

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
HELD JANUARY 4, 2021

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held as a web hosted meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021 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.

President Johnson recognized the following employee for her years of service:
Tresa Longie Greywater, Police Detective – 5 years.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting held December 21, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hach – The City Assessor stated everything was fine.

The City Engineer said the Sanitation Department picked up Christmas trees today.

Commissioner Robbins – The City Engineer said an infrastructure meeting would be held to prioritize projects.

The Police Chief reported an opening for a police officer.

Commissioner Volk – The City Engineer inquired about the possibility of donating the unclaimed bikes at the Police Department to the VFW where the bikes would be repaired and then given to needy kids. Discussion also followed on licensing the bikes for free when they are donated to kids so they may be returned if the bikes are misplaced.

Commissioner Volk moved to declare the unclaimed bikes at the Police Department as surplus property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve licensing the donated bikes at no cost when they are given to the kids. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Volk moved to donate the unclaimed bikes to the VFW. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hamre – The City Engineer reported the State would be continuing the Covid-19 sampling of the wastewater.

President Johnson – The City Auditor stated everything was fine.

The City Administrator said the Lake Region Ambulance has received a JAG grant and would like the City to act as sponsor for it.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve the City being the sponsor for the JAG grant awarded to the Lake Region Ambulance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Volk, and the motion carried unanimously.

The City Administrator reported the second meeting in January will be held in person. Discussion followed on the Governor changing the risk level to yellow for the entire state.

The Fire Chief indicated fishing for the tournament is still being worked on. The registration and events at the Memorial Building will not be held this year.

The City Attorney said everything was fine.

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

Game of chance permits for the month of December 2020.

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

The City Engineer reviewed the flowage easement for John and Penelope Knudson. Discussion followed on adding language to the easement indicating it had been approved by the City Commission.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve the flowage easement for John Knudson and Penelope Knudson with the additional language in the amount of \$38,800.00 as recommended by the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

Lisa Crosby, Director of the Lake Region Heritage Center, updated the Commission on activities at the Center and on the Arts Festival.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve funding for the first quarter of 2021 for the Lake Region Heritage Center in the amount of \$7,161.75 to be paid from general fund (1000-000-55170). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach. On roll call all Commissioners voted aye, and the motion carried.

The City Administrator and Forward Devils Lake Executive Director indicated they had not found an equitable way to offer an incentive to businesses affected by the pandemic. Conversations with different business owners resulted in those businesses having received assistance through other means or not needing assistance.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve the list of bills as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins. 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 6:15P.M.

LINDA LYBECK
CITY AUDITOR

RICHARD S. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT