

Dawson City Council
August 1st, 2023
5:30 pm

Councilpersons present: Charlie Prestholdt, JT Schacherer, Vince Adelman, Jeff Olson, David Hansen and Jake Bothun. Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Jill Kemen, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, Burt Faehn, Pastor Kendall Stelter, Tim Borstad, Emily Polzine, Lauren Olson, Melissa Streich and City Attorney Rick Stulz.

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

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

Councilman Schacherer motioned to approve consent agenda 4, July 11th Council Meeting Minutes, item 5 July 26th work session minutes, item 14A financials and 14B 2nd quarter financials with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion passed.

Melissa Streich with Western Minnesota Prairie Waters addressed the Council to present what Prairie Waters has to offer with a membership. Streich went through the Visitor Relocation Guide and the website describing how Prairie Waters can be a great tool for our local community, and someone who is looking to move to the area. The website offers job listing opportunities, housing, daycare information and different school districts among other things. Visitor guide is placed in various facilities throughout the state distributing 25,000 copies a year. They have also teamed up with Explore MN on the website to keep up with current events/new businesses in the area. Prairie Waters has received \$10,000 in grants for advertising in the area. Jill has budgeted the membership for 2024 in the amount of \$3,935. The city has been a member for over 10 years.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Tensen opened the public forum at 5:57 pm. Burt Faehn, brought rocks and various other materials that were on his boulevard. Faehn is disgusted with the grass that was planted and has been fertilizing and seeding the boulevard himself. He blames bad dirt and grass seed. Pastor Kendall Stelter spoke about adding a sidewalk on 8th Street on the East side of Grace Church. Replacing the sidewalk there was not part of the safe routes to school plan done in 2013. Kendall stated that community activities, school activities and kids walking up town for lunch use that sidewalk, and it is not safe for pedestrians on 8th street without it. Kendall has spoken with the school and would like to apply for another safe routes to school grant, with the school writing the grant. Council members discussed and said the city will work with the school writing the grant, but will

not pay for the sidewalk or the grant writing. With nothing more to discuss, Mayor Tensen closed the 10-minute public forum at 6:07 pm.

Reports of officers, boards and committees

The EDA will be meeting with a developer on August 8th to talk about Apartments in Carlson Addition. Discussion if any discussion has been had at EDA to waive the \$30,000 lot fee? Kemen said the street assessment is included in the price and feels once the curb and gutter goes in along with first lift of pavement there will be more interest.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

Pedestals for the street lights have been placed. Working on repainting the light poles, replacing them is too costly. The concrete crew will be back on Wednesday next week to start on the sidewalks on Mainstreet. The lift station by the walking bridge will be worked on starting Thursday after having waited on materials. Grass has slowed up for mowing giving more time to catch up on maintenance. The water tower is scheduled for an underwater inspection in August. A letter from Widseth to Ryan Contracting will be going out for the seeding and the grass. Rayn Contracting will need to respond within 5 days stating how they will rectify the situation along with the subcontractor.

City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

A. The Railroad Crossing fix will now begin September 11th. 6th Street will be repaired first and then 5th. Viking will fix AGP's two tracks on 6th. The 6th street crossing will take three days and a day and half for the 5th street crossing.

B. Kemen is asking if any Council member would be interested in attending the Community Education meeting tomorrow morning at 7am. Councilman Schacherer will attend to represent the city.

C. A 2023 Public Safety Aid was passed in 2023. The city will receive \$64,151 in December. The new squad is in, Andy working on getting it ready. Andy will be attending a meeting for the flood last year to try and recoup some of the payments and extra work hours.

D. At the September Council meeting Council will be discussing a cannabis ordinance.

Old Business

A. Off Sale Liquor Licensing-Ben Bothun, Realtor has had a few calls, but no real interest. Emily has advertised looking for a part-time employee.

B. Approve use of financial management plan-Kemen is looking for a motion to approve the use of the Financial Management Plan that Rebecca presented. Councilman Bothun asked if there was an additional cost to do this. Ehlers stated that it was included in the bonds that were taken out. Moving forward, Ehlers will update it at a cost. Kemen has finished inputting the 2022 audited financials. It's an excel spreadsheet that can be updated at any time. Councilman

Prestholdt motioned to approve the financial management plan with a second from Councilman Schacherer. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion passed.

New Business

Pay estimate #12 for Ryan Contracting was presented. City Engineer Jeff Kuhn has approved the estimate. On motion from Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Bothun to approve pay estimate #12 for Ryan Contracting. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion passed.

The Dawson-Boyd Booster Club Basketball is asking for approval to have a raffle in September. Mayor Tensen has already approved. Council will need to ratify. On motion from Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Hansen to approve the permit. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion passed.

BNSF has submitted an invoice for materials to be paid. It was asked if the city is prepaying this. The city is only paying for 5th street. Kemen will verify it is not railroad ties being there is wood on the invoice. Councilman Bothun motions to pay the full amount as long as there are no wood in the middle with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: Councilman Adelman and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

Ordinances and Resolutions

The second reading of ordinance amending the regulation of recreational vehicles within the city was presented. Councilman Schacherer motioned to approve the ordinance with a second from Councilman Adelman. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion passed.

The summary of the ordinance was enclosed. On motion from Councilman Schacherer with a second from Councilman Hansen to approve the summary. The ordinance will go in effect after publication in the Dawson Sentinel. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

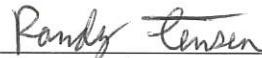
The next city council meeting is Tuesday, September 5th at 5:30 pm.
There will be a funding meeting scheduled in August for review of deferred assessment

applications and the beginning process of budgeting for 2024.
There will be an employee/volunteer committee meeting scheduled in August for employee openings in Police and Liquor departments.

With nothing more to discuss, Councilman Schacherer motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.



Kristin Daline, City Clerk



Randy Tensen, Mayor