

Dawson City Council Minutes

July 2nd, 2024

5:30 p.m.

Councilpersons present: David Hansen, Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, JT Schacherer, Jake Bothun and Charlie Prestholdt. Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Jill Kemen, City Clerk Kristin Daline, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Liz Storlien, Liquor Store Manager Emily Polzine, David Pedersen and Robert and Shanna Vidoloff.

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

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

Councilman Olson motioned to approve consent agenda item 4, June 4th Council Minutes, item 5, June 27th Special Meeting Minutes and item 12, June financials with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Olson. Absent: none. Voting against: none. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Tensen opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:31 pm. Council heard from resident Liz Storlien who had a signed petition for blite homes, yards that need to be addressed, young kids driving golf carts and the timing of mosquito spraying done by the city. The petition was given to Kemen who will give it to law enforcement. Dave Peterson asked if the street project was still on schedule. Kemen said the project is 95% complete. Ryan Contracting will be back in town next week to start the curbing in the new development. With nothing more to discuss, Mayor Tensen closed the 10-minute public forum at 5:40 pm.

2nd Interview with Rob Vidoloff

Council asked Vidoloff a series of questions. After questioning, City Attorney Rick Stulz and Vidoloff, and wife Shanna left the Council Chambers for Council to discuss how they wanted to proceed with Vidoloff and the City Manager position. After Council discussion, Councilman Prestholdt motioned to offer Vidoloff the City Manager position with a second from Councilman Hansen. Vidoloff and Stulz joined the Council. Mayor Tensen offered the position to Vidoloff on behalf of the Council contingent on compensation and benefits package.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

Riverfest went well. Collin's praised the city crew for a job well done. A scag mower was purchased. The scag was the low bid by \$2,300. Collin's did talk to Titan Machinery several times and they didn't have anything that would work for the city. The city has had scags in the past and have been very reliable. Electric Pump is in town today to look at the lift stations and water plant. Collins and Kemen are working on affluent limits, which has many stages in the process such as cyber security. The city is not currently hooked up to the internet with the current system. The city will look at getting security cameras at both

the water and wastewater plants. The high service pumps were shipped on June 27th for updates at the water plant.

City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

Reminder about the Phase 2 tree reimbursement program. All receipts need to be submitted by July 31st. The grant awarded from the Dawson Community Foundation was for \$5,000. Reimbursement amount will depend on how many submit for reimbursement. Phase 1 reimbursement was for \$140 per tree. There will be three open Council seats and the mayor seat open for 2025. For those interested, filing can be done at City Hall for Council, Mayor and Johnson Memorial positions. The Primary is August 13th. The training is not yet available through the County. Election Judges need 2 hours of training every two years. We will need extra judges for Care Center voting. The city received \$1,684 in reimbursements from the PNP.

New Business

A pay equity report was completed and provided in the packet. This report is submitted every three years. The current report was passed using the new pay scale. The report is done to ensure women in positions are treated equally compared to their men counterparts. On motion from Councilman Hansen with a second from Councilman Schacherer to approve the pay equity report. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Olson. Absent: none. Voting against: none. Motion passed.

The Church of St. James has submitted an application for a raffle. Councilman Schacherer motioned to approve the application with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Bothun and Councilman Olson. Absent: none. Voting against: none. Motion passed.

The Lac qui Parle County fair board sent a thank you letter for donating in 2024.

Visu-Sewer had done some prep work for lining the sewer in the alley. This company is a sub under Ryan Contracting. After Kemen spoke with Kuhn, it was decided not to bring the pay request to Council at this time.

Kemen has still not received numbers from Kuhn on the football field road.

The next city council meeting will be Tuesday, August 6th at 5:30 pm. The Auditors will be here to present, along with Melissa Streich from Prairie Waters and Liz Ach with Countryside Public Health on the opioid settlement.

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Councilman Schacherer motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Olson. Absent: none. Voting against: none. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Kristin Daline, City Clerk

Randy Tensen, Mayor