

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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 Volk moved to approve the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting held February 3, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre, and the motion carried unanimously.

5:30 P.M. – This was the time set for a public hearing to review a community development block grant application for St Joseph’s Closet for removal of architectural barriers. Hearing and receiving no comments, President Johnson closed the hearing.

Consensus of the City Commission was for the City to sponsor the grant and sign the paperwork.

Karen Nick, Lake Region Community Shelter, appeared before the City Commission to update them on the shelter use and activities and to request the funds for 2020.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve funding for 2020 for Lake Region Community Shelter in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be paid from the general fund (1000-000-55180). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach. On roll call all Commissioners vote aye, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Hamre reported on the Water and Sewer Departments.

Commissioner Hach –The City Assessor said everything was fine.

Commissioner Robbins – The Police Chief discussed the workload of the detectives. Although the case load is about the same from previous years, the complexity of the cases has changed.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve amending the 2020 budget to add a detective position at a grade 11 and to advertise for the position. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Volk. On roll call all Commissioners vote aye, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Volk reported on purchasing a durapatcher for \$27,000.00 and on the Street Department working on signs.

President Johnson indicated the signs at the recycling center were done.

The City Auditor stated everything was fine.

The City Administrator discussed refinancing the 2011 and 2013 bonds which are callable in May. The City would save over \$100,000.00 in interest.

The City Administrator reported on the work of the census committee and on the events planned to get people to complete the census information. The State has money available to have census events, but the funds need to be matched locally.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve up to \$5,000.00 for census events as recommended by the City Administrator. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Volk, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Fire Chief reported an employee will be done on March 2nd. The position is currently being advertised.

The City Attorney said everything was fine.

The letter requesting to sell cemetery spaces back to the City was reviewed.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve buying back 4 cemetery spaces from Elaine Lingor at \$75.00 per space for a total of \$300.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Volk, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve the contract for administration for the St Joseph's Closet CDBG project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve the resolution approving preliminary report and directing plans and specifications for Street Improvement District No 71-20 – Walnut St W between Hwy 2 and College Dr, 4th St SW between Hwy 2 and College Dr, 1st St NW between Hwy 2 and 3rd Ave as recommended by the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve the resolution approving preliminary report and directing plans and specifications Street Improvement District No 72-20 – 1st St NE between 8th Ave and 11th Ave, 10th Ave NE between Walnut St and 7th St, 11th Ave NE between Walnut St and 4th St as recommended by the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve the resolution approving preliminary report and directing plans and specifications for Street Improvement District No 73-20 – Armour St SE, Kemp Ave SE between Armour St and 3rd Ave, Shamrock Lane between Hwy 2 and Kemp Ave, 3rd Ave SE between Hwy 2 and Kemp Ave, Mogal St SE between 3rd Ave and 5th Ave, 6th Ave SE south of Hwy 2, 5th Ave SE between Mogal St SE and the South City limit line as recommended by the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Volk, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve the resolution declaring the necessity of an improvement for Street Improvement District No 71-20 – Walnut St W between Hwy 2 and College Dr, 4th St SW between Hwy 2 and College Dr, 1st St NW between Hwy 2 and 3rd Ave as recommended by the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Volk moved to approve the resolution declaring the necessity of an improvement for Street Improvement District No 73-20 – Armour St SE, Kemp Ave SE between Armour St and 3rd Ave, Shamrock Lane between Hwy 2 and Kemp Ave, 3rd Ave SE between Hwy 2 and Kemp Ave, Mogal St SE between 3rd Ave and 5th Ave, 6th Ave SE south of Hwy 2, 5th Ave SE between Mogal St SE and the South City limit as recommended by the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

President Johnson acknowledged the following report:
Municipal Court monthly report.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:10 P.M.

LINDA LYBECK
CITY AUDITOR

RICHARD S. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT