

March 2nd, 2026, Davenport City Council meeting minutes

Members present: Mayor Lotzer, Aldermen Leslie, Hanson, Gjestvang, city maintenance Hans, Auditor Roster. Not present Alderman Beauclair.

Guests present: Dale Rubish- Ottertail Power Company, Eric Larson- Interstate Engineering, Deputy Sheriff Bushaw.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm. Pledge of Allegiance said.

Guests recognized first:

Mr. Rubish, Ottertail Power Company, presented a proposed renewal contract ordinance to the City of Davenport for the services from Ottertail power company, its successors and assigns for permission to erect, construct, install and maintain within the city of Davenport, the necessary fixtures to operate and furnish electric light, heat and power to the city and the inhabitants thereof. 1st reading held 03/02/2026 and shall be noted as Ordinance #2026-03-002. Motion to accept, second, passed. 2nd reading scheduled for April 6th, 2026. Full copy of Ordinance shall be published on the city web page davenportnd.com.

Mr. Larson, Interstate Engineering, presented 4 invoices from WW Goetsch for repairs to pump and pump shaft in pumphouse. Recommended paying 3 of the 4 invoices. The 4th invoice will be forwarded and charged to CC Steel s that bill is directly related to work they did not complete. Motion to accept the 3 invoices and forward the 4th made by Alderman Gjestvang, Seconded by Alderman Leslie. Passed.

Due to an email from the NDIRF, the auditor sent several questions to our city Engineer - Interstate Engineering regarding our sewer system. It was suggested that we get the lines scoped as it has been at least 15 years since it was last done. Discussion followed about how to proceed, cost estimates, etc. Larson had found several DVD records of the last time it was scoped and smoked and a map of the sewer system from back then. this may be a project that is done in stages. He will provide more answers at a future meeting relating to cost and suggestions.

Officer Bushaw presented monthly area incident report. Relatively quiet here but requests to be vigilant as crime in the county is active. He noted it is increasing in Horace. He stated no call of concern is downplayed or ignored. If you want to remain totally anonymous, he suggests using TIP 411. Users can download the NDTip app, use online forms, or text keyword (e.g., WFPD or NDCASS) followed by message to 847411. Not to be used for emergencies which require 911.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Motion to accept made by Alderman Leslie, Seconded by Alderman Hanson, passed.

The following February bills are presented for consent to pay. Motion to pay made by Alderman Gjestvang, Seconded by Alderman Leslie, passed.

Ottertail: 2800.76

Cass Rural Water: 1747.80

Steve Hans: 774.91

Mark Roster: 1719.06

Carol Mitchell: 215.87

Fat Man Trash: 1546.74

City of Fargo: 14.00

MLGC 112.21

City Utilities 75.50  
Park board: 4986.64  
Cemetery Fund: 576.74  
Airport Authority: 69.19  
Cass County Reporter: 143.68  
ND one call – TBD  
Lies, Bullis & Hatting: 80.00  
General Equipment 334.74  
Lake Agassiz Water Authority: 250.00  
True Value: 13.78  
WW Goetsch: 5737.50

Old Business:

2nd reading of the Model Floodplain management ordinance, mandated by the Legislative body of North Dakota. Motion to accept made by Alderman Leslie, second by Alderman Hanson, passed. This will be noted as Ordinance 2026-02-02. Full copy of ordinance shall be found on the city website at [davenportnd.com](http://davenportnd.com)

Mayor Lotzer relayed message from Kurt Lysene that the railroad has signed off on the dike project. Lotzer and Lysene shall approach the various state and county commissions for additional project funding, due to inflation and rising prices, starting mid-March.

Auditor noted that training for online utility payments will begin at the end of March, early April.

New Business:

Discussion for Green River Ordinance signage. Auditor tasked to order 3 signs. This lets solicitors know that a city permit is required for door-to-door salespeople.

Auditor presented a price estimate for repairing cracks in city streets. Auditor tasked to do more research. Tabled.

Auditor noted that April 6th at 7pm (regular scheduled meeting) the county assessor from the tax Equalization board will be meeting with the city council and any other interested parties.

Auditor reminded everyone present about forthcoming elections and the paperwork in his office.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Hanson, Seconded by Alderman Gjestvang, passed.

Adjourned 8:21 pm

Next meeting is Monday, April 6th, 2026, at 7 pm at the community center. All are welcome.

Faithfully submitted,

Mark Roster

City auditor