

Dawson City Council Work Session Minutes
May 18th, 2021
5:30 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in regular session Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Dawson City Hall Council Chambers following social distancing guidelines and wearing masks. This meeting was also available by Zoom.

Councilpersons present: Jeff Fish, Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, Charlie Prestholdt and Dean Petersen
Councilman absent: Steve Tufto

Also Present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Clerk/Treasurer Jill Kemen, Utility Billing/Office Clerk Kristin Daline, Maintenance Superintendent Kurt Collins, City Attorney Rick Stulz

Present via Zoom: City Engineer Jeff Kuhn with Widseth, Matt Durand with CEDA, Bobbie Bohlen with HME and Dave Falness

1. Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Councilman Fish motioned to approve the agenda with the elimination of 4A, Tree/Water trailer discussion. Seconded by Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson , Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Petersen. Voting against, none. Absent: Councilman Tufto. Motion passed.
3. Mayor Tensen opened the 10-minute public forum. Hearing nothing, Mayor Tensen closed the public forum.

4. New Business, Discussion Only, Items

A. Matt Durand with CEDA introduced himself as well as Bobbie Bohlen with HME. Matt began the discussion with a Dawson housing action plan which was handed out to the council. He thinks it would be a great idea for Dawson to form a community housing group to help identify housing goals and objectives for the community.

B. Jeff Kuhn gave a brief update on the street project, said everything is moving along well. Excavation for base work and delivering Class 5 gravel has began, and the continuation of finishing driveways and sidewalks. Curb and gutter will begin early next week. All work south of 212 will continue from last Fall, and the first lift will be put down. There was a miscommunication with the road contractor on 3rd and Walnut Street that is being resolved.

C. The 15th Street loop is being pushed to the next Council meeting. The number one concern is that the City does not own the land, and should consider looking at a 12th Street loop on the north side of 212.

D. The football field road wasn't previously included in the project. Mill and overlay would run anywhere between \$250,000 to \$500,000 with curb and gutter.

E. Gravel by the concessions stands has been filled in by the Road & Bridge crew.

F. Utility Billing/Office Clerk Kristin presented a letter to be sent in June to homeowner's that have past due accounts. Due to COVID-19, the City has suspended all disconnects. Disconnects will continue in July if payment arrangements have not been made.

H. Interim-City Manager Jill asked the Council about the mask mandate, and if the City Office/Liquor Store should still require face coverings. Council agreed that it is up to each individual business to make there own decision.

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A. Tony Aafedt with the school had approached Kurt Collins about going in with the school on an overseeder. Collins said he already told Tony no.

6. Maintenance Superintendent Kurt Collins' Report

A. Collin's presented three quotes for new lawn mower. He said the one the City currently has is twelve years old and has been a good mower. The council agreed to trade in the current mower and replace it with a John Deere.

B. Adelman asked Collin's about the umbrella at the pool. He said that it is in pretty rough shape, but could make it through the summer. Adelman asked to get a quote on a new one.

7. Interim-City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

Jill commended the City crew on the hard work they did fixing the leak behind mainstreet. Councilman Prestholdt also received a phone call from Dale Monnen's about what a great crew the City has, and that they worked well as a team.

A. The Library is back to it's normal hours, with the South door open.

B. Marilyn Bayrel with the Wellhead Protection Plan will present at the next Council Meeting in June.

C. The pool has a tentative opening date of June 8th. Chad Felton, our Pool Manager is eager to start and has taken a pool management class, as well as lifeguard training scheduled for the first week in June.

D. The next Council Meeting will be June 1st at 5:30 p.m.

8. City Manager interviews were canceled due to one of the candidates withdrawing their application.

9. With no other comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor