

Minutes of City Council Meeting September 14,2026,

Present: Mayor Lotzer, Alderman Leslie, Hanson, Balderas, Gjestvang, Maintenance officer Hans, Auditor Roster. Guests: Deputy Sheriff Bushaw, Kurt Lysene, Moore Engineering

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm, Pledge recited, Guests recognized.

Officer Bushaw gave monthly area report. 55 calls for service. He did a background check on the recent door-door solicitor's company. He suggested to address our solicitation fee and develop a contract form they must sign before they solicit in town. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that address a ordinance change regarding the fee and procedures in the near future.

Lysene, Moore engineering, stated that mobilization on the dike project should begin within the next couple of weeks. Has a meeting with the railroad on Wednesday. There was a slight hiccup dealing with land east that they took care of.

Minute of the August meeting were read. Motion to accept made by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Gjestvang. Passed.,

Consent items for payments were reviewed. Motion to accept made by Alderman Leslie, seconded by Alderman Balderas, passed.

Current August bills presented September 14th, 2026, for consent to pay:

Ottertail Power 1625.05

Cass Rural Water 2083.41

Steve Hans 1708.07

Mark Roster 2131.31

Carol Mitchell 215.87

Fat Man Trash 1546.74

City of Fargo 14.00

MKLGC 106.67

City Utilities 75.50

Cass County Reporter 124.25

ND One Call 13.5

Park board 327.79

Cemetery Board 12.25

Airport Authority 1.52

IRS Monthly filing 1110.39

Team Lab 36.00

Rachael Schmidt - \$250.00

High Tide 420.00

IRS penalties 857.76

Post Office 12.74

Mark Roster 11.82

Oscar Hanson 255.00

Mark Baker street repairs 15,160.00

Rebecca Christianson 50.00

NDEQ 50.00

Donna Moos 3265.94

OLD BUSINESS:

The poor street blockades were noted and brought up for discussion. When further street work is to be contracted that requires street closures, there will be verbiage stating that the contractor shall supply reflective uprights clear across the road blockades.

Auditor noted that he contacted 4 different companies that advertise water tank cleaning to give a bid to clean our city water tank. No response. Will continue to reach out. Suggestion was made to contact Cass Rural Water to see if they might be able to guide us.

NEW BUSINESS:

NDRW Association sent 2 liaisons to Davenport to check on our sewer system via scope and camera, as it was suggested since the lines have never been scoped since installing in 1979. They could not scope due to sludge and water build up. We put word out to several contractors that scope and jet the sewer line. 1 came back with a proposal that the city accepted. To do up to a 3-pass jetting (pressure cleaning) and with a camera for \$31,312 bid. This will take place sometime in early October. Residents need to be made aware that this may cause their houses to have a sewer gas smell while they are working in their neighborhood. Hanson made a motion to accept/ Balderas seconded, passed

Fire Department made a request for a gaming permit and use of the community center for their annual Sportsmen banquets Nov, 7th, 2026. Leslie made a motion to accept, Hanson seconded, Passed.

They also asked for a city permit for the bar to set up a on sale at the event. Motion made by Balderas to grant a permit, seconded by Hanson, passed.

Gjestvang brought up for discussion about the fence repair at the lagoon. It was a lot more work than what was initially thought. Thank you Donna Moos and Renee Flom for fighting through the heat and the weeds to accomplish a great job!

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

Adjourned at 8:36 pm

Next meeting – October 5th, 7 pm at the community center. Main agenda, 2026-27 budget. Public is welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Roster – Davenport city auditor