

Dawson City Council Minutes  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024  
5:30 pm

Councilpersons present: Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, JT Schacherer, David Hansen and Jake Bothun. Councilman Prestholdt absent. Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Jill Kemen, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Public Works Supervisor Colin Lee, Jim Michels, David Pederson, Dean Petersen, Gloria Kassel, Dave Hickey and Chief Andy Stock.

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 addition of 9D, Golf & ATV Ordinance discussion with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Schacherer. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve the consent agenda item 4, August 6<sup>th</sup> Council minutes and item 11, August financials. Councilman Hansen seconded. Voting in favor Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Schacherer. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed.

#### 10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Tensen opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:32 pm. Resident Gloria Kassel thanked the city for the work that has been done in the new development. Resident Dean Peterson would like Jeff Kuhn to look at the street between him and his neighbors that was not paved per design because of residents' decision. With nothing more to discuss, the 10-minute public forum was closed at 5:33 pm.

#### Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

In the new development, fill has been leveled and black dirt on top. Kevin Kemen came and mowed the weeds down. The center section does have grass, and the city crew will keep the perimeter mowed. Prairie grass plantings will be discussed at a later date. The city will be spraying the broad leaves and taking care of the lots. Pool went well this year and closed on the 24th. The furnace had issues and will be budgeting for repairs or replacement in the future. The city crew has been keeping up with mowing and trimming trees and maintenance on equipment. Mayor Tensen said he has received compliments regarding the city crew trimming trees.

#### City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

The EDA Board has voted to move their meeting time starting in January to the 1st Tuesday of the month at noon. Tony Aafedt has resigned as a Chamber position on the EDA board. EDA will have representation at the fair, discussing retail businesses for sale and lots for sale in the new development. A Committee meeting will be scheduled for next week to talk about the 2025 budget. The preliminary budget will be discussed at the next council meeting. Jill and Kristin have been working with Ehlers to do a water rate study. Ehlers will be reviewing and ending the 200,000-gallon discount. All gallons will be billed at the same price. The hope is to have it done by December and be in place by the January 20th billing cycle.

The city has received the Pollinator grant in the sum of \$92,000. Areas talked about within the city are the new development, native grasses and trees on the inside of the back lots. The rock rapids, rain garden by Heather Nursery and around the Armory building. Rhyon with LqP Soil and Water is very excited for Dawson for the opportunity to receive the grant. Residents will be able to choose from trees, bushes and other pollinators. The pool wrap up was provided in the packet. Chad has decided to remain the pool manager for next year. Kurt said a new mixing valve was replaced on the heater and also needs to be take taken apart and cleaned. The pump was replaced on it a couple years ago. Councilman Adelman would like to see that a new furnace gets budgeted for 2025. There were complaints early in the season that the water was cold.

Jeff Kuhn gave a street update. Ryan Contracting is in town, and will be here off and on until the pavers come. Concrete removals are taking place right now prior to paving. Pavers will be here September 11th, 12th and 13<sup>th</sup>. Intentions to stay until the punch list is finished. Sam Muntean with the County will be looking at the sidewalk on the south end of the driving bridge that has fallen (2 cracked panels). The curb and gutter have also sunk which may affect ADA compliance. The intersection at 14th & Walnut is not completely removed. Still in the works of exactly how it will be done. The railroad crossings pavement between the spur and the mainline will be redone for snow removal. The 5th street crossing between the rail will get removed and repaved. The 5<sup>th</sup> street crossing was not included in Phase 2. Estimated cost is between \$22,000-\$23,000. Council voiced concerns to Jeff Kuhn about the additional cost of areas that were not included in Phase 2.

#### New Business

Pay estimate #2, Kuechle Underground for Puris was included in the packet. Kuhn said this is the final pay estimate which is the retainage getting paid out. Puris will reimburse the city for the amount. Councilman Olson motioned to approve the pay estimate with a second from Councilman Schacherer. Voting in favor Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Schacherer. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed.

An estimate for paving on Lincoln Street by AGP that was not included in project was provided in the packet as well as a map of the area. The estimate is \$9960 for the mill and overlay. The street will be dugout and have a proper base. 6-7 inches of bituminous will be laid. Councilman Olson motioned to approve the estimate and for work to continue on the road with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Schacherer. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed. Discussion was had on how the street has been repaired in the past as truck traffic out of AGP has done the most wear and tear on the road and how future repairs will be made. Kemen and Marc McCormick have had conversations about cost sharing and future replacement.

Jill had sent an email to Council about fixing the 5th street crossing since it was not included in Phase 2. Council needs to ratify additional pavement cost by the railroad crossings so there is record of it.

Original quote included \$10,000 in flagging that was not needed. Ryan Contracting will be milling between the tracks to make it as smooth as possible. The estimate is for \$21,000 plus the cost to pave between the tracks. On motion from Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Hansen to move forward with the 5<sup>th</sup> street crossing work. Voting in favor Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Schacherer. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed.

Discussion on the golf & ATV ordinance. Councilman Adelman has seen multiple golf carts with no slow-moving signs and multiple kids hanging off of them. He would like a committee meeting to review the ordinance. Chief Stock said this has been a very big problem. Kemen will have the ordinance published in the paper.

Ordinance & Resolutions

A resolution authorizing the sale of the former water tower land to AGP was included in the packet. AGP had an area of 50 x 95 that they use to pile snow on in the winter that was taken out in the street project. The area to repave is \$19,000. In lieu of paving, the city will give the old water tower land to AGP and the city won't be paving back the area that was taken out. On motion from Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Hansen to approve the sale of the former water tower land to AGP. Voting in favor Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Schacherer. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous announcements

The next city council meeting will be Tuesday, September 17th at 5:30 pm. The preliminary budget will be discussed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.



Kristin Daline, City Clerk



Randy Tensen, Mayor