

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DEVILS LAKE, ND
JUNE 15, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held on June 15, 2026, with the following members present: President Moe and Commissioners Hach, Knowski, Uhlenkamp, and Pierce.

MEETING ITEMS

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes – June 01, 2026

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 01, 2026 City Commission meeting. Commissioner Knowski 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 he will be submitting the grant later this week. They are also getting ready for the 4th of July parade. He also said that Engine 204 is back in service.

Commissioner Pierce said Shade Tree is out working on getting trees placed on the boulevards. The City Engineer gave an update on where they will be getting placed.

Commissioner Uhlenkamp – The City Engineer said that last year the Commission voted to not do an aerial spray for the 4th of July and increase ground spray efforts instead, if counts warrant that. It would cost around \$9,500 to aerial spray. The City Engineer said that there are four electronic traps set out and they are showing counts. There will be four manual traps put out in the near future. Commissioner Knowski gave the portfolio holder and the City Engineer the ok to approve spraying based off trap counts. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Street Department crew is becoming part of the Shade Tree crew, so they will be helping with the trees. They are also continuing to do their normal duties.

Commissioner Hach – The City Engineer said that this is the last week for special pickup. He also said that he is working on a request for proposals for garbage cans for the automated truck.

He also said that the City allows individuals hunt on city owned property, done through a permit process. He said to improve that, he would ask that the Commission authorize the City Engineer to electronically post the land on the game and fish website. Commissioner Knowski made a motion to authorize the City Engineer to post the land on the Game and Fish website. Commissioner Uhlenkamp seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Airport Manager said that boardings are up again. They were awarded an FFA grant for their runway improvement project, so they will be moving forward with that.

The City Assessor said he has started home inspections on the west side of town.

Commissioner Knowski – The City Engineer said that the Utility Department is continuing on flushing out hydrants.

Commissioner Knowski said a great job was done on the Public Works appreciation lunch.

President Moe – The Police Chief said that the SRO officers had a good time at the training in South Dakota. He also said that there is DOT overtime that will start on July 1st.

The City Administrator said that he will be working with Rob this week on the transition. He also mentioned that there are budget meetings set up this week.

The City Attorney said that he is currently working on ordinances for tobacco.

Commissioner Pierce said that the contractor that mows the lawns for nuisances has not been very active at getting to the properties.

President Moe said that the ribbon cutting at Altru last Friday went very well.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Appointment of Robert Johnson as Interim City Auditor/Assessor Effective June 22, 2026

Commissioner Knowski made a motion to appoint Robert Johnson as Interim City Auditor/Assessor effective June 22, 2026. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

- 2) Resolution Designating Authorized Agents for City of Devils Lake Effective June 22, 2026

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve the resolution designating authorized agents for the City of Devils Lake effective June 22, 2026. Commissioner Uhlenkamp seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

- 3) Renewal of Liquor and Taxicab Licenses

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve the renewal of liquor and taxicab licenses as submitted. Commissioner Uhlenkamp seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

4) Appointment of Police Department Headquarters Architect Selection Committee

The City Administrator stated that the City Engineer, Chief of Police, and President Moe should all be on the committee. Commissioner made a motion to appoint Ned Clooten, Chief of Police, President Moe, City Engineer, and Interim City Auditor/Assessor to the selection committee. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

5) Reappointments to Renaissance Zone Authority

Commissioner Knowski made a motion to approve the reappointments to the Renaissance Zone Authority. Commissioner Uhlenkamp seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

6) Pay Estimate #1 – 2026 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk

Commissioner Knowski made a motion to approve Pay Estimate #1 – 2026 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

CITIZEN COMMENT

- 1) Lisa Pagel approached the Commission about the budget for 2027. She mentioned instead of increasing the budget by a percentage, increasing it by a flat rate. She said there are a lot of things that could be considered on cutting back on. President Moe said that is being talked about is to get a proficiency audit being done.

President Moe thanked Spencer, City Administrator, for everything he has done for the past four years and hopes him nothing but the best in the future.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1) May 2026 Financial Report

LIST OF BILLS

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve the list of bills as submitted. Commissioner Uhlenkamp 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