

Dawson City Council
October 18th, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Councilman Dean Petersen, Councilman Vince Adelman and Councilman Charlie Prestholdt. Absent: Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Jeff Fish and Councilman Jeff Olson. Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, Interim City Manager Jill Kemen, Deputy City Clerk Kristin Daline, Brian Hersom, Fire Chief. Rebecca Kurtz with Ehlers joined via Teams.

1. Rebecca went over the Bond Sales for 2022D street & 2022E storm sewer. Ehlers worked with Baird as the underwriter to go out for bid last Thursday. Standards & Poors confirmed an A rating. There were concerns from the rating agency with the amount of debt the City has and even larger debt in the next few years. Insurance was included in case the City isn't able to make the payment, which made it easier to sell the bond. 2022D G.O. The Bond is for \$5,035,000 at 4.3% interest for 20 years. The 2022E storm water could not be financed through PFA because PFA does not give grants towards storm water. The State has a credit enhancement program which is similar to insurance to provide additional security. The 2022E bond is for \$3,195,000 at 4.2% interest for 20 years. The sale will close October 27th and funds will be deposited into the City's account. The City can refund without penalty in 2030. Resolutions will be discussed later in the meeting. Permanent financing will be set up in 10 days.
2. FEMA Grant-May storms. Andy Stock is working with Fernando with the USDA to get reimbursement for the May storms. The City is expected to receive between \$6,000-\$8,000 in reimbursements from the USDA.
3. Health Insurance Renewal-Preferred One is our current insurance provider that was bought out by United Health Partners. Insurance premiums will raise a minimum of 10% for 2023, which was a higher increase than expected. The budget will need to be adjusted. Kemen is looking at other plans and prescription coverage with employees and decide which plan is best. The City pays half the deductible into an HSA for each employee.
4. Apartment Building- Cole Group, architects out of St. Cloud have submitted a plan to the City that was included in the packet. The plan shows two phases, with the first phase constructing a two story 24 unit apartment complex. If the 24 unit fills, they would construct the second phase, a 16 unit two story complex. The City will sell the land for \$1. Cole Group has built in multiple communities, including Thunderhawk apartments in Montevideo. This will be brought back to the November 1st meeting to get approval to move forward. Rebecca will be looking over the performa.
5. FEMA Grant-Fire Aerial Truck-Brian Hersom was present to present. The Fire Department would like Karin Anderson, who is successful in grantwriting for fire departments to write a grant for an aerial truck. The cost to write the grant is \$1,300. The fire department would match 5% of the cost of the truck. Brian stated that it could be a couple years before the department hears if the grant is accepted. It was asked if the aerial truck would fit at the Hall. Hersom mentioned the Pierce truck may need to be relocated to other City property. Kemen said there is no extra funds at the City to help with the Aerial Truck. A verbal yes from all Councilman was given to move forward with Karin Anderson writing the grant for the aerial truck.
6. Fire Department Lighting- Hersom received two quotes from Gruwell Electric to replace the lighting on the interior and exterior with LED along with a rebate from Otter Tail Power for replacement. Mayor Tensen stated the lights were replaced 5 years ago and asked if there is a guarantee on those lights. Hersom will check with Gruwell Electric on the warranty for the existing lights.
7. Street Update-Mayor Tensen and Kemen drove around on Friday to address concerns with work around town. The handicap ramps around school and church were not replaced like they were. Kurt has been speaking with Jeff about it. The concrete crew is still pouring, only doing straight sections as

much as they can. Sidewalks should be priority from the school to mainstreet. Council expressed that they would like the engineer to be at the next Council meeting on November 1st to address some concerns. BG Amundson will be back in town in two weeks to work on some punch list items in phase 1. Most of the work will be concrete.

8. THC Products-Kemen sat in on a League of MN City's Fall forum class discussion about THC. The League would like City's to start licensing. Kemen provided a printout on how the City should license them. Attorney Rick Stulz said the County & Countryside Public Health will treat it like cigarette licensing.

9. Petro Funds-Contaminated soil was found in phase 1 by the old Weigers shop and LQP Oil. The City is working on filling out the application from the state to be reimbursed for removal. Reimbursement will be about \$50,000.

10. Pumps for water plant- Larry with Widseth provided spec sheets. The pumps are estimated at \$25,000 with the VFD, the City will need 3 of them. This will be brought back to the November 1st meeting to talk about going out to bid with Widseth. A Request for Proposal will go in the paper. The current pumps are 20 years old and undersized for the tower and are not able fill the tower. The pumps were originally part of phase 3 which is years down the road with the amount of debt that has been incurred. Funds for the pumps have been designated from ARPA funds.

11. CEDA- Kemen spoke about the CEDA contract. Currently, the City pays \$27,000 for one year of services. They recently hired someone from Benson to be here in Dawson one day a week. Kemen feels that with Council asking her to cut the budget, this would be a good start. They have done a good job for the little they have been here but would like to hire them on an as needed basis. Kemen feels it is more important to fund the daycare at the school. Councilman Prestholdt asked if they have covered their cost in the last three years since they started. Kemen stated it is a matter of opinion, and would like Council to think about it and reconsider signing the contract. Kemen will ask Hillary with CEDA to come to the November 1st meeting.

Mayor Tensen closed the Work Session and called the regular Council meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Prestholdt motioned to approve the agenda with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: Councilman Tufto, Councilman Olson and Councilman Fish. Against: None. Motioned passed.

Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the October 4th Councilman Minutes and October 11th Council Minutes with a second from Councilman Adelman. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: Councilman Tufto, Councilman Olson and Councilman Fish. Against: None. Motioned passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Tensen opened the 10 minute public forum at 6:39 p.m. Kemen introduced Jason and Heather Kill who purchased R & T Farm Service in Dawson. Their hope is to mass produce Seahorse powerwashers in Dawson at a new location within the City and use the existing building for powder coating for the business and opening it to others in the area that need that service done. Hearing nothing else, Mayor Tensen closed the 10 minute public forum at 6:47 p.m.

New Business

A. Resolution 2022D (street portion) was included in the packet. Rebecca with Ehlers spoke about the Bond sale at the beginning of the meeting during the work session and recommended approval. On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Adleman. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: Councilman Tufto, Councilman Olson and Councilman Fish. Against: None. Motion passed.

B. Resolution 2022E (storm water) was included in the packet. Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the resolution with a second from Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: Councilman Tufto, Councilman Olson and Councilman Fish. Against: None. Motion passed.

C. Ducks Unlimited has applied for a gambling permit. Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the permit with a second from Councilman Adelman. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: Councilman Tufto, Councilman Olson and Councilman Fish. Against: None. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

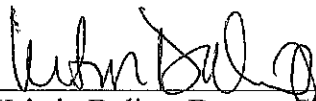
A. The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, November 1st at 5:30 p.m.

B. The Primary Election is Tuesday, November 8th. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be a Special Council meeting on Thursday, November 10th at Noon to canvas the votes.

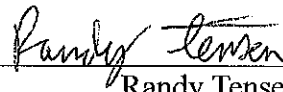
Adjourn Meeting

Hearing nothing else, on motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Petersen to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: Councilman Tufto, Councilman Olson and Councilman Fish. Against: None. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



Kristin Daline, Deputy City Clerk



Randy Tensen, Mayor