

Minutes of the Devils Lake City Commission
February 20, 2024

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held on February 20, 2024 with the following members present: President Moe, Jason Pierce, Dale Robbins, and Rob Hach.

Commissioner Pierce moved to approve the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held on February 5, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

Devils Lake Rodeo Club – Brandon Padilla, President of the Devils Lake Rodeo Club, gave an update on how the rodeo went last year. He communicated that they are going to have a higher payout to contestants this year to hopefully get more people involved, especially in bull riding and bareback. He mentioned that the Rodeo Club was able to donate to the Ramsey County Fair Board.

Commissioner Hach – The City Engineer communicated that there is not an update for the Sanitation Department.

Commissioner Hamre - The City Engineering communicated that the utility department is working on the lead service line inventory.

Commissioner Robbins – The City Engineer communicated that there is not an update for the Street Department or the Engineering Department.

Commissioner Pierce – The Fire Chief communicated that their year end report is complete. They had 330 calls, completed 1900 hours of training, had 16 certifications, and completed 350 inspections. He also mentioned that he has one guy going to state fire school and 4 guys will be attending the school. He communicated that he will be getting in touch with the company that does the fireworks on the 4th of July to get him booked. ShiverFest is also looking good for the kids ice fishing tournament, even with the warmer weather that we have been having.

Commissioner Pierce mentioned that there was miscommunication between attorneys for the joint powers agreement with the LEC. Everything has now been agreed on and the attorneys will be getting together to sign the final copy.

The Police Chief communicated that John Mickelson has resigned and his last day will be February 29th. He also mentioned that they have hopefully hired a new officer that will be coming from Bismarck.

The City Administrator communicated that the 2021 audit is currently in a 7-day review window. He also mentioned that the 2022 and 2023 audit will be completed at the same time, but they will be separate reports.

National Opioid Settlement Agreement – Acceptance of Releases – The City Administrator communicated that he spoke to the City Attorney and he recommended that the City Commission approve the current plan and to accept the release as outlined in the correspondence we received from the Nachawati Law Group. Commissioner Hach made a motion to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Robbins seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Floodplain Easement – Fuhrer – The City Engineer communicated that the landowner owns certain real property in Ramsey County in which the City is required to obtain a floodplain easement on a portion of said property for the purpose of water storage during heavy precipitation and snowmelt events. The City agrees to pay the landowner at closing the sum of \$4,800. Commissioner Robbins made a motion to approve the floodplain agreement for Fuhrer. Commissioner Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Approval of Floodplain Easement – Howatt – The City Engineer communicated that the landowner owns certain real property in Ramsey County. The City has executed an agreement with the previous landowner of the said property. Said agreement allowed the City to acquire a portion of the said property for flood protection and to convey property the City owned in exchange for a floodplain easement on the said property. The full agreement is attached to the agenda. Commissioner Robbins made a motion to approve the floodplain easement for Howatt. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Approval of Public Ways Equipment – The City Engineer communicated that the City currently has two toolcats that we use for snow removal. He communicated that overtime we have purchased several attachments that connect with the toolcats. The City would like to trade one of the Bobcat Toolcats for a Bobcat Skidsteer. This will allow more versatility for snow removal and public work operations. Commissioner Robbins made a motion to approve the public ways equipment trade. Commissioner Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Approval of Agreement for NDTC Crossing – Flood Protection – The City Engineer communicated that the City owns and operates a flood protection embankment that prevents the water of Devils Lake from inundating the City and surrounding area that is protected by the embankment. NDTC would like to

install a fiber optic cable across the flood protection embankment near the east ditch pump station and gatewell on the east side of the City of Devils Lake. The City will work with NDTC to make sure all the necessary paperwork is submitted for this project. The full agreement is attached to the agenda. Commissioner Robbins made a motion to approve the agreement for NDTC Crossing. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Declaring the Necessity of an Improvement for St Imp District #80-24 – 8th St NW, 9th St NW, 10th St NW, 11th St NW, ETC – The City Engineer communicated that there were no protests for this project so they will move forward. Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

SPENCER HALVORSON
CITY ADMINISTRATOR/AUDITOR

JIM MOE
PRESIDENT OF CITY COMMISSION