

Dawson City Council  
May 16th, 2023  
5:30 p.m.  
Public Hearing on Phase 2 Street Assessments at 5:35 p.m.

Councilpersons presents: JT Schacherer, Vince Adelman, Jeff Olson, David Hansen and Jake Bothun. Absent: Charlie Prestholdt. Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Jill Kemen, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, Public Works Supervisor Colin Lee, Lauren Olson, Delbert Thielke, Dave Falness, Burt Faehn, Dave Hickey, Randy Haakenson, Sharon & Curt Johnsrud, Emily Polzine, Marlys Heath, Jim Lehman, Jesse Kilpatrick, Jim Prestholdt, Matt DeLeHunt-Widseth, Keith Knutson, Chad Felton, David Pederson, Lee Gunderson, Lori Hilleren, Phyllis Lund, Nancy Falness Jeff Kuhn and Blaine Green with Widseth and City Attorney Rick Stulz.

Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve the agenda, with a second from Councilman Schacherer. Voting in favor Councilman Hansen, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Olson and Councilman Adelman. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motioned passed.

Councilman Schacherer motioned to approve the May 2nd, 2023 Council Minutes with a second from Councilman Adelman. Voting in favor Councilman Hansen, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Olson and Councilman Adelman. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motioned passed.

10-Minute Public Forum

Mayor Tensen opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:31 pm. Resident Lauren Olson stated she had her water meter installed and the gentleman was a sweetheart. With nothing more to discuss, Mayor Tensen closed the 10-minute public forum at 5:32 pm.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's report

The MPCA was in town and inspected the Water plant today, along with the Levy and pump house. All locations were good. The Swimming pool is just about full and will start filtering tomorrow. Councilman Hansen would like to thank Colin for taking him and Councilman Bothun for the tour of the Water treatment plant to see its operations.

Mayor Tensen closed the regular Council Meeting at 5:35 pm and opened the Public Hearing on Phase 2 Street Assessments.

Public Hearing 5:35 pm

Del Thielke- wondering why the price is different on two sides of his house on the corner of Chestnut and 7th. Mentioned sidewalk was taken out after he asked construction crew to leave it in.

Randy Haakenson- not here to change minds. Doesn't feel it is a good time for assessments, and wonder where people will come up with the money with our current economy.

Burt Faehn- inquired about the 24' of city property on both sides of Memorial.

Lori Hilleren-owns property in Phase 1 that had an interest rate of 4.1%. Phase 2 has an interest rate of 6.3%. Inquiring why the interest rate is different. Jeff Kuhn explained that these are considered two separate projects, and the city has separate bonds for each Phase.

Jesse Kilpatrick- paying for the last two times they fixed 9th Street. Why being assessed again and the footage amount is incorrect. The street has been fixed three times in 20 years. Kuhn said he would verify and get back to him.

Blaine Green & Jeff Kuhn presented the power point presentation Widseth put together on Phase 2.

Jim Prestholdt- inquired about a sidewalk on Pine/Chestnut on the North side. The original plans only went to 12<sup>th</sup> Street, but the sidewalks were extended to Memorial on one side.

Kilpatrick-10th/Walnut had a nice sidewalk. Will not be replaced, fill will be brought in.

Marlys Heath- verified the date of payment with no interest, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Randy Haakenson-will there be a Phase 3?

Lee Gunderson-Need for phase 3, have heard rumblings.

Dave Hickey- responded to Gunderson. There was talk of doing upgrades to the WW plant.

Chad Felton- inquired if Pine Street gets wider to the West.

Kemen-safe routes to school, the city will be cleaning the snow.

Lee Gunderson- inquired about the extra work that needs to be done to fix Chestnut St., 14th & Walnut and around Grace Lutheran Church man hole. Kuhn said they are aware of the issues, and they will be fixed.

Marlys Heath- complimented on the generosity of the construction crew with helping her with her groceries.

Kilpatrick- handicap ramp on each corner of his lot? Kuhn will look into it specifically.

Faehn- doesn't miss his sidewalk for removing snow.

Dave Peterson- how long before significant work has to be done again. Kuhn state that new lines underground should last 50 years or better. Some of the pipe that has been replaced is 100 years old. Road surface is 25 years plus. Green said that the road would not be a complete reconstruct, but mill and overlay is an option.

Councilman Adelman made a comment that if the city doesn't do the necessary work now, when do we do it? Assessments are going to be tough for people.

Green with Widseth- cracked concrete 1 year warranty-punch list for contractor-on occasion cracked concrete. Hairline cracks will be discussed with city staff. Settlement may happen on the streets and will be corrected at contractor's cost.

With nothing more to discuss, Mayor Tensen closed the Public Hearing at 6:13 pm.

#### City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

1. Due to the meter project starting Monday, all meters were read yesterday (May 15<sup>th</sup>) in the morning. The billing cycle will be longer in June so all meters can be installed. July will have a short billing cycle. Bills are still due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and the city will still be applying penalties and shutoffs if need be.

2. Pool Manager Chad Felton will be returning for the season. New lounge chairs, a leaf blower and cross net have been purchased. The city crew have made necessary repairs on the deck. Training with the Darning Group has been scheduled for lifeguard training. Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon is the goal date for opening. Felton has fourteen lifeguards for the 2023 season, twice as many as last year.

### Old business

1. The Liquor Store building did not receive any bids before the May 5<sup>th</sup> deadline. Kemen put it back on the city website with a new bid cutoff of May 19<sup>th</sup>. Kemen did receive one bid today, which will be discussed at an enterprise meeting before bringing it to Council. With Council only meeting once in June, July and August an ordinance change was provided in the packet which will be discussed further in the meeting. A Memorandum was enclosed regarding liquor licenses that can be sold in Dawson.
2. Resident, and owner of Dawson Bowl in Dawson Jim Lehman addressed the council inquiring about the condition of alleys on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Streets alleys and the communication problem for main street businesses during construction. "Who decided to not do the alleys? It cannot be cost effective to keep patching? Resident Jim Prestholdt, and owner of Jim's Clothing said they were told construction would be happening block by block starting by the river. He said alleys need to be fixed on each side of 6<sup>th</sup> street. Traffic has been down extremely this week because there is nowhere to park in the back with the tile in the city lot behind his business. Councilman Olson asked if the business owners would be willing to pick up the tab for repairs on the alleys? More discussion after Kuhn gets an estimate for the alleys to be replaced. Councilman Schacherer mentioned that the football/baseball street has been put on hold.
3. Jeff Kuhn gave the construction update. He apologized for the communication on main street. The construction will slow down when they get into the actual downtown area. Underground work downtown is estimated to be another 3-4 weeks. Weekly construction meeting on Tuesdays. If residents or businesses have questions regarding their property Kuhn asked that they reach out to the city, Widseth or the construction crew. Councilman Hansen asked if the grocery store is able to get trucks in and asked if a stop sign could be put up on the minimum maintenance road and Diagonal Street.

### New Business

1. Schommer's Concessions and Catering applied for a Peddler's Permit. Councilman Bothun asked if these permits give free rein throughout the city or how does it work? Discussion on Riverfest and the concession stand. City Attorney Stulz said if the city wanted to put stipulations on where vendors can set up throughout the year, the city can do that but it needs to be put in writing. Councilman Olson motioned to approve the catering license with a second from Councilman Adelman. Voting in favor, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed.

### Ordinances & Resolutions

1. Second reading of Ordinance 6-3-2 (233) to amend parking was included in the packet. The parking ordinance states that all vehicles are to park according to the markings or signs. The city received a variance for main street parking which will be parallel on the West side and diagonal on the East side. Councilman Olson motioned to approve Ordinance 6-3-2 (233) with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed
2. First reading of the Ordinance Amending the Intoxicating Liquor provisions to allow off-sale licenses and repeal of municipal liquor dispensary was presented. If the city sells the Liquor Store building, the city would then be able to sell off-sale licenses. The city would offer

off-sale and club licenses. Motion to approve the first reading failed, and more discussion was had. Councilman Bothun wanted a clearer understanding that if they approved the first reading, what does this set-in motion. The first reading is what is being proposed, and if it goes to a Second reading would be open for public comment followed by publication in the paper. No motion needed on the first reading.

3. Resolution 05162023B Adopting Assessments of Phase 2 Street & Utility project was presented. On motion from Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Schacherer to approve Ordinance 05162023B. Voting in favor, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed.

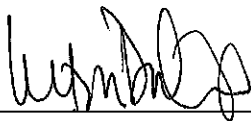
4. Approval of applications for deferred assessments in regards to Phase 2 and Street and Utility project was presented. Applications were also available to Phase 1 residents. On motion from Councilman Schacherer with a second from Councilman Adelman to approve the application of deferred assessments. Voting in favor, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

1. The next Council meeting is Tuesday, June 6th at 5:30 p.m. Unless a Special meeting is needed, Council will meet the first Tuesday of the month in June, July and August.

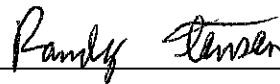
With nothing more to discuss, Councilman Bothun motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.



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Kristin Daline, City Clerk



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Randy Tensen, Mayor