

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD JANUARY 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present: President Johnson, Commissioners Tim Heisler, Craig Stromme, Rick Morse and Dale Robbins. None were absent.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Stromme moved to approve the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting held January 4, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Robbins** – The Public Utilities Supervisor said everything was fine in the Water Department.

The Public Ways Supervisor stated everything was fine in the Cemetery Department.

**Commissioner Morse** – The Public Ways Supervisor stated everything was fine in the Street Department.

The Public Utilities Supervisor said everything was fine in the Sewer Department.

**Commissioner Heisler** – The City Engineer stated everything was fine.

The City Assessor said everything was fine.

**Commissioner Stromme** - The Police Chief distributed the monthly police report.

The Police Chief indicated he will be advertising for the current position opening.

The Police Chief outlined the request for a single purpose narcotics dog. The cost of the dog and five days of handler training is \$4,200.00. The handler would be compensated for ½ hour per day which would average \$3,200.00 per year. The dog would be trained for passive alert so it would not scratch, but sit if it detected drugs.

Commissioner Stromme moved to approve amending the 2016 budget by \$10,000.00 for the addition of the narcotic detection dog as recommended by the Police Chief. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morse. The dog would work with only one officer. Two officers are willing to work with a dog. The motion carried unanimously.

The Sanitation Supervisor reported everything was fine.

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

The City Administrator said everything was fine.

The Fire Chief said they will be testing the ice tomorrow to see if the fishing tournament will be held. Game and Fish recommends 12 inches of ice, but the Fire Chief would prefer at least 18 inches of ice.

The City Attorney said everything was fine.

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

1. Authorizing the City Auditor to call for bids for 2016 Public Utilities Pickup to be opened on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. at the City Office as recommended by the Public Utilities Supervisor;
2. Authorizing the City Auditor to call for bids for slope mower to be opened on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. at the City Office as recommended by the Public Utilities Supervisor;
3. Gaming site authorization submitted by Devils Lake Rural Fire Department, Inc for January 28, 2016 through January 30, 2016 at the Memorial Building - 524 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NE;

4. Gaming site authorization submitted by Lake Region Community College Foundation of Devils Lake for March 1, 2016 through April 30, 2016 and for July 8, 2016 at Lake Region State College – 1801 College Dr N; and
5. Permit to sell alcoholic beverages at a special event submitted by Thirsty's Bar for wedding reception and private dance to be held February 13, 2016 at the Memorial Building.

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

Eric Boren, on behalf of the Cobblestone Inn, appeared at the City Commission meeting to request the liquor license ordinances be reviewed and changed to allow hotels to offer on-sale and off-sale to guests. The Cobblestone is looking to have liquor available for guests from 4 P.M. to 11 P.M.

The City Attorney stated the City would need to change an ordinance. There are restrictions on classes, and this doesn't fit. Currently, the City does not have anymore on-sale/off-sale licenses (Class IV) available. Class III would require 50 seats for dining with a full menu. Mr. Boren stated they have 75 seats and will offer breakfast. Pizza and sandwiches will be offered all day. Class VIII requires 100+ rooms and is for off-sale to registered guests.

The City Commission discussed the Class IV license, the fee for the different classes of licenses, and changing the fees since the Class IV license has more value.

The City Attorney stated Class VIII could be changed to 50 rooms, and then Class III could be eliminated.

Discussion also followed on the ordinance change not being tied to the number of rooms, but being tied to the business being licensed as a hotel.

Consensus of the City Commission was for the City Attorney and City Administrator to review other cities' ordinances and draft an ordinance for the City of Devils with the first reading on February 1, 2016.

Commissioner Heisler moved to approve Budget Amendment #01-16 – Various. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stromme, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve the 2016 mileage rate of \$.54 if using own vehicle because City vehicle is unavailable or \$.19 if using own vehicle and City vehicle is available as of January 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morse, and the motion carried.

The City Engineer reviewed the cooperative agreement with North Dakota Game & Fish for the Channel A – Floating Fishing Pier. The agreement provides for \$30,000.00 for site development and \$20,000.00 for the floating pier which is being fabricated in Bismarck and overseen by North Dakota Game and Fish. North Dakota Game and Fish had the most interest in the Channel A project, and this will be used as local match for the Heritage Fund grant which includes 3 sites. The Henegar site will also be a floating pier, but East Ditch will be 4 feet off of the water because of the waves.

Commissioner Stromme moved to approve the cooperative agreement with North Dakota Game & Fish for Channel A – Floating Fishing Pier as recommended by the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morse, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Stromme moved to approve the 2016 funding for Lake Region Community Service and Restitution Program in the amount of \$4,000.00 (1000-000-43720). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins. On roll call all Commissioners voted aye, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Morse moved to approve the Pledge of Assets and a Certified Copy of the Board of Directors Meeting minutes submitted by Bremer Bank and Ramsey National Bank and Trust Company as recommended by the City Auditor. At this time no City funds are deposited with American Bank Center, Horizon Financial Bank, US Bank or Western State Bank. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heisler, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

President Johnson acknowledged the following report:  
Municipal Court monthly report.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:08 P.M.

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

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