

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
HELD JULY 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held July 19, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present: President Dick Johnson, Commissioners Dale Robbins, Rob Hach and Jacob Volk. Commissioner Shane Hamre was absent.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting held July 6, 2021 and the special City Commission meeting held July 14, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hach – The City Assessor said everything was fine.

The City Engineer said everything was fine in Sanitation.

Commissioner Volk – Everything was fine in Public Ways.

Commissioner Volk reported on the Veteran rides for the last quarter.

Commissioner Robbins – The City Engineer reviewed the work being done for the embankment by Walmart and for the painting of the water tower. Discussion followed on using pumps for six weeks while the water tower is being painted.

The Police Chief accepted a resignation from a probationary officer. The department will start looking to hire.

The Police Chief stated the SWAT golf tournament was a success.

The Police Department is sponsoring an ALICE active shooter class.

It was noted the department has decided to wait on moving forward with obtaining a simulator for training.

President Johnson - The City Engineer stated Public Utilities was fine.

The City Auditor stated everything was fine.

The Fire Chief reported on painting of fire hydrants near Sweetwater by a 4-H group.

The City Attorney said everything was fine.

Commissioner Volk reviewed the appointment of a Shade Tree foreman. Cory was moved from a grade 7 to a grade 9 when he was originally appointed Shade Tree foreman. However, he received no additional pay for those duties when he became Assistant Fire Chief. Discussion followed on if anything had changed since he has had those duties for the last 14 years as assistant fire chief, if there was a grade 7 in the department that would take over the duties to be moved up to a grade 9 and on the justification for the change.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve the City acting as sponsor for a grant application submitted to the JAG and Lottery Grant Program on behalf of Safe Alternatives for Abused Families. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

Lisa Crosby, Director of the Lake Region Heritage Center, updated the Commission on activities at the Center, the Arts Festival and the surveillance system.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve funding for the second quarter of 2021 for the Lake Region Heritage Center in the amount of \$7,161.75 to be paid from general fund (1000-000-55170). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hach moved to approve the Pledge of Assets by Bremer Bank as recommended by the City Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chance Sotvik presented information to the City Commission on what land he would like to purchase and on what he would like to use the land for. Discussion followed on the area being used for wetland mitigation, snow dumping and a contractor yard. There has also been issues with the smell from the fish cleaning station. Mr. Sotvik stated he was only interested in 8 acres. Discussion continued on the land not being within City limits and is not served by City utilities.

The City Engineer's recommendation was to not sell the property.

Commissioner Volk moved to deny selling the land to Chance Sotvik. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins. Discussion continued on other properties available for this type of activity, annexing the land into the city and on the land needing to be sold at a public sale since the value is over \$2,500.00. Commissioner Robbins withdrew his second, and Commissioner Volk withdrew the motion.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve 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:
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