

## **Davenport September 8th, 2025 minutes**

City of Davenport

Cass County Reporter

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### **MINUTES of September 8th, 2025, Davenport City Council Meeting**

Present: Mayor Lotzer, Aldermen Hanson, Leslie, Gjestvang, Auditor Roster, City maintenance, Steve Hans. Guests: Kurt Lysene, Moore Engineering; Sheriff's Deputy Mike Bushaw, Heather Cedergren and Jarod Wunderlich, Davenport Park Board.

Mayor called meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance said. Guests recognized Park Board was present to offer a hearing for their 2025/2026 budget. No public present to ask any questions, thus they submitted their proposal to Auditor as final to include in the October deadline submission to the county.

Kurt Lysene presented further information about dike progress. Railroad has finally signed off to allow shut down of rail line for a given time period to put culverts under current lines.

Auditor asked about no one receiving any flood insurance information from their mortgage carriers by September 5th as stated should/would happen. No solid answer except the possibility that FEMA is still in the process of getting that information out to the various mortgage holders. Discussion ensued about the various state and county funds that should be applied towards cost share for when the project gets started.

Officer Bushaw presented call sheet. 44 calls made to sheriff's dept this past month. Officer was made aware of non-permitted solicitors in Davenport who were offering to do pavements etc. He asked that Department be notified with information immediately when they contact residents. Auditor will post notice at post office.

Minutes read. Motion to accept made by Alderman Gjestvang, seconded by Alderman Hanson, passed. Expense bills presented. Motion to pay made by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Beauclair, passed.

### **9/8/2025 presented consent bills to be paid**

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|-----------------------|---------|
| Ottertail Power Co.   | 1553.04 |
| Cass Rural Water      | 1687.86 |
| Steve Hans            | 2402.03 |
| Mark Roster           | 2410.63 |
| Carol Mitchell        | 215.87  |
| Fat Man Trash         | 1504.00 |
| City of Fargo         | 14.00   |
| MLGC                  | 96.51   |
| City Utilities Office | 75.50   |
| Cass county Reporter  | 74.80   |
| Park Board            | 250.86  |
| Express Lane          | 89.00   |
| True value            | 30.94   |
| Safe Yard             | 750.00  |
| Steins Inc            | 208.51  |
| Cheri Roster          | 63.75   |
| One Call Concepts     | 0.85    |

Brian Marley 100.00  
Steve Hans 175.00

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Auditor discussed new utility billing system and asked permission to order perforated sheets as no one in Fargo carried what is needed. Still some minor glitches due to learning curve and the way the system is set up vs what we have been using. More discussion in new business. Discussion ensued, again, about the street edges where the new repairs went in s they need to be filled and leveled. Council asked if Nick Gjestvang's company would have the time to do that and to fix the bent/broken curb stop shut off at the apartments as the shut offs are owned by the city. Nick stated they would be in the area and could get it done in the next week or so. Alderman Beauclair made a motion to hire Great Plains Site works to fix the curb stop and street edges. Hanson Seconded. Gjestvang recused himself from voting. Motion passed. Owner of weed covered lot on east side of town asked city to clear it as he does not have the equipment and he will reimburse the city. Steve Hans and his uncle mowed it. The charge is \$175.00.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Preliminary budget was presented for hearing. No public was present to ask questions or make comments. A few corrections will be made and presented to council at October meeting for final vote to be submitted to county. Note: City is not requesting any more than the maximum allowed by law of 3%. There will be no levy increase for 2025/2026.

Auditor asked to contact a residential homeowner to clean up resident as per our acceptance of the International Code of City ordinances.

Auditor brought forth more details about the new billing system and some of the glitches we are facing if we try to incorporate the past way of billing for water and sewer. Auditor asked the council to accept Banyon's billing system, noting it does not change the final amounts being billed for the majority of the residents, just makes the program run smoother. Mayor proposed to have it listed as a resolution.

**RESOLUTION # 251**

9/8/2025

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND / OR CLARIFYING WATER AND SEWER SERVICE**

**CHARGES:** WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Davenport, ND has adopted Ordinances which provide for the City to establish utility rates by Resolution, and

WHEREAS, the City of Davenport has reviewed the existing utility rates, the past and projected costs of utility services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council for the City of Davenport, Cass County, North Dakota as follows: This resolution clarifies how the current water and sewer charges are made based on 100-gallon usage after the first 2000 gallons, voiding all past resolutions based on 1000 gallon usage after initial amount.

**Monthly Utility Charges**

**Water** \$23 - first 2,000 gallons + 0.75 cents per 100 gallons  
after

**Sewer** \$23 - first 2,000 gallons + 0.10 cents per 100 gallons after

**UNCHANGED but noted with clarification:**

**Garbage** \$16.75/receptacle + \$10 /additional garbage receptacle

**Water Meter Fee/Deposit**                      **\$200.00** refundable when final utility bill is paid in full  
**Late Payment**                                      **\$5.00** fee added to next utility bill if paid after the 25th of  
each month till the day before deposit is made

**Or 10%** of total past due on bill if not paid by day  
before monthly deposit is made

**Disconnect fee:**                                      **\$50.00**      If delinquent utility bill has not been paid by the  
15th day of the 3rd billing cycle, the City maintains the right to disconnect water and stop  
garbage collection in addition to affixing the disconnect fee to current bill, which must be paid  
in full prior to reconnection.

**Reconnection Fee:**                                      **\$50.00**      The City maintains the right to affix the  
reconnection fee to delinquent utility bill to return full services, which must be paid in full at  
time of reconnection.

**Infrastructure Fee:**                                      **\$28.50**      The City maintains the right to charge a  
Infrastructure fee to each residential building, shop, storage unit and/or business that has a  
water meter assigned. This infrastructure fee funds current and ongoing sewer and water  
projects.

Motion made to accept resolution made by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Leslie,  
Passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Beauclair, Seconded by Alderman Leslie, Passed  
Adjourned at 8:12 pm

Next meeting, **Monday, October 6TH**, 2025, at 7pm, Community Center. Public is welcome.  
Faithfully submitted: Mark Roster, Auditor