

Minutes of Davenport city council meeting June 1, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Members present: Mayor Jason Lotzer, Aldermen Dale Leslie, Oscar Hanson, Stephen Beauclair, Nick Gjestvang, Auditor Mark Roster, City Maintenance Steve Hans

Guests present: Deputy Sheriff Bushaw, Lloyd Hunter Davenport Fire Chief

Guests recognized first: Officer Bushwa presented monthly report of area activity. Relatively quiet. Made mention to pay attention for county wide fire bans when enforced.

Fire Chief Hunter present to observe.

Minutes were presented for approval. Motion to accept by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Leslie passed

The following May bills were presented for consent to be paid. Motion made by Alderman Beauclair, seconded by Alderman Hanson. Passed.

MAY 2026 BILLS

Ottertail Power 2013.02

Cass Rural Water 1469.29

Steve Hans 1598.64

Mark Roster 1198.64

Carol Mitchell 215.87

Fat Man Trash 1546.74

City of Fargo 14.00

MKLGC 107.28

City Utilities 75.50

Cass County reporter TBD

ND One call – TBD

Park board 218.96

Cemetery Board 5.07

Airport Authority 0.64

Pioneer Roll offs 1200.00

Team Lab 1814.00

Kindred True Value 34.54

Express Lane 60.00

Dakota Pump and Control 696.00

Butler Cat 961.20

Office Max – 92.12

ND Rural Water Association 275.00

Core and Main 1347.92

Old Business:

Alderman Gjestvang was asked if there were any other estimates submitted to have our sewer lines inspected and documented plus smoke testing. He reported there were no other bids other than the one from Jet Way. Auditor presented a flyer from the ND Rural water Association with membership pricing for the same service at considerable savings from the previous quote. Discussion followed. Auditor tasked to contact ND Rural Water Association to set up a schedule to have NDRWA come to Davenport to do GIS Mapping, Sewer Camera and smoke testing.

Steve Hans reported that the lift station pumps are working fine now. There was a stuck float that was causing overflow.

Alderman Stephen Beauclair reported going around town and marking out the street areas that need priority repair. Currently there are about 3400 sq feet of repairs needed. Beauclair has been in contact with Mark Baker of Conex – who did the repairs last year and has received a tentative quote to keep the repair price about the same per sq foot as last years repairs.

Motion made by Alderman Leslie and Seconded by Alderman Hanson to move forward working with Mark Baker of Conex for street repairs on marked areas contingent that repairs fall within the allotted budget of less than \$30,000. Passed.

Mayor gave update on dike/flood control project. Bids are out and offers that have responded will close at 2 pm June 4th and will be opened via teams meeting at 3 pm. He informed the council that he, along with Kurt Lysene from Moore Engineering, were in Bismarck at the end of May to meet with the water commission board and was grilled relatively harshly about the extension for funding and why the project hasn't been started. He explained that the delays were mainly 2-fold. 1st due to land purchase negotiations skyrocketing due to what FEMA had paid for area buyouts made it harder to come up with a workable price for acquiring needed land and 2nd the railroad lines being owned by 2 different railroad entities and having to come up with time frames that would satisfy both rail systems when it comes time to put in culverts etc., and easements. He touched briefly that there is still another meeting to attend with the Cass County flood tax commission to ask for additional funding to offset rising cost projections. There were concerns about all the trash being left on the streets after garbage pickup on Fridays for the last 2 pickups. Auditor contacted Fat Man trash last week expressing those concerns and was told they were made aware of the situation several days earlier but apparently the situation was not fixed. They are also stated they are getting a "new to them" truck around the end of May foist part of June. Auditor was sent pictures of the most recent trash left on streets after the May 29th pick up and he will forward this information again to Fat Man trash after tonight's meeting.

Due to lack of interest and personnel by the park board to maintain the area known as the skating rink, that piece of property has been turned back to the city of Davenport. Since this land is in an irrevocable trust, held by its owners and donated to the city of Davenport years ago, to be utilized strictly for park and recreation, the city council has opted to contact the current owners and return it to them. Mayor Lotzer will follow up with that task.

Steve Hans has been tasked to fix the wiring on the NW corner of the fence surrounding the lagoon, as it is down.

Davenport Supper Club and Lounge owner, Ryan McGregor, asked auditor to bring forth a request to renew the bar license for July 1-Dec 31, 2026. Motion to accept made by Alderman Hanson, Seconded by Alderman Leslie, passed

Question was brought up about installing a fence on property. Referring to the Model Ordinances, the city has accepted as our guide. There is currently no need to purchase a fence permit. Owner must pay attention to rules of the ordinance (online at davenportnd.com), easements and property lines.

Auditor reminded those present that elections are on Tuesday June 9th and asked about setting a date for swearing in of elected officials after official results are recorded. Swearing in will take place in the community centers meeting room on Monday June 15th at 7 pm. Auditor will

contact elected person, from City council and Park board requesting they be present to swear oath of office and sign documents.

Due to the 4th of July falling on a Saturday this year, some folks have Monday the 6th off. Next city council meeting will be held TUESDAY July 7th at 7 pm at the community center.

Auditor addressed the situation of complaints about the fireworks going off last Saturday evening. Guilty parties confessed to the situation. It was brought up that maybe in the future the city needs to have a resolution dealing with purchasing a permit to host fireworks on the non-scheduled days of July 1st – 5th and New Years Eve in accordance with our city ordinance. Permit would require the host to post notice that fireworks would be going off on a scheduled date and time. Tabled.

Motion called for adjournment by Alderman Hanson, seconded by alderman Beauclair passed. Adjourned at 7:51 pm

Faithfully submitted, Mark Roster, city auditor.