

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DEVILS LAKE, ND
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held on February 17, 2026, with the following members present: President Moe and Commissioners Hach, Pierce, Knowski and Uhlenkamp.

MEETING ITEMS

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes – February 02, 2026

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to table the minutes. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS – 5:30 PM

BID OPENINGS – 5:30 PM

VISITORS OR DELEGATIONS

COMMISSION PORTFOLIOS

Commissioner Pierce – The Fire Chief said that state fire school is coming up next week. There will be a few guys out of town for that. There is a kid fishing tournament this weekend, which is usually a good event. He said they are looking to apply for a grant to replace SCBAs in 2027.

Commissioner Pierce said that there is an LEC meeting tomorrow. He also said that the America 250 meeting is set up for Thursday.

He also said that he is working with the owner of Dakota Monument Company on draft designs to present for a veterans memorial. Once everything is approved, he is going to start up a donation campaign.

Commissioner Uhlenkamp – The City Engineer said that the Street Department has had some challenges with the weather that we have been having.

Commissioner Hach – The City Engineer said that there is nothing to report for the Sanitation Department. The Engineering Department is working on getting probable letters for the specials assessments out.

The City Assessor said that residents will be getting assessment notices in the mail letting them know what the 2026 project values of the properties are.

Commissioner Knowski – The City Engineer said that last Friday the Utility Department was working on a couple of water leaks. He gave a thank you to them for the long weekend they had making the repairs.

President Moe – The Police Chief said that Detective Sergeant Rodriguez went to LPO school. Defensive Tactics Training will be later this month that Sergeant Greywater will perform.

The City Administrator said that he will have the final financials for 2025 at the next meeting. He said that there are a couple of CD's that are coming up for reinvestment/renewal. The Mayor suggested that the City look at the rates offered by local banks. The City Administrator said he would seek bids from local banks and present at the next commission meeting.

The City Attorney said that there are three (3) ordinances on the agenda for a second reading.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) City/County Dialogue on Public Safety Facility Partnership and Police Department Relocation

The City Administrator and City Engineer gave an overview on the Police Department Relocation and what it would look like to put together request for qualifications. The City Administrator said that after further dialogue with Ramsey County officials and Law Enforcement Center officials that there was not a path forward for a public safety center model of partnership. Discussion continued on the Public Safety Facility Partnership and Police Department Relocation. Commissioner Pierce said he thinks that building new is the best option for the long run. Commissioner Pierce made a motion to direct staff to prepare a request for qualifications for a new Police Department facility. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) 2nd Reading – Ordinance 1033 – Chapter 13.36 Non-Exclusive Franchise for Cable Communication Systems

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve Ordinance 1033 – Chapter 13.36 Non-Exclusive Franchise for Cable Communication Systems. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- 2) 2nd Reading – Ordinance 1034 – Section 13.36.090 Operation and Administration Providing

Commissioner Uhlenkamp made a motion to approve Ordinance 1034 – Section 13.36.090 Operation and Administration Providing. Commissioner Knowski seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- 3) 2nd Reading – Ordinance 1035 – Renewal of Franchise

Commissioner Knowski made a motion to approve Ordinance 1035 – Renewal of Franchise. Commissioner Pierce seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

4) 1st Reading – Ordinance 1036 – Chapter 15.28 Floodplain Regulations

A 1st reading of Ordinance 1036 was held.

5) 2026 Mosquito Contract

Commissioner Uhlenkamp made a motion to approve the 2026 Mosquito Contract. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

6) Ackerman Valley 2nd Addition Subdivision Plat Approval

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve the Ackerman Valley 2nd Addition Subdivision Plat approval. Commissioner Knowski seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

7) Authorization to Submit Grant Application – EAB Mitigation Spring Grant \$25,000

Commissioner Knowski made a motion to authorize submitting a grant application for EAB Mitigation Spring Grant for \$25,000. Commissioner Uhlenkamp seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

8) Lake Region Sportsmen Youth Pheasant Hunting -Tolna Coulee

The City Engineer said that the Tolna Coulee is the natural divide and acts as the spillway for our flood control project. Marcus Dahle, Past President of the Lake Region Sportsman’s Club, said that the sportsman’s club has a mission to get youth into the outdoors. They purchase birds for youth pheasant openers, band them, and then the kids can go out and hunt. Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve youth pheasant hunting on City owned property at the Tolna Coulee. Commissioner Uhlenkamp seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1) 2025 Investment Portfolio Returns
- 2) 2025 Debt Schedule Summary
- 3) Tax Distribution 10 Year Historical Data

LIST OF BILLS

Commissioner Uhlenkamp made a motion to approve the list of bills as submitted. Commissioner Knowski seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

SPENCER HALVORSON
CITY ADMINISTRATOR/AUDITOR

JIM MOE
PRESIDENT OF CITY COMMISSION