

Dawson City Council Meeting
December 3rd, 2024
6:00 pm
Truth & Taxation meeting.

Councilpersons present: Charlie Prestholdt, JT Schacherer, Vince Adelman, Jeff Olson, David Hansen and Jake Bothun. Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Jill Kemen, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, City Clerk Kristin Daline, W/WW Operator Nathan Grengs, City Attorney Rick Stulz, David Pederson and Dave Hickey.

Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilman Schacherer motioned to approve consent agenda items 3A. November 12th Council Minutes, 3B. November 19th Council Work Session Minutes and 3C. November Financials with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Against: none. Motion passed.

City Engineer Interviews

1. Bolton & Menk
2. Moore Engineering

Each firm was given 15 minutes to present.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Tensen opened the 10-minute public forum at 6:40 pm. Hearing nothing, Mayor Tensen closed the 10-minute public forum at 6:40 pm.

Reports of officers, boards and committees

Funding Committee review. The committee settled on a levy increase of 7.5%. The levy will be discussed further into the meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's report

Olsen Plumbing will be finishing up tomorrow at Dawson Bowl. Hansen Dental, Nelson Drug and Dawson Bowl will conclude with cementing back the floor. Final inspections will be done by December 12th. Visu Sewer is coming this week or next to clean up the cut outs where service lines were cut in.

City Manager Jill Kemen's report

EDA Update. Meetings are moving to noon on Tuesdays. The Dawson Chamber filled it's empty spot by Carli Bothun. She will start in January. The EDA is sponsoring snacks and refreshments at the SWMHP meeting on Thursday. They will be speaking about building in new development or elsewhere and the next steps for the duplex project for Spring 2025. All the paperwork for the duplex project has been sent in along with the \$7,000 nonrefundable fee. The contract with CEDA is wrapping up. Hillary would be available to bring Tyler up to speed. The EDA was asked to take lead on the daycare crisis in the community. School will still be involved, but not the main contact for the community.

The funding committee was an interictal part in getting the budget to where it is. In regards to the Heather Nursery quote, the committee agreed to having the hanging baskets planted for \$4,675, but did not agree to using the pollinator grant funding for other plantings. The committee felt the grant should be available to residents first. The proposed levy for 2025 will be 7.5%, the preliminary levy was an increase of 8.16%. Taxes increased \$103,014, LGA increased \$643 and other income increased \$152,010. The overall operating increase is \$255,667, the pool levy increased by \$5,350 to \$78,850. Expenditures that are built into the budget include: \$15,000 to trade lawn mowers, increased wages for part-time employees to stay competitive with job markets. Capital improvement funds for pool repairs, capital expenditures, and additional placeholders as recommended by Ehlers and the Financial Management Plan. Money was also included for the new position of EDA Deputy City Clerk.

New Business

A letter from the League of Minnesota Cities regarding an increase for Regional Safety Group trainings for 2025 was in the included. Councilman Olson motioned to approve the training increase with a second from Councilman Schacherer. Voting in favor, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Against: none. Motion passed.

An agreement for VOTER operations, technology & election resources account with LqP to allocate funds was included in the packet. The County receives money from the state. If the city accepts the funds, reporting to the state is required. Kelly at the county does a wonderful job, Jill feels it would be appropriate for the funds to remain with the county. Councilman Olson motioned to approve the funds to remain with the county with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Against: none. Motion passed.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Councilman Schacherer motioned to approve the 2025 levy at 7.5% with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer,

Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun.
Against: none. Motion passed.

The first reading of Ordinance 327 amending the use and connection rates for utilities was read.

The first reading of the Summary of Ordinance 327 amending the use and connection rates for utilities was read. The Summary is what gets published in the paper.

Miscellaneous Announcements

There will be an above ground committee meeting at 8:30 am on Tuesday, December 10th. Jeff Kuhn and Mike Holaseck will also be attendance. Ryan Contracting wants to be paid out by the end of December. All work left is warranty work.

There will be a city council meeting Tuesday, December 17th at 5:30 pm.

SWMHP will be here on Thursday, December 5th from 4:30-6:30 pm for an open house with the public to talk about new home builds and the duplex project.

With nothing more to discuss, Councilman Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun.

Against: none. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Kristin Daline, City Clerk

Randy Tensen, Mayor