

MINUTES OF THE DEVILS LAKE CITY COMMISSION  
June 20, 2022

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held on June 20, 2022 with the following members present: President Johnson, Rob Hach, Jack Volk, Dale Robbins, and Shane Hamre.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting held on June 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre, and the motion carried unanimously.

Lake Region Heritage Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Fund Request – Lisa Crosby attended the City Commission Meeting to request third quarter funding for the Lake Region Heritage Center. She gave an update on Art Fest and mentioned that it is going very well so far and she believes that it will be better than last year, due to them knowing what to expect. Commissioner Volk motioned to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter fund request for the Lake Region Heritage Center. Commissioner Hamre seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Devils Lake Rodeo Club – Brandon Padilla gave an update on the Devils Lake Rodeo Club. He mentioned that they have around \$54,000 in sponsorship money so far and are expecting to possibly get \$6,000-\$10,000 more. He mentioned that the hardest part so far is someone to commit to finding the dirt. They need around 1,200 yards of a sand/clay mixture. Gowan Construction was interested, but they are not able to find what they would need in Devils Lake and the price to truck it would be astronomical. Close Construction was going to look at the job and let Brandon know if they would be interested in the job.

Commissioner Hach – The City Engineer communicated that there is no update with the Sanitation Department.

Commissioner Robbins – The City Engineer communicated that the work on College Drive has started and this is for the ADA ramps. They are still looking at about 3 weeks before any work will start on the roads.

Commissioner Volk – The City Engineer communicated that they will be spraying for mosquitos on either June 30<sup>th</sup> or July 1<sup>st</sup>, this will depend on the weather conditions. They have been seeing a low mosquito count in their traps, but that does not necessarily mean the count is low around town. The City Engineer also communicated that the new street sweeper does not have any recent updates. He mentioned that it will be shipped directly to Devils Lake and the distributor will come here and check it out.

Commissioner Hamre – The City Engineer communicated that they are starting to flush the hydrants along Highway 2. Commissioner Volk mentioned a vehicle that has damage on the back bumper. The City Engineer and Commissioner Hamre mentioned that the damage is from a trailer. Commissioner Volk and Commissioner Hamre believe that there should be an incident report on everything when damage occurs. The City Engineer agreed that it would be a good idea and will look into doing that.

The Police Chief mentioned that he has been talking to Devils Lake Public Schools Superintendent, Matt Bakke, about the school security and how he feels about it. It was communicated that the Superintendent is happy with what we have right now. The Police Chief mentioned that within the next month they are going to have 3 job openings. He also mentioned that the jail is going to a 96-hour retention policy. This would put the jail from a Level one to a Level three. This means after 96-hours, the inmates would have to be transported to a different location.

The Fire Chief communicated that the City Ordinances that he is working on will be pushed back to the July meeting. He communicated that he has had quite a few nuisance calls and that he is taking care of those.

The City Attorney communicated that he has been working with the Fire Chief on the ordinances and that they needed further revisions before going to the City Commission.

The City Administrator communicated that budget meetings are starting to be scheduled. As of right now, August 1<sup>st</sup> will be the preliminary meeting about the budget and September 19<sup>th</sup> will be the final approval. He mentioned that the Auditing Department is working their best on getting reports generated for Financials. The City Administrator also communicated that they have 2 candidates that will be getting interviewed for the City Attorney Position.

Commissioner Robbins motioned to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre, and the motion carried.

- 2022-2023 Permit/License Applicants Effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Permit
- Recommendation of Appointment of Member – Board of Adjustments

Approval of Cost Share Reimbursement – Devils Lake West Side Watermain Replacement Project – The City Engineer communicated that the state will go up to \$850,000 for this project and that it will be a 60% reimbursement. Commissioner Hamre motioned to approve the Approval of Cost Share Reimbursement – Devils Lake West Side Watermain Replacement Project. Commissioner Volk seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Right of Way for Ackerman Meadow – The City Engineer communicated that they agreed at the time of putting in the dike that if the land owner of Ackerman Meadow ever expanded his development that the City would be willing to give him a right of way for Ackerman Meadow. The land owner is to the point of needed to expand, so the City Engineer is recommending approval of Right of Way for Ackerman Meadow. Commissioner Volk motioned to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Robbins seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve the list of bills as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**SPENCER HALVORSON**  
**CITY ADMINISTRATOR/AUDITOR**

**RICHARD S. JOHNSON**  
**PRESIDENT OF CITY COMMISSION**