

## **MINUTES of June 2nd, 2025, Davenport City Council Meeting**

Present: Mayor Lotzer, Aldermen Hanson, Leslie, Beauclair, Gjestvang, Auditor Roster, City maintenance, Steve Hans. Guests: Chrissy Nelson, Fargo Parks gaming; Craig Bjur, Fargo Parks Foundation director; Steve Serrao, Davenport Supper Club owner; Jarod Wunderlich, Davenport Lions Club President; Bryan Goldade, Sheriff's Deputy Mike Bushaw.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Lotzer. The Pledge of Allegiance said.

Guests recognized first: Serrao requested June 30 – Dec 31 renewal of beer and liquor license. Motion made to renew, seconded, passed. Bjur and Nelson presented request for venue application to host gaming at Davenport supper Club and lounge. Motion to consider request made by Alderman Leslie, seconded by Alderman Gjestvang. Discussion ensued with what the foundation was and its goals, followed by numerous questions from the city council, statements from Davenport Lions, statements from Supper Club owner. The mayor asked for further questions or statements. Hearing none, the mayor called for a vote to grant Fargo Parks Foundation a permit for venue application to have the Davenport Supper Club as an authorized gaming site. All in favor - 0, all against – 4, motion did not carry thus authorization failed.

Deputy Bushaw presented the area activity report. He reminds everyone to be vigilant especially over Davenport Days. Report suspicious activities, whether in town or out in the surrounding countryside. Criminal activity in the area is increasing. Call 701-241-5800, to report a non-emergency situation. He then requested information on the upcoming Davenport Days events and confirmed that the Cass County Sheriffs Dept will be present with a display. Wunderlich will provide him with security details for the dance etc.

Goldade was present to observe discussion.

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

### **6/2/2025 presented consent bills to be paid**

Ottertail Power Co.	1493.00
Cass Rural Water	1343.14
Steve Hans	926.85
Mark Roster	1883.86
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	99.79
Park Board	231.81
Banyon Data Systems	4816.00
Kindred True Value	8.58
Lake Agassiz Water Authority	250.00
Office Max	165.48
Pioneer Roll-off	1200.00
DavTech window services	157.00
Oscar Hanson	45.00

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion about cleanup weekend. 2 dumpsters seem adequate for household. There was discussion about the amount of construction lumber put in household dumpsters despite signage. Discussion on additional security cameras to be located outside of the community center. Officer Bushaw added his advice. Auditor to get quote from Midnight Solutions.

Auditor stated he needs payment for permit from 701 Spirit Bar and Grill (Kindred) for off sale beer and liquor license for Davenport Days.

Auditor requested make, model, etc. information on portable generator for service contract.

Auditor reported that he has received the Banyon software for updating city utility billing and bookkeeping. Will start the installing and teaching process this month with a completion date tentatively set for September billing. The mayor noted that all of 2025 's antiquated handwritten ledger book recordings starting Jan 1, 2025, through current date will be transferred to the electronic bookkeeping to bring us up to date!

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The approved FEMA flood insurance maps have been sent to the city office as of this date. Residents should be getting a letter from FEMA in the near future directing them about flood insurance requirements until the dike is built. This will go into full effect come September 1st. Mortgage companies for property in Davenport should be notified. Moore Engineering is meeting with the Railroad on June 6th to hopefully finalize that portion of the project so it can be opened up for bids.

Request from Renee Flom, representing Davenport Lutheran Church for a 1 day, 50/50 raffle, to be held June 21st during Davenport Days. Motion made to grant made by Alderman Gjestvang, seconded by Alderman Hanson, passed.

Request from Davenport Lions to hold a silent auction June 21st during Davenport Days. Motion to grant made by Alderman Leslie, seconded by Alderman Hanson, passed.

Auditor reported he checked with Midwest Inspection Services, our building permit liaison, about the city property damage clause with contractors building and /or moving in houses into Davenport. The inspection company stated we should reword our current clause as it is very weak as to who pays what for damages. The mayor will work with Midwest on updating wording and bring it to the next council meeting.

Street repairs/patching were discussed. Several locations were earmarked for repairs this summer. Auditor tasked to contact several blacktop companies and Alderman Beauclair tasked to contact several cement companies for quotes.

Discussion ensued for July city council meeting date due to the long holiday weekend. The council meeting moved from Monday, July 7th to Tuesday July 8th.

Motion to adjourn made to adjourn, seconded, Passed

Adjourned at 8:07 pm

Next meeting, **Monday, JULY 8TH**, 2025, at 7pm, Community Center

Faithfully submitted: Mark Roster, Auditor