

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
HELD MARCH 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held Monday, March 1, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present: President Dick Johnson, Commissioners Shane Hamre, Dale Robbins, Rob Hach and Jacob Volk. None were absent.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting held February 16, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Volk, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Volk – The Public Ways Supervisor requested to start the new hire at a 7B due to experience.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve hiring William Hooey at a 7B and upon satisfactory completing his probation he would be eligible to go to a 7C as recommended by the Public Ways Supervisor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre, and the motion carried unanimously. He will start April 15th.

The Public Ways Supervisor indicated the department has been fixing street signs.

Commissioner Robbins – The City Engineer said everything was fine.

The Police Chief stated the vendor for the virtual reality platform will be here on Thursday.

Commissioner Hach – The City Assessor reviewed dates for the board of equalization. Consensus of the City Commission was to meet on April 14th at noon.

The City Engineer stated the Sanitation Supervisor is adjusting the cameras at the tree pile and the lighting at the recycling center.

Commissioner Hamre - The City Engineer said everything was fine in Public Utilities.

President Johnson - The City Auditor stated the Fort Totten Little Theatre may invite food vendors in for the performances in the park this year. The transient permits would be waived since the group is a public-spirited organization.

The City Administrator indicated Bill Fahey, financial advisor, would be at next meeting on March 15th to review the feasibility of the building projects and to set the time for the sale of the new bonds.

The Fire Chief reported everything was fine.

The City Attorney said everything was fine.

The 2nd reading of Ordinance No 970 – Liquor License was held. The City Attorney indicated Reg Herman had left a message indicating he wanted the same license as Charras. Discussion followed on the area to be the licensed premises.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve Ordinance No 970 – liquor license, an ordinance, which upon adoption shall amend, modify, and add to those ordinances which have been codified as section 5.24.050 of the Devils Lake municipal code with an April 1, 2021 effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Volk, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Volk moved to move the gaming site authorization submitted by Prairie Grit Adaptive Sports under the consent agenda to item 1 under new business. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Game of chance permits for the month of February 2021.

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

Discussion was held on the gaming site authorization submitted by Prairie Grit Adaptive Sports. The Commission would like more information on what activities in this area are supported by this group.

Commissioner Volk moved to table the gaming site authorization submitted by Prairie Grit Adaptive Sports until additional information is received on activities supported by the group. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Public Ways Supervisor reviewed the aerial mosquito spraying agreement. The agreement is for Memorial Day through Labor Day. Usually the City aerial sprays around July 4th and Labor Day. The price is the same as before, and there is no commitment for spraying. It costs \$8,570.00 per time. Ground spraying costs about \$1,800.00 per time.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve the authorization application for aerial mosquito spraying with Airborne Vector Control as recommended by the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robbins reviewed the SIRN project. Discussion followed on the number of consoles, how other entities pay for 911 services and equipment purchases, the costs of radios for the Fire and Police Departments, the percentage allocated to City being strictly on usage and not split evenly with the other entities, the current cash on hand at the Law Enforcement Center (LEC), the LEC paying for part of the equipment and spreading the remainder over five years, and the current average number of inmates.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve the SIRN Cost Allocation Agreement with the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center in the amount of \$148,009.22 spread over 5 years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre. The first payment will be in 2022. It was noted bidding was received for the consoles and the financing. Discussion was held on what other plan was in place if this agreement was not approved by the City Commission. On roll call Commissioners Robbins, Hamre, Hach and President Johnson vote aye. Commissioner Volk voted nay. The motion carried.

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.

President Johnson acknowledged the following reports:

1. City Auditor monthly report – December 2020, and
2. City Auditor monthly report – January 2021.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

LINDA LYBECK
CITY AUDITOR

RICHARD S. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT