

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2020

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held as a web hosted meeting on Monday, November 2, 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.

Commissioner Robbins - The City Engineer stated asphalt on 8th Street NE will be placed this week. The water main project on 4th Street between 6th Avenue and 8th Avenue will not be done until spring due to the temperatures. The contractor will not charge any additional mobilization costs. A change order will be ready for the next meeting which will include the completion dates for the project.

The Police Chief said officers were participating in "No Shave November" for the next two months. Discussion followed on Covid-19 cases in the department.

Commissioner Hach – The City Assessor reported building activity has started on the lots sold by the City this year.

Everything is fine in the Sanitation Department. The gates at the dumping site are not done yet. The Sanitation Supervisor is working on what is needed to get cameras at the site.

Commissioner Hamre – The City Engineer indicated the Public Utilities Department is performing some transmission line work. The City will be providing samples of the wastewater to the Department of Health which is conducting a Covid-19 research project.

Commissioner Volk – The City Engineer reviewed the updated numbers for the motor grader. The trade-in amount was double counted in the lease option. The total lease and buyout cost is \$365,944.80

The Public Works Department will be working on banners.

President Johnson – The City Auditor stated everything was fine.

The City Administrator indicated everything was fine.

The Fire Chief reported on Covid-19 cases in the Department.

President Johnson reviewed the mask program the Devils Lake Chamber of Commerce has initiated. Public service announcements will be used to help promote safe practices, and a web page addressing mental health issues will be implemented. Buttons are also being made for those who cannot wear a mask.

The City Attorney said everything was fine.

The minutes of the regular City Commission meeting held October 19, 2020 will be reviewed at the November 16, 2020 meeting.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve the minutes of the special City Commission meeting held October 26, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Appointing Erin Wood to the Visitor Committee for a four-year term expiring September 30, 2024;
2. Authorizing the City Auditor to call for bids for sidewalk snow removal with bids to be opened on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at the City Office as recommended by the City Engineer; and
3. Game of chance permits for the month of October 2020.

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

Commissioner Volk moved to approve signing the CDBG final application for the removal of architectural barriers at the VFW. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach. Discussion followed on the total cost of the project being \$130,000.00 and on members and donations funding the difference. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve the payment of \$18,471.00 to the Devils Lake Transit as allocated in the City's 2020 budget with funding from the general fund (1000-000-44940). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach. On roll call all Commissioners voted aye, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Volk 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 report:
2019 Audit.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:56 P.M.

LINDA LYBECK
CITY AUDITOR

RICHARD S. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT