

Minutes of the Devils Lake City Commission  
March 4, 2024

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held on March 4, 2024 with the following members present: President Moe, Shane Hamre and Rob Hach.

Commissioner Hach moved to approve the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held on February 20, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Hamre - The City Engineering communicated that there is not an update for the Utility Department.

Commissioner Robbins – The City Engineer communicated that the street department will be working on snow removal downtown. For the Engineering Department, he mentioned that they are working on plans for the Westside Improvement project. He also mentioned that the plans are complete for the Stromquist project.

Commissioner Pierce – The Fire Chief communicated that he has the fireworks contract submitted and ready to go. He also mentioned that four people went to fire school and one person instructed. He communicated that Brandon Exner plans on going to the national fire academy and that all expenses are paid for, he just needs approval for out of state travel. Commissioner Hamre made a motion to approve the travel. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. He also mentioned that himself and Toren Mohs will be going to Indianapolis and will need approval for out of state travel for that as well. He communicated that this is budgeted for and that the volunteers pay most of it. Commissioner Hach made a motion to approve out of state travel for them. Commissioner Hamre seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Interim Police Chief communicated that they have offered a position to a guy from Bismarck and his tentative hire date will be April 1, 2024. President Moe communicated that the police chief position has been extended to March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The City Administrator communicated that there is not an update for the Auditing Department.

The City Attorney communicated that the new DUI ordinance is in effect and it includes refusals. He also communicated that the junk nuisance recipients are complying and that they will continue to follow up on them. He mentioned that the final JPA was completed last week, and it should be going out to the commissioners for final review and approval.

MOU with LRSC – Canopy Study – The City Administrator communicated that LRSC also received money to help with identifying trees. Vice President of the college, Lloyd Halvorson, communicated that the college received a \$20,000 grant and they plan on starting in the political subdivisions first. Commissioner Hamre made a motion to approve the MOU with LRSC for a canopy study. Commissioner Hamre seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #994 – Accessory Buildings – The City Assessor communicated the changes that were made to this ordinance. No action was needed as it was the 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

Application for New Residential Construction Property Tax Exemption – The City Assessor communicated that this application is for Thomas LaMotte. He mentioned that the value of this property is so high due to multiple houses being on the same parcel, and they are hoping to have the parcels divided in the future so that each house has their own parcel. Commissioner Hach made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Hamre seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

**SPENCER HALVORSON**  
**CITY ADMINISTRATOR/AUDITOR**

**JIM MOE**  
**PRESIDENT OF CITY COMMISSION**