Minutes of the Devils Lake City Commission

December 5, 2022

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held on December 5, 2022 with the following members present: President Moe, Rob Hach, Dale Robbins, and Jason Pierce.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held on November 7, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce moved to approve the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held on November 21, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins, and the motion carried unanimously.

Renaissance Zone Block – The Devils Lake Renaissance Zone Authority recommended the City Commission to approve adding a block to the City's renaissance zone. Commissioner Robbins moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Renaissance Zone Project – The Devils Lake Renaissance Zone Authority recommended the City Commission to approve renaissance zone project DL-23. Commissioner Pierce moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Robbins seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ramsey County Fair Foundation – Members of the Ramsey County Fair Foundation gave an overview of the project they will be doing and proposed any support that the City would offer. They plan on building a multi-purpose event center/all season even center at the fair grounds and funds for this project are being obtained by public and private partnerships. The foundation is a 501C3, which makes the donations tax deductible. The new building will be attached to the building that is already there. Events at the event center will be rodeos, 4H projects, community events, Ramsey County roundup, along with other multiple events. The estimated cost for the building is around 2.3 million – they have received a million-dollar commitment from Ramsey County so far, and they are working on other commitments from surrounding businesses in the community. They asked the City Commission to match what they gave the Park District, which is $250,000. The City Administrator communicated that this an introduction to the project and mentioned that the Ramsey County Fair Foundation should come back in a month or so with more numbers to see what the City would be able to sponsor.

Commissioner Pierce – The Fire Chief communicated that he sent 5 guys to Williston for the Hazmat class. They are currently hosting/instructing a fire instructor 1 class for 7 people regionally.

Commissioner Robbins – The City Engineer communicated that there is not an update for the Street Department. The City Engineer communicated that there is a new heating system at the shop.

Commissioner Hach – The City Engineer communicated that there is not an update for the Sanitation Department. The City Assessor communicated that his training is going well and that he is working on the renaissance zone.

The City Engineer communicated that there is not an update for the Utilities Department.

The Police Chief communicated that he does not have an update for the Police Department.

The City Administrator communicated that at the next meeting we will be going over the rates and fees along with the financials. An update on the health care initiatives was given as well.

The City Attorney mentioned that the Clerk of Court is retiring in January. The City Administrator communicated that he has been in contact with the Judge on this position. The closing for the applications will be December 16 and an update will be given to the commission.

2022 Renaissance Zone Authority Members – The City Assessor communicated that this recommendation is to reappoint Sandy Shively and Barbara Britsch as members of the renaissance zone authority. Commission Robbins motioned to approve the recommendation. Commissioner seconded the motion, and the motion carried Hach unanimously.

Pay Estimate #5 – 2022 Curb, Gutter & Sidewalk – The City Engineer communicated that the total due for this pay estimate is $22,264.15 to Elshaug Concrete. Commissioner Pierce motioned to approve Pay Estimate #5. Commissioner Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Commissioner Hach moved to approve the list of bills as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

SPENCER HALVORSON
CITY ADMINISTRATOR/AUDITOR

JIM MOE
PRESIDENT OF CITY COMMISSION