

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DEVILS LAKE, ND
AUGUST 5, 2026**

The special meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held on August 5, 2026, with the following members present: President Moe and Commissioners Pierce, Uhlenkamp, Hach, and Knowski.

MEETING ITEMS

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) 2027 Preliminary Budget
 - a. Review of General Fund Updates
 - i. Lake Region Law Enforcement Center

Starr, Director of the Law Enforcement Center, said that the board approved 3% cost of living raise. Starr said it is business as normal, as of now. Due to the loss of Eddy and Nelson County, their portions were divided by the three remaining counties. The LEC is also looking at setting the ND DOCR into a contract so that they can get budget for it better. The Interim City Auditor said that 3% is the amount that is in the current budget. Discussion continued on the LEC budget.

- b. Enterprise Accounts

The Interim City Auditor mentioned that there will be some rate and fee adjustments to offset expenses. It was mentioned that the City Auditor and the Public Works Director will be getting together to review the rates and fees. He also went through the equipment reserve schedule for the enterprise departments.

- c. General Review

The Interim City Auditor went through the general fund revenue/expenses. Discussion on the general fund continued.

- 3) Consider action on 2027 Preliminary Budget

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve the preliminary budget with a 4% cost of living included, with intentions to balance the budget. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

- 4) Set Public Hearing Date and Time for 2027 Budget

Commissioner Knowski made a motion to approve the second meeting in September, which is September 21st, as the public hearing date, with final approval the first meeting in October. Commissioner Uhlenkamp seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

ROB JOHNSON
INTERIM CITY AUDITOR/CITY ASSESSOR

JIM MOE
PRESIDENT OF CITY COMMISSION