

Dawson City Council
January 21st, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Oath of Office for newly elected Mayor and Council Members was ratified by Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, Dean Petersen and JT Schacherer. Motion to accept by Councilman Hansen, seconded by Councilman Olson.

Councilpersons present: David Hansen, Jake Bothun, Vince Adelman and Jeff Olson. Absent: Dean Petersen. Others present: Mayor JT Schacherer, City Manager Jill Kemen, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Ben Bothun, Dave Hickey and City Attorney Rick Stulz.

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

Councilman Bothun motioned to approve agenda with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve consent agenda items 4, December 17th, 2024 Council Minutes, item 5, January 7th, 2025 Council Minutes and item 12, December 2024 Financials and 4th Quarterly reports. Seconded by Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Schacherer opened the 10-minute public hearing at 5:33 pm, hearing nothing, it was closed.

Public Works Superintendent Report given by Jill Kemen.

Kurt was given a two-week window to hear something about the payloader. There will be a call on Thursday with Mike from Ryan Contracting to talk about the missed sewer service on 11th Street and the service line that was severed at the school. The city paid those contractors, but is looking to retain those costs from Ryan Contracting. LMCIT will be doing an assessment on all city buildings next Wednesday with Kurt.

City Manager Jill Kemen's Report.

EDA update. There has been a lot of discussion about the duplexes. The school asked the EDA about taking over the daycare crisis. The daycare will be one of Tylers first projects when he starts in March, looking for fresh ideas, grants, etc. CEDA has handed everything back to the city. New people have been elected to the board. The date and time have changed for EDA. EDA will now meet the first Tuesday of the month at noon.

Duplex Update. There will be a resolution to call for bids later in the meeting. Bid packets will be available through the city office and SWHP. The hope is to start renting units by the end of year.

A council orientation training will be held in Montevideo on Wednesday, January 29th from 6-8 pm. All council and mayor are encouraged to attend. Supper will be provided; city will cover the meal. Please let Jill know by January 24th.

February bond payments have been made. Kemen will be transferring funds from Minnwest Bank to the Credit Union to cover costs until property taxes received in June.

Old Business

Engineer discussion. JT talked to a few people from different towns. No specifics on why they switched engineers. One was one Dawson had interviewed. Councilman Bothun would like to hear Kurt's opinion on who to go with. Councilman Adelman received a phone call from one that was interviewed as far as where the city is at with selecting an engineering firm. Mayor Schacherer suggested it go to committee.

Discussion water and wastewater improvements and what comes first. The IUP is for water and the city has updated the high service pumps, water meters and filters at the plant. Next, get on the list for the one lead service line and galvanized lines to be replaced. Councilman Olson would like to table the engineer decision until next meeting with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

New Business

A vote by council was taken to designate a Council President/acting City Mayor. Councilman Olson was chosen. Councilman Hansen motioned to have Councilman Olson as Council President with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

Council Committee assignments for 2025 were provided at the meeting. Councilman Bothun motioned to approve the assignments as written with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Opposed: Councilman Adelman. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

Discussion on how to fill the vacant council seat. Two residents have shown interest. Councilman Hansen motioned to have the two of them come to the next meeting to be interviewed with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

Councilman Hansen motioned to designate Minnwest Bank, Greater Community Credit Union and Pershing as the official depository for the City of Dawson Funds with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

Councilman Hansen motioned to designate Ehlers as the municipal financial advisors for the City of Dawson with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

Councilman Hansen motioned to designate the Dawson Sentinel as the official newspaper with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

The City of Dawson Fee Schedule was presented. Councilman Bothun motioned to change the fee for city hall rent from \$15/half day to \$25 and a full day from \$30 to \$50 with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co provided a proposal for auditing services. Councilman Olson motioned to accept the auditor's proposal for services with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

Scott & Mary Quick would like to donate two residential lots that they currently own in Riverview Estates back to the city. The EDA would put them up for sale. SWHP is aware of the lots, if there is interest, they could be built on during the duplex project. Councilman Olson motioned to accept the donation of two lots in Riverview Estates from Scott & Mary Quick with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

Currently there is one person removing snow and mowing in the development, would like this to remain so all lots are uniform, mowed the same.

A memorandum of understanding was provided for crisis transportation in Lac qui Parle County for 2025 & 2026. This is an agreement between the county, Madison in Dawson not to exceed \$5,000 a year. Councilman Hansen motioned to approved the agreement with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

The city office has received phone calls about recycling pickup and if there is an option to have a receptacle bin provided to limit the amount of trash being blown around town. Councilman Olson, owner of Olson Sanitation said they are working on having all recycling pickup up by 5:30 pm. Kemen asked it if would be possible to have garbage picked up in the alley again. Concern with that would be wear and tear of the alleys, Madison went away from alley pickup because they were sick of maintaining.

Papa D's food truck permit was presented. Council discussed doing away with food truck permits being voted on at council and have the city office handle them. Local food trucks will remain at the \$25 cost per year, out of area vendor cost will be discussed at another meeting. Councilman Olson motioned to approved Papa D's permit with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

A Ducks Unlimited raffle permit was presented. Councilman Hansen motioned to approved the permit with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

The Rusty Duck Bar & Grill Liquor license renewal was presented. Councilman Bothun motioned to approve the renewal with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

Ordinances & Resolutions

A resolution to call for bids on the Trail's Edge Dawson duplex project was presented. Councilman Olson motioned to approve the resolution with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

A resolution for all city bank accounts and investment account signers, removing Randy Tensen was presented. Councilman Olson motioned to approve the resolution with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

A resolution for all city bank accounts and investment account signers, adding JT Schacherer was presented. Councilman Olson motioned to approve the resolution with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

A resolution for State Aid for local transportation approving county project within municipal limits was presented. Kemen spoke with the county to include some small patches in the community getting done at the same time for better pricing. Councilman Olson motioned to approve the resolution with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements.

The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, February 4th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. The Dawson Fire annual township supper will be February 10th at 5:30 pm. Upcoming committee meetings: Funding and Above Ground Construction.

With nothing more to discuss, Councilman Bothun motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Dean Petersen. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully,

Kristin Daline, City Clerk

JT Schacherer, Mayor