

MINUTES of the April 7th, 2025, Davenport City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Lotzer, Aldermen Leslie, Hanson, Beauclair, Gjestvang, Auditor Roster, City maintenance, Steve Hans. Guests: Jared Wunderlich, Eric Larson, Interstate Engineering, James Binfet, Kurt Lysene, Moore Engineering, and Sheriff's Deputy Mike Bushaw.

Meeting called to order by Mayor at 7:041 pm. Pledge of Allegiance said.

Wunderlich, city Park Board President, inquired about the deeded land that is used as the ice-skating rink, that is currently in a trust and is run by the city Park board. There is interest in selling it back to the trustees and using the money for playground equipment and further park improvements. A copy of the Quit claim deed dated Oct 18, 1965, registered Dec 13, 1966, was presented. Auditor will check minutes from that time frame for other information.

Larson, Interstate Engineering, came to answer questions about the Lead/ copper program. Auditor stated he just received more information today and will follow up with the state, Larson also inquired about a billing error to the city and if it was cleared up, the auditor stated it was.

Binfet, inquired about widening his driveway approach to square up with retaining wall along side house. The council gave permission to do so with the understanding what type of culvert needs to be put in and to make sure the slope is correct for proper drainage before covering culvert.

Lysene, Moore engineering, FEMA map has been accepted, official map should be out in June. If residents have made elevation improvements and want to challenge the current map, it needs to be done before the official map is out. This is at homeowners' expense (survey cost). Any elevation work done and not challenged before the official map is out is considered fill and not subject for elevation change/challenge. Once the official map is recorded, residents have 6 months to apply for lower flood insurance rates, usually through guidance from their mortgage holders. Lysene will check into getting further information to auditor about insurance, Lysene also stated that they are waiting for some final agreements with the railroad, all other land has been secured.

Deputy Bushaw presented the area activity report. He reminds everyone to be vigilant. Report any parked cars in town, out in the country or suspicious activity. Criminal activity in the area is increasing with warmer weather. Call 701-241-5800, let them know this is not an emergency but a report.

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

4/7/2025 presented consent bills to be paid

Ottertail Power Co.	2393.22
Cass Rural Water	1612.55
Steve Hans	707.13

Mark Roster	1596.40
Carol Mitchell	215.87
Fat Man Trash	1504.00
City of Fargo	14.00
MLGC	97.46
City Utilities Office	76.50
Cass county Reporter	61.52
Park Board	5512.33
Cemetery Board	599.67
K/D Airport Authority	77.97
CHS Propane	479.15
Steins Inc	72.76
Kindred True Value	37.43
Davenport Post Office	1900.00
WSI	250.
IRS 1st Qtr	TBD
State Tax Comm 1st QTR	TBD
Job Service 1st Qtr	TBD

OLD BUSINESS:

The auditor reported a resident in extreme arrears on utility bills. Discussion ensued. Deputy informed the city to call for sheriff support for civil standby if there aren't satisfactory results before the current deadline.

The auditor reported he received a service contract bid from Butler on the generator for the pumphouse. Higher than expected but it does include all parts, labor, oil and travel. 3 Years Power Gen Annual Inspection Plan \$894 per Annual Service - \$2,682 Total

The mayor reported further information pertaining to utility billing programs. Black mountain, Excel, Quick books, Banyon. Reported costs, advantages, disadvantages, working with online payments, etc. Prices ranged from \$18,000 one-time fee + \$9000 annual fees (highest) to \$4800 one-time fee + \$1425 annual fee. The least expensive offers what this city needs. Motion made by Alderman Gjestvang, seconded by Alderman Leslie to move forward with Banyon contingent

on Mayors final approval. Passed We will be offering the credit card program to residents that is compatible with Banyon once this is integrated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Date set for Davenport clean-up day. Saturday May 17th. Auditor presented dumpster quotes and asked to follow up with one company to insure the quote offers what he wrote down over a phone conversation. Alderman Beauclair stated he will have a trailer parked at the community center for dead batteries

Auditor informed the City Council that the County Assessor's office sent notice that they are not be at tonight's meeting due to staff shortage. The auditor passed around the residential assessment information. Tabled acceptance or denial of assessments until May meeting in case residents want to come to the office to check their assessments.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Leslie. Passed

Adjourned at 8:17

Next meeting, Monday May 5th, 2025, at 7pm, Community Center

Faithfully submitted: Mark Roster, Auditor