MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DEVILS LAKE, ND
OCTOBER 19, 2026

The regular meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission was held on October 19, 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 – October 5, 2026

Commissioner Knowski made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2026, meeting. Commissioner Pierce 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

1) Utility Bill Appeal – Clayton Flock – 1103 4th Ave NE

Commissioner Knowski made a motion to work out a payment plan for the full balance due. Commissioner Uhlenkamp seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

2) Roll-Off Bill Appeal – Corey Nordenstrom – 901 1st St NE

Corey and Madison Nordenstrom approached the Commission regarding a roll-off bill that they received but did not order back in August. The Public Works Director talked to the Sanitation Supervisor who communicated that two long-term employees are the ones who delivered/picked up this roll-off. President Moe asked if they saw a dumpster at the property listed and Corey said that he never saw a dumpster until September, when he ordered one. Commissioner Pierce asked if they would be able to get a notarized letter from their neighbor regarding a roll-off never being placed on the property. Corey and Madison stated that they would be willing to do that and had considered it prior to coming to the meeting. The Public Works Director said that the Sanitation Supervisor was unable to make the meeting tonight. Commissioner Pierce made a motion to table the roll-off appeal at 901 1st St NE. Commissioner Knowski seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

COMMISSION PORTFOLIOS

Commissioner Pierce – The Fire Chief said they are doing a driver/operator certification course at the Fire Station this week.
Commissioner Pierce said he would like to a Shade Tree Committee meeting to see where they are at and look at the plans for next year.

Commissioner Uhlenkamp – The Public Works Director said that the Street Department is working on painting sections of Highway 2 that were worked on.
Commissioner Uhlenkamp said they have a Law Enforcement Center board meeting on Wednesday.

Commissioner Hach – The Public Works Director said that garbage collection will be picked up in the new cans this week. It was mentioned that every utility bill is going to be charged a base fee for garbage. If an individual is not paying for a can/dump fee, they are not paying for can service. Over the next couple of weeks, these cans will be picked up with a rear-load truck (semi-automated). When the Sanitation Department is putting the cans back down, it is important for the residents to pay attention to where the can is placed. The Public Works Director said that if someone had a Friday pickup, they will now be a Thursday pickup.
There is a roll-off at the Recycling Center that residents can put their old cans in, if they no longer want them.

The Police Chief said they had Yellowstone interdiction here from Montana and they will be doing training.

The Airport Manager said the painting that they currently have on the runway will be completed next spring. He said that October is supposed to be another record month.
He said that the FAA inspection is complete and there were just a few minor things that came up.

Commissioner Knowski – The Public Works Director said that a concerned citizen reached out regarding a catch basin along Kelly Ave & 12th St. The Utility Department is working on removing fishing piers for Lake Access.

The City Assessor said he will be attending a conference in Bismarck this week.

The Interim City Auditor said that a citizen filed a complaint, which has now been dealt with. He is also working on setting up a meeting with the County Auditor and County Treasurer regarding the special assessment issue that we had with the 2025 tax statements.
He is working with the City Attorney regarding the Attorney General's opinion specific to the E-911 opinion.
Commissioner Pierce asked about healthcare. The Interim City Auditor said that our preliminary number was 10%, and we still do not have the final numbers.

The City Attorney said there is a proposed transfer of land and a first reading later on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Automated Residential Garbage Collection Update

The Public Works Director gave this update under his portfolio.

2) New Business Application (Commissioner Pierce)

Commissioner Pierce said that he presented this at a previous meeting and has not received any feedback. This would have to be given to realtors and landowners so that they know this form needs to be completed. President Moe made a motion to authorize the new business application process. The Interim City Auditor asked if we could look into a process for this. No action was taken.

3) Schedule City Auditor Interviews

Commissioner Hach said that they went through the applications for the City Auditor Positions. The three (3) finalists are Wanna Dare, Brina Schuh, and Rob Johnson. Commissioner Hach said that he will be out of town October 21-28, but he is okay with the Commission moving forward. Interviews will be scheduled for Monday, October 26 starting at 1:00pm. Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve City Auditor Interviews. Commissioner Knowski seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

1) Updated Mileage and Lodging Rates

The Interim City Auditor gave an update on mileage and lodging rates.

2) LRHC – Request for 4th Quarter Funds

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Knowski seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1) First Reading Ordinance #1045 – Chapter 5.05: Vacant Commercial Storefronts

A first reading of Ordinance #1045 – Chapter 5.05: Vacant Commercial Storefronts was held.

2) Transfer of Parcel of Land (39-2727-00003-000) to Lake Region State College

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve the transfer of parcel of land (39-2727-00003-000) to Lake Region State College. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

3) Pay Estimate #3 – City Project 260102 – South Side

Commissioner Knowski made a motion to approve Pay Estimate #3 – City Project 260102 – South Side. Commissioner Hach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

Commissioner Uhlenkamp made a motion to approve Pay Estimate #6 – 2026 Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk. Commissioner Pierce seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

CITIZEN COMMENT

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1) September 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.

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ROB JOHNSON	**JIM MOE**
INTERIM CITY AUDITOR/CITY ASSESSOR	**PRESIDENT OF CITY COMMISSION**