

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD JULY 20, 2020

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held July 20, 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 July 6, 2020 and the special City Commission meeting held July 8, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Hamre** – The City Engineer stated Public Utilities has been busy keeping up with the rain and flooding. Power was lost to a couple of lift stations during the storm and a portable generator had to be used.

**Commissioner Volk** – Public Ways will be working on potholes. Aerial mosquito spraying was done on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Tri-State Paving is in town working on street repairs. The contractor is still completing tree trimming on the west side.

It was noted it costs about \$1,500.00/night for mosquito ground spraying.

**Commissioner Robbins** - The Police Chief reported the hiring of a school resource officer.

The Police Chief requested permission to hire an officer at a 10D since he has four years of experience with the Sheriff's Office and is a member of the SWAT team.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve hiring Tyler Iwen at a 10D due to his experience. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Police Chief requested permission for a new officer to live outside of city limits. He currently lives at The Cliffs. He has made arrangements for a place to stay within town during storms and other essential times.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve Tyler Iwen living outside of city limits at The Cliffs contingent upon him having a place to stay in town during essential times. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Police Chief reviewed the possibility of using the Nixle system to alert residents of when streets are being swept and plowed. This would be another way to inform residents with the hope of reducing time spent on writing parking tickets and would aid in the cleaning of streets.

The City Engineer reviewed the seal coat and mill/overlay projects, the watermain project and the street improvement project at the industrial park. The project at the industrial park would cost about \$230,000.00 for 750 feet with the City paying 50% and the other 50% being special assessed.

**Commissioner Hach** – The Fire Chief reported there are still issues at the haul site. Consensus of the City Commission was to fence/gate the site and make it for city use only.

The City Assessor said everything was fine.

**President Johnson** - The City Auditor stated everything was fine.

The Fire Chief reported on recent weather events. The battle of badges will be held August 19<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup>.

The City Attorney said everything was fine.

The information on what other cities have for fireworks was reviewed. Lengthy discussion followed on the intrusiveness and noise especially of mortars, classes of fireworks for sale to residents, limiting days to set fireworks off to July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Some Commissioners received comments to leave the fireworks as is especially since it is a family celebration. Also discussed was forming a committee and changing the selling dates to coincide with the dates to set off fireworks.

The City Attorney will draft an ordinance for the first meeting in August to limit the days for fireworks to July 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup>, to restrict the sale of mortar fireworks and to allow the Fire Department to inspect the inventory of fireworks vendors.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve the Pledge of Assets by Bremer Bank and Ramsey National Bank and Trust as recommended by the City Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre, and the motion carried unanimously.

Brad Barth, Executive Director of Forward Devils Lake, presented a request to extend the guarantee on a loan to Summer's Manufacturing for 60 days – July 15th through September 15th. Both the Bank of North Dakota and the ND Development Fund have approved the extension.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve extending the loan guarantee of \$500,000 for Summer's Manufacturing to September 15, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre. On roll call Commissioners Volk, Hamre, Robbins and President Johnson voted aye. Commissioner Hach abstained. The motion carried.

The City Assessor reviewed the request to purchase 40 feet of a lot in the Roundhouse Subdivision.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve selling the east 40 feet of Lot 1, Block 3, Roundhouse Subdivision for \$2,000.00 to Bradley Turck with the stipulation that the lot be built on within two years as recommended by the City Assessor. 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 reports:

1. City Auditor monthly report – May 2020;
2. City Auditor monthly report – June 2020; and
3. Municipal Court monthly report.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

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

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