

Dawson City Council Minutes
February 6th, 2024
5:30 pm

Councilpersons present: Jake Bothun, David Hansen, Vince Adelman and Jeff Olson. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Schacherer. Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Dave Hickey, Doc Skordahl, Roy Hinz and David Peterson. Absent: City Manager Jill Kemen.

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

Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the agenda with addition of 9H, JMHS Foundation Gambling permit with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson and Councilman Hansen. Absent: Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve the consent agenda item 4, January 16th, 2024 council meeting minutes and item 11, January financials with a second from Councilman Adelman. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson and Councilman Hansen. Absent: Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Tensen opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:31 pm. Roy Hinz addressed the council concerning 2024 property taxes on his home and his neighbors at Riverview Estates. Hinz has been speaking with Lori Schwendeman at the County about his concerns as he feels that development is being treated unfairly for having a new home and they still have a gravel street. Councilman Adelman feels that the development was done backwards and the streets should have been done first. City Attorney Stulz stated that the group at the time didn't know if any of the lots would sell at that large of an expense of adding the paved streets. Hearing nothing, Mayor Tensen closed the 10-minute public forum at 5:45 pm.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report.

Olsen Plumbing has been in town on and off and is done with the water hookup portion on the West side of Mainstreet and will move to the East side. The pumps at the Water plant are fourteen weeks out, expecting them in mid-May with install soon after. The meters are expected to be shipped on the 4th of March and will be installed as soon as they are received. The city crew will be taking a webinar about smart salting as part of the chloride variance. This is an item on the activity tree that the city needs to show steps moving forward.

New Business

Jeff Kuhn and Matt DeLaHunt with Widseth were on Zoom to discuss pay estimate #17 for Ryan Contracting. Kuhn provided a summary of what was included on the pay estimate which included materials and work that was previously completed. Included in the pay estimate was a change order of \$21,694.00 for work that was done at both railroad crossings on 5th and 6th street. Ryan Contracting removed millings and placed bituminous to ramp traffic over the new

crossings. The work on the railroad tracks was not included in the original bid for phase 2 as AGP and BNSF did not know when the tracks were going to be replaced and each wanted to use their own contractor. Concerns were drainage North of the 5th street crossing. Kurt said he would speak with Lyle Schutte on the Railroad Authority about it, but is not aware of any issues. Councilman Hansen and Councilman Adelman reiterated to Kuhn that their needs to be better communication. Councilman Olson motioned to approve pay estimate #17 with the change order with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Olson and Councilman Hansen. Against: Councilman Adelman. Absent: Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed. Kuhn stated that Olsen Plumbing will continue with the water and sewer connections on Mainstreet. Water will be done first, followed by the sewer. Phase 2 projected final for the project, final quantities are close to the original numbers.

Councilman Hansen left the meeting at 6:19 pm.

The contract with Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co. was included in the packet for auditing financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 2023. On motion from Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Bothun to move forward with Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

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The Rusty Duck Bar & Grill has requested to renew their liquor License for the year. On motion from Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Bothun to approve the liquor license renewal. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

The Hilltop Bar & Grill has requested to renew their liquor license and 2 am license for the year. On motion from Councilman Bothun with a second from Councilman Olson to approve the liquor license renewal. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

Dawson Bowl has requested to renew their liquor license for the year. On motion from Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Adelman to approve the liquor license renewal. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

The JMHS Foundation has submitted paperwork for a gambling permit with drawing being held May 1st, 2024. On motion from Councilman Bothun with a second from Councilman Olson to

approve the gambling permit. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

The Dawson Fire Department annual meeting is Monday, February 12th at 5:30 pm. The first meeting in March lands on election day, March 5th. The Council decided to move the Council meeting date to Tuesday, March 12th at 5:30 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Kristin Daline, City Clerk

Randy Tensen, Mayor