

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD JUNE 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held Monday, June 3, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present: President Dick Johnson, Commissioners Dale Robbins, Shane Hamre and Rob Hach. Commissioner Jacob Volk was absent.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting held May 20, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Hamre** - The Public Utilities Supervisor reviewed bulk water sales to Greater Ramsey Water District and Northeast Regional Water District.

**Commissioner Robbins** – The City Engineer reviewed the following projects:

1. Highway 2 – Crossovers are being constructed. All traffic will be on the westbound lanes while work is being done on the eastbound lanes.
2. West underpass – Traffic control will start on 6<sup>th</sup> St NE and College Dr; and
3. Downtown – A large section is being worked on at 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Grades are being adjusted and items set. The contractor is working to accommodate businesses for access.

The Police Chief requested out-of-state travel for officers to attend self-defense for female police officers in Minneapolis.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve for the female police officers to attend self-defense training for female police officers in Minneapolis, MN as recommended by the Police Chief. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Hach** – The Sanitation Supervisor asked the Commission about changing the policy for dropping off grass and leaves at the recycling center. Rates for grass and leaves are included in the rates and fees. The department ends up hauling several loads out due to the heavy use by commercial lawn care services. Discussion followed on adding better signage and having the commercial lawn care businesses pay to use the area. The situation will be monitored.

The City Assessor stated the Ramsey County Board of Equalization meets tomorrow.

**President Johnson** - The Public Ways Supervisor stated they are working on streets - filling in holes and crack sealing. He will be attending the State DOT auction to look at purchasing a sander or snow plow truck.

The City Auditor stated everything was fine.

The City Administrator said he would be sending out dates for budgeting meetings to be held in July.

The Fire Chief stated around \$6,000.00 was raised for MDA over the Devils Run weekend.

The Fire Chief indicated the Department has obtained a Class 3 ISO rating. The rating will be effective Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.

The City Attorney said everything was fine.

The City Engineer recommended awarding the street improvement bid for 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and 9<sup>th</sup> St NE to the low bidder, Strata Corporation.

Commissioner Hamre moved to award Street Improvement District 69-19 to Strata Corporation of Grand Forks, ND in the amount of \$367,975.00 as recommended by the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Four gaming site authorizations submitted by Devils Lake Youth Activities Association for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at the following locations: Columbus Club and Building Association – 522 4th St NE; Proz End of the Line – 101 6th St NE; Thirsty's LLC – 318 4th St NE; and Paddle Wheel Bar – 1116 Hwy 2 E;
2. Gaming site authorization submitted by Neathery Simensen Post #756 VFW of the US for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at the following location: VFW Club – 314 3rd Ave NE;
3. Gaming site authorization submitted by Rotary Club of Devils Lake for May 31, 2020 at the Elks Band Shelter – 415 Roosevelt Park NW; and
4. Permit to sell alcoholic beverages at a special event submitted by Proz Inc for a wedding reception and dance for Jace Greene and Megan Wald on June 22, 2019 at the Memorial Building.

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

Lisa Crosby, Director of the Lake Region Heritage Center, updated the City Commission on events held this past year at the Heritage Center, on the need for funds, on apply for grants, on the need for an elevator and rehabbing the steps and on their budget. It was also noted the Heritage Center is interested in having roving beer gardens in alleys and parking lots downtown this summer to bring people downtown to promote it.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve funding for the second quarter of 2019 for the Lake Region Heritage Center in the amount of \$6,725.00 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.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve the lottery grant application CY2020 for Lake Region Narcotics Task Force. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve a Resolution to Set the Limit of Liability on the Commercial Blanket Bond of the City of Devils Lake in the amount of \$2,000,000 as recommended by the City Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

President Johnson acknowledged the following report:

2018 year end financial report.

President Johnson discussed having ID cards made for the City Commissioners and on implementing security measures for offices at city hall.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:42 P.M.

**LINDA LYBECK**  
**CITY AUDITOR**

**RICHARD S. JOHNSON**  
**PRESIDENT**