

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DEVILS LAKE, ND
SEPTEMBER 02, 2026**

The special meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held on September 2, 2026, with the following members present: Commissioners Hach, Knowski, and Pierce. President Moe and Commissioner Uhlenkamp were absent.

MEETING ITEMS

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Residential Refuse Container Proposals

The City Engineer said that we received five (5) proposals for refuse containers. The selection committee, which consisted of Commissioner Hach, the sanitation supervisor, and the City Engineer. Proposals were evaluated based on the container construction, pricing, experience and references, warranty, assembly and delivery. The two refuse containers that stood out among the rest were Toter, LLC and Rehrig Pacific Company. The price difference between Toter, LLC and Rehrig Pacific Company was approximately \$20,000, with Toter LLC being more expensive. Discussion continued on the refuse containers. Commissioner Pierce made a motion to go with Toter LLC for refuse containers and have the City Engineer go into contract with Toter LLC. Commissioner Knowski seconded the motion. The City Engineer said with that motion, we will enter into contract with Toter LLC, up to \$145,000. The Sanitation Supervisor said that the truck is expected to be here in October. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

- 3) Residential Rates and Fees for Automated Collection

The City Engineer communicated that we will be offering two difference sized cans – 65 gallon and 95 gallons. Based on information from the suppliers, 65 gallon cans hold 4-5 (13 gallon) kitchen bags and 95 gallon cans hold 5-7 bags. He said that some cities offer just a 95 gallon can. It was mentioned that nearly half of our residential users are able to get away with one (1) 32 gallon can dumped once a week and many living on fixed incomes. If an individual is currently using one 32 gallon can, they will receive a 65 gallon. If an individual is using more than one 32 gallon can, they will receive the 95 gallon can. A resident is allowed to change their can size without charge once within 90 days after the new cans are delivered. After 90 days, a \$30 per can size exchange will be required. It was mentioned that recycling may go away in the future and this may cause less room in residential cans as recyclables take up more volume. It was also mentioned that the blue bag program for extra garbage continues and that we adjust the rates and fees for these bags. A 15 gallon bag would increase from \$1 to \$2 per bag and the 30 gallon would increase from \$2 to \$4 per bag. Discussion continued on rates and fees for sanitation. Commissioner Pierce made a motion to table residential rates and fees

for automated collection until the Commission Meeting on September 8th. Commissioner Knowski seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

4) Next Steps to Automated Residential Garbage Collection

The City Engineer said that we will be working with the City Attorney to update the ordinance. He also said that a public information campaign still needs to be put out to the public.

ROB JOHNSON
INTERIM CITY AUDITOR/CITY ASSESSOR

JIM MOE
PRESIDENT OF CITY COMMISSION