

MINUTES of August 4th, 2025, Davenport City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Lotzer, Aldermen Hanson, Leslie, Gjestvang, Auditor Roster, City maintenance, Steve Hans. Not present: Alderman Beauclair. Guests: Dan Bessler, Sheriff's Deputy Mike Bushaw.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Lotzer. The Pledge of Allegiance said. Guests recognized first: Deputy Bushaw presented the area activity report. The Sheriff's dept responded to 26 calls. Relatively quiet. 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. Call 701-241-5800, to report a non-emergency situation.

Minutes read. One correction noted -, date of August meeting date was recorded as the 3rd, should have been the 4th. Motion to accept made with correction by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Gjestvang, passed. Expense bills were presented. Motion made to pay made by Alderman Leslie, seconded by Alderman Hanson, passed.

8/4/2025 presented consent bills to be paid

Ottertail Power Co.	1625.11
Cass Rural Water	2105.64
Steve Hans	1168.94
Mark Roster	1959.26
Carol Mitchell	215.87
Fat Man Trash	1504.00
City of Fargo	14.00
MLGC	96.37
City Utilities Office	75.50
Cass county Reporter	77.26
Park Board	252.84
Kost Materials	9780.00
Express Lane	55.00
Stephen Beauclair	40.34
True value	30.94
Team Lab	1580.00
Cass County Gov	290.00
Safe Yard	375.00
Butler Machinery	20.50
BND Bond 09	10,750.00
BND Bond 22	20,600.00
Oscar Hanson	75.00
Great Plains Site works	5509.50
Best Buy	1163.68
Conex Construction	10,000.00
US Treasury	2864.50
ND State Tax Comm	167.58
Job Service	8.73
World Insurance - NDIRF property	1387.00
World Insurance- NDIRF Auto, CGL, Inland	2072.00

Anyscan	7.99
Office Max	174.97

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor presented the revised Model Ordinance Flood Plain Management document for the second reading. Motion to accept as read made by Alderman Leslie, seconded by Alderman Hanson. Passed unanimously. Auditor tasked to send confirmation to FEMA contacts. NOTE: IN LEIU of publishing the whole ordinance, be it known that a copy is available from the City Auditors office for asking or on the city web site.

Auditor noted that city residents have been notified, via city utility bill notices, that the FEMA Model D ordinance goes into effect September 5th. Mortgage holders (banks, etc) should contact residents prior to that date with information about flood insurance needed. The city has nothing to do with dispersing this information.

Auditor noted that he has been in contact with Banyon – our new utility and record keeping program. He will be starting the web site training for utility billing sometime between August 11 through the 15th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on the preliminary city budget ensued. The council set Monday September 8th at 7 pm as the open public budget discussion meeting at the Community Center. Due to the new limited 3% cap, we will be concentrating on utilizing most of that allowed increase for street repairs. This will take place in conjunction with the monthly city council meeting. The county auditor will also notify all city residents this information by August 30th.

Discussion ensued about the 2 vacant lots on east side of 5th street overgrowth of weeds. Owners have been contacted. Regarding furthest north lots, owner will take care of property, the middle empty lot, owner asked for assistance to have it mowed and then be billed. City maintenance, Hans, will check around to see if someone can help with a large mower.

Discussion ensued about standing water in ditches. Also brought forth were possible options on culverts and filling in the steep ditches in front of several residential properties.. Concerns brought forth due to past experiences of trying to thaw out culverts that were frozen up come spring. Tabled.

Discussion ensued to have city fill in edges of new street repair filled in with dirt and in one place, gravel. This should take place in the next several weeks as time allows.

Auditor noted that the first Monday in September is Labor Day holiday. Monthly city council meeting moved to Monday, September 8th at 7 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Hanson to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Leslie, Passed Adjourned at 8:05 pm

Next meeting, **Monday, SEPTEMBER 8TH**, 2025, at 7pm, Community Center. A public budget hearing to also take place at this meeting. Public is welcome.

Faithfully submitted: Mark Roster, Auditor