

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
HELD DECEMBER 2, 2019

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held Monday, December 2, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present: President Dick Johnson, Commissioners Rob Hach, Dale Robbins and Shane Hamre. Commissioner Jacob Volk was absent.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting held November 18, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and the motion carried unanimously.

5:30 P.M. – This was the time set for a public hearing to review a renaissance zone application for renovation of the building at 424 4th St NE. Hearing and receiving no comments, President Johnson closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve a renaissance zone project for renovation of the building roof at 424 4th St NE as recommended by the Renaissance Zone Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robbins - The City Engineer stated the downtown ornamental lights for 4th and 4th are completed. They are working on brackets now, and the Christmas lights should be up by the end of the week.

The Police Chief reported that they received a grant from Walmart for radios. Discussion was held on the legality of increasing our traffic fines.

Commissioner Hamre - The City Engineer reported everything was fine in the Water and Sewer Departments.

Commissioner Hach - The City Assessor stated everything was fine.

The City Engineer stated an employee from Sanitation was transferring to the Street Department to fill the Grade 7 opening. Streets will work with Sanitation to cover any employee shortage until someone is hired in Sanitation. Some discussion was held on the Sanitation grades and the possibility of converting to an automated garbage pickup system.

President Johnson – The City Administrator reported everything was fine in the Auditing Department.

The Fire Chief reported everything was fine in the Fire Department.

The City Attorney had nothing to report.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 962 – Vaping was held. No public comments were received, and nobody was present to comment.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 962 – Vaping – An ordinance, which upon adoption, shall be codified as Chapter 9.74 of the Devils Lake Municipal Code, with an effective date of January 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and the motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from the Office of the State Attorney General stating the City has been awarded a grant for \$46,570 to be used for the Narcotics Task Force.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve accepting a grant award for the Lake Region Narcotics Task Force in the amount of \$46,570. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and the motion carried unanimously.

Terry Wallace, Devils Lake Park Board, appeared before the City Commission to discuss a project to place a floating dock, boat slips, gangway and suspended walkway on Creel Bay on the waters of Devils Lake next to the Creel Bay Golf Course

Clubhouse. Discussion was held on any impacts it would have to the embankment and does it open the door to other requests. The City Commission was assured it would have no impact to the embankment. This was considered a government to government transaction and should not open the door for individual requests. This discussion was for informational purposes only and no action was required to be taken by the City Commission.

The City Engineer presented the final payment to Elshaug Concrete Construction for 2019 Curb, Gutter & Sidewalk work.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve payment of Estimate No. 3 – Final to Elshaug Concrete Construction for 2019 Curb, Gutter & Sidewalk for an amount of \$23,070.81. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

Corry Kenner, VP for Administrative Affairs at Lake Region State College, appeared before the City Commission to present an update on the Curtis and Annette Hofstad Agricultural Center they are planning. An extension of the City's sewer line will be needed to accommodate the new building. Fundraising for the project has been a challenge due to the poor year experienced by the local ag community. Based on engineering estimates the City's 25% share of the sewer line extension would be \$4,340. Mr. Kenner asked if the City would approve a 40% cost share which would amount to an additional \$2,630.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve paying 40% cost share on a sewer line extension for the Lake Region State College Agricultural Center Building. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robbins 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 report:

City Auditor's monthly report.

LINDA LYBECK
CITY AUDITOR

RICHARD S. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT