

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

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held on August 17, 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 – August 03, 2026

Commissioner Hach made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 03, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Knowski seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- 3) Approval of Minutes – August 03, 2026 - Special Meeting

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 03, 2026 special meeting. Commissioner Uhlenkamp seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- 4) Approval of Minutes – August 05, 2026 - Special Meeting

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 05, 2026 special meeting. 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 said that the new business application is informational so that we are aware of what is coming to town. The attached document is for review, and he said he would take any feedback.

Commissioner Pierce said that he was questioned about the e-bike ordinance that is being worked on. A community member contacted him regarding e-bikes on walking paths and wondering if they were allowed on bike paths.

As of Tuesday, September 8th, nuisances must be reported online only. The following day, the police department will hand documents out to individuals.

He also said that he is working with the Fire Department on dates to get the banners downtown taken down. He said that for next year they have 25 out of 100 applications filled out.

Commissioner Uhlenkamp – The Public Works Director said that the Street Department is out working on school areas to make sure painting is done. They are also working with the Lake Access Committee on a couple of things. Highway 19 is getting stairs going down the rocks, so that people who are not comfortable climbing the rocks can get to the lake safely. The mosquito counts are currently low, and to date we have sprayed 19 times.

President Moe said that it was brought to his attention that we did not explain ourselves very well when it came to the Cemetery and removing more flowers that we were supposed to after Memorial Day. President Moe explained what happened and said that the flowers were set aside and can be picked up. He apologized on behalf of the city for this happening, and we are hopeful that this will not happen again.

Commissioner Hach – The Police Chief said battle of the badges was last week, and they had a good turnout. He thanked Corporal Rixen and Officer Rodriguez for everything they did for this event. He also said that they have two officers going to a training at LRSC at the end of the month.

The Public Works Director said that the Sanitation Department is advertising RFP's for refuse containers. Proposals are due on August 21st, 2026. A selection committee will evaluate the proposals based on the criteria. The Public Works Director went through the process and information that needs to be sent out to the residents.

The City Engineer said that there is signage showing up on the south side and this is for the mill and overlay project.

The Airport Manager said that they had another record month. He also said that bags cannot be left unattended at the airport. He said if this happens, law enforcement will be contacted to confiscate the bags.

Commissioner Knowski – The Public Works Director said that in April the Commission tabled the purchase of two vehicles for the Utility Department that was budgeted for in the equipment replacement plan. Commissioner Knowski said that both vehicles are not being asked for and they are looking to purchase one. Commissioner Hach made a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) vehicle for the Utility Department. Commissioner Uhlenkamp seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

The City Assessor said that last week was the Board of Equalization meeting in Bismarck. He was in Dickinson for a conference, so he attended virtually. He said that there were no appeals at the state level. He did identify a concern for residential evaluations from 2025 that he needs to look into a little more and talk with the County.

He also said that we had aerial imagery done in 2024 and that he planned on putting this in the budget for 2027 but pulled it out due to where we are. The County is also looking to get this done and looking at moving forward in 2027. He said that he has had conversations with

the County and EagleView and they would be willing to have our portion of this paid out over two years – 2028 and 2029. He said that this is very beneficial, especially for properties that he is unable to get onto to.

The Interim City Auditor said that we have the policy revision coming up. Once department heads review, the policy review committee will get together and then the City Commission will review.

We still do not have the 2022 audit report, but after talking with our auditor we should have this by the next meeting on September 8th.

He also mentioned that the dual role is not going to be sustainable, so it was mentioned that discussions should start on where the Commission wants to go. Commissioner Pierce said that they will need to look at the options. Commissioner Hach mentioned that a full-time Human Resource is something he would like to see.

The City Attorney said that he does not have anything to report.

President Moe said that on Wednesday at 4:00pm there is a ribbon cutting ceremony at Prairieview. He also said that there is a TREX event from 7-9pm at The Shores and he encouraged the Commission and community to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Second Reading – Ordinance #1041 Section 17.76.030 – Signs

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve Ordinance #1041 Section 17.76.030 – Signs. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

2) Second Reading - Ordinance #1042 Section 17.76.040 – Accessory Buildings

Commissioner Uhlenkamp made a motion to approve Ordinance #1042 Section 17.76.040 – Accessor Buildings. Commissioner Pierce seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

CITIZEN COMMENT

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1) July 2026 Financial Report

LIST OF BILLS

The City Attorney explained the current invoice that was received by Traynor Law Firm. Discussion continued on the Traynor Law Firm invoice for July. Commissioner Pierce made a motion to pay half, which is \$10,138.52, to Traynor Law Firm. Commissioner Knowski seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

ROB JOHNSON
INTERIM CITY AUDITOR/CITY ASSESSOR

JIM MOE
PRESIDENT OF CITY COMMISSION