

Dawson City Council  
February 18th, 2025  
5:30 p.m.

Oath Of Office was given for newly elected Council Member Randy Stafford.

Councilpersons present: Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, Dean Petersen, David Hansen, Jake Bothun and Randy Stafford. Others present: Mayor JT Schacherer, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, City Manager Jill Kemen, City Clerk Kristin Daline, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Jared Rouge, Jason & Val Olson, Colin Lee and Gerald Harberts.

Mayor Schacherer called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the agenda with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Councilman Olson, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Stafford. Motion passed.

Councilman Bothun motioned to approve consent agenda item 4, February 4th Council Minutes with a second from Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Councilman Olson, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Stafford. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Schacherer opened the 10 Minute Public Forum at 5:32, hearing nothing, the public forum was closed.

Trail's Edge Duplex Bid Review. Jared Rouge will be present.

The city received bids from two general contractors. Those bids were presented February 12<sup>th</sup> at city hall. James with Southwest Housing, City Attorney Rick Stulz, City Manager Jill Kemen, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Charlie Prestholdt, Jared Rouge and his team, Tom Bothun and Brent Moseng were in attendance. Low bid was awarded to Jared Rouge with Rouge Construction. Later in the meeting the resolution to accept the bid will be presented. Councilman Olson mentioned he received a phone call from a bidder expressing fairness in the bid process. The bidder did not feel with the information given it was bid apples to apples and would like to discuss further. Councilman Olson and Stulz will meet tomorrow to discuss concerns. Councilman Adelman would like the list of subcontractors for the council to see.

Reports of officers, boards and committees

Above Ground Meeting recap. The committee reviewed the golf cart ordinance. Thoughts are to have the permit go from a lifetime permit to a yearly permit, making it easier for the police

department to monitor. The current language of the ordinance will also be discussed. The committee will meet again to discuss further. The committee, and Collins discussed vehicles and equipment to be put on a schedule for trades etc. The committee wants to wait for the 2024 audit to come back before approving the purchase of a blade for the used loader the city will be leasing to purchase. The committee also recommended bringing the discussion of annexing properties into the city to the next council meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report.

Tim, who will be replacing the media at the water plant provided the city a budget quote. He will also check the paint; this could be listed separate. If painting needs to be done it can be pushed to a later date. He will be in Dawson the last week of February to look over things. Ryan, with Moore Engineering, will be bringing the W/WW engineer in March to get familiar with the plant and changes with the permit. The loader is in Marshall getting checked over, possibly be delivered by the end of the week. Kurt has not heard anything more on the manhole lining. Widseth was supposed to be looking in to seeing if the city qualifies for PFA funding.

City Manager Jill Kemen's Report.

Jill received two bids for an equipment certificate for the loader. 6.9% from RDO for 5 years and 5.89% from CAP First Equipment Finance Inc. for 5 years lease payment for option to buy at the end. At your seat was a memorandum from Ehlers regarding the Trail's Edge Duplex project. Ehlers recommends the project, finds the project fully feasible, with nothing additional added to the levy. The duplex project is tax exempt from property taxes due to workforce housing certification.

Old Business

Golf/ATV/UTV city ordinance discussion. A change of city ordinance will require two readings and official newspaper posting before going into effect. Kemen is looking for the thoughts from council on the following: Year to year permit with colors to coordinate. League has recommendations for language, can't prohibit what state law allows. Slow moving emblems, rearview mirror. State statute, not required to have driver's license, but old enough to buy insurance. Motorized means electric or gas powered. Please bring any suggestions to Jill. The committee will meet at a later date to discuss further.

New Business

A recommendation from the Above Ground Committee to bring the discussion of annexation of properties into the city for full council review to start the process. Stulz explained the process of an orderly annexation and doing certain areas at a time. Council heard concerns about the

annexation from residents who live along N. 4<sup>th</sup> street. Jill will meet with Riverside Township on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Adleman motioned to move forward with more discussion through committee first with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Stafford. Opposed, Councilman Olson and Councilman Petersen. Motion passed. Councilman Hansen asked that the process be defined and not to attach homeowner's names to the properties.

#### Ordinances & Resolutions

A resolution to accept the bid from Rouge Construction for the Trail's Edge Duplex project was presented. Councilman Hansen motioned to accept the bid contingent upon Ricks conversation with Southwest Housing and the concerns from Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Petersen. After more discussion, Kemen suggested moving the two duplexes on the north, Block 1, lot 1 to Block 2, lots 4 and 5. This could save the city additional costs in fill and not having to dig in to the street for new services. Kemen will set up a meeting with Teri Hoving to discuss moving the duplexes to the new location. Councilman Bothun motioned to accept the bid contingent upon the conversation with Stulz and Southwest Housing and the concerns brought to Councilman Olson, and move the north two duplexes to the center lots, which Kemen mentioned with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Stafford, Councilman Olson and Councilman Petersen. The public hearing for the bond sale is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>. If that sale goes through, money will be made available by April 17<sup>th</sup>. Jared is eager to get the project started.

#### Miscellaneous Announcements.

The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. A Funding Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30a.m. Tyler Franzky's start date is Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Stop in and introduce yourself. The next EDA meeting is Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at noon.

With nothing more to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully,



Kristin Daline, City Clerk



J.T. Schacherer, Mayor