hearing.

The City Assessor stated for future requests, the Devils Lake Planning Commission will wait for the applicant to be approved by the State before holding the public hearing for a conditional use permit.

Commissioner Hamre moved to deny the application for a conditional use permit for a medical marijuana dispensary at 810 10th St SE as recommended by the Devils Lake Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins. Commissioner Hach abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Terry and Marla Fuller appeared before the City Commission to discuss the employment of Detective Potts.

Marla Fuller read a statement about her concerns related to reinstating Detective Potts to the Police Department.

Terry Fuller asked a few questions; however, the City Commissioner was unable to respond due to advice from the City's legal counsel.

Suzie Kenner, Executive Director of Devils Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau, appeared before the City Commission to present the 2018 Tourism Report. Items discussed included the restaurant and lodging taxes, social media presence, 2019 budget, marketing, and Facebook stats. Suzie Kenner also talked about current legislation being considered for a county lodging tax.

Commissioner Volk – The City Engineer stated the Street Department cleared the priority routes and avenues today. Downtown will be cleaned tonight, and streets will be plowed tomorrow.

Commissioner Robbins – The City Engineer said concurrence from the State for the downtown project was received. Paperwork will be forwarded to the contractor.

The City Engineer indicated preliminary work is being done for projects to start this Spring.

The Police Chief requested funds for housing homeless people from winter conditions. Last year \$3,000.00 was allocated.

Commissioner Hamre moved to allocate \$2,000.00 for emergency housing of people needing shelter from winter conditions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hach – The City Assessor inquired if April 8th at noon would work for the tax equalization meeting. Consensus of the City Commission was to meet at noon on April 8th.

Commissioner Hamre - Everything was fine in the Water and Sewer Departments.

President Johnson - The City Auditor stated everything was fine.

The City Administrator said everything was fine.

The Fire Chief indicated the fishing tournament went well. The Fire Department is working with Public Works on uncovering fire hydrants.

The City Attorney said everything was fine.

The first reading of Ordinance No 960 – wine and beer license was held.

The City Engineer reviewed the agreement for bulk sale of water to Greater Ramsey Water District (GRWD). The agreement is for providing up to 400 gallons/minute which will take into consideration the interconnect with Northeast Regional Water District. GRWD will be responsible for 13.79% of the costs for improving the City's raw water transmission system to increase raw water capacity. The buy-in amount will be \$1.1 million, and GRWD will be responsible for 13.79% of the costs of future capital expenditures. For 2019, GRWD will be charged \$1.60/1000 gallons which is the current rate. If the City acquires an existing GRWD customer, the City will reimburse GRWD \$4,000.00/customer. The agreement is for 40 years.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve the water purchase and service area agreement with Greater Ramsey Water District with the change of the year from 2018 to 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Volk, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve the consent agenda which included the following:

1. Game of chance permits for the month of January 2019;
2. Gaming site authorizations submitted by Devils Like Youth Activities Association from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 for Paddle Wheel Bar – 1116 Hwy 2;
3. Permit to sell alcoholic beverages at a special event submitted by Razor Rays Razor's Edge for ND Pond Hockey's cornhole tournament sponsored by the Devils Lake Blue Line Club on February 8, 2019 and February 9, 2019 at the Memorial Building; and
4. Permit to sell alcoholic beverages at a special event submitted by Thirstys for a wedding on March 16, 2019 at the Memorial Building.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve payment of the list of bills as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach. On roll call all Commissioners voted aye, and the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:26 P.M.

LINDA LYBECK
CITY AUDITOR

RICHARD S. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT