

Dawson City Council Minutes

August 6, 2019

5:30 PM

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Jeff Fish, Councilman Steven Tufto, and Councilman Al Tufto.

Councilperson absent: Councilman Charlie Prestholdt.

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Attorney Rick Stulz, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, City Clerk/Treasurer Jill Kemen, Liquor Store Manager Garney Jager, Phyllis Lund, Daryl Kanthak from Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co., PLLP, Dave Hickey, Dawson Boyd School Superintendent David Hansen and Dean Petersen.

Declaring a quorum present, Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order and the group repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of the agenda with the addition of a closed session for easement purchase discussion. On a motion by Councilman S. Tufto with a second from Councilman A. Tufto to approve the agenda with the addition. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, and A. Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Fish to approve the Consent Agenda items #4 and #16, approval of the July 2nd Council Meeting Minutes, the June bills paid and the second quarter financials. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, and A. Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt. Motion carries.

Mayor Tensen then opened the 10 minute public forum. Hearing nothing, Mayor Tensen closed the public forum.

Mayor Tensen welcomed Daryl Kanthak from the auditing firm. Daryl introduced himself and stated that the firm has been performing the City audits for 30 years. The City obtained a qualified opinion which is the best it can receive without the Fire Relief Association having an audit of their own. The key financial highlights for 2018 are the following:

- Governmental net position increased by \$210,939 or 4.2%
- Proprietary net position increased by \$136,321 or 8.6%
- Total governmental fund revenues increased by \$42,862 in comparison to fiscal year 2017 and expenditures increased by \$194,963 in comparison to fiscal year 2017
- Total proprietary operating revenues decreased by \$22,040 in comparison to fiscal year 2017 and total proprietary operating expenditures decreased by \$15,839 in comparison to fiscal year 2017

On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Fish to approve 2018 audit findings. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, and A. Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt. Motion carries.

Dawson Boyd School Superintendent David Hansen introduced himself and explained the reasoning behind attending the council meeting. The parking on the hill on the north side of the field was discussed and how something can be done to make it fair for all people to be able to park there. Some suggestions included a raffle, pay for a spot, city close the street and allow no parking and others. Phyllis Lund explained how senior citizens are being discriminated against with the current way the parking is being handled. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman A. Tufto to close the road and leave parking decisions to the school. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, and A. Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Fish with a second by Councilman Olson to approve the next city assessment contract. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, and A. Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman A. Tufto with a second by Councilman S. Tufto to approve the recommendations of the park committee. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, and A. Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman A. Tufto with a second by Councilman Fish to approve the recommendations of the planning/zoning committee. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, and A. Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt. Motion carries.

Discussion on the sewer drain issue and the bill associated with this. On motion by Councilman A. Tufto with a second by Councilman Fish to table this until next month so that the City Attorney can come up with recommendations on how to handle it. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, and A. Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Olson with a second by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement and Resolution. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, and A. Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt. Motion carries.

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Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report

City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson Report


- A. The preliminary grant has been submitted to the Minnesota Historical Society for the next step on the Armory building.
- B. An email was received yesterday from the MPCA regarding the facility plan that was submitted on February 28th. WSN will be contacting the MPCA representative and providing

the needed information. This is to determine where we are on the priority project list for the next street and utility project.

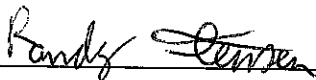
- C. Their Well was here and the well pump and motor on one of the wells is no longer working. Replacement cost is approximately \$6,500. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the replacement pump and motor. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, and A. Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman S. Tufto with a second by Councilman Olson to enter into a closed session at 6:37 PM. The closed session ended at 6:46 PM.

On motion by Councilman A. Tufto with a second by Councilman S. Tufto to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM.



City Clerk/Treasurer



Mayor