

Dawson City Council Minutes  
October 2, 2018  
5:30 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: Councilwoman Becky Bothun, Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Jeff Olson and Councilman Al Tufto.

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk Jill Kemen, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, Dave Hickey, Jeff Fish, and Mike Cagley.

Declaring a quorum, 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. Motion made by Councilman Lien to approve the agenda with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Olson, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of consent agenda items number 4, Approval of the September 4, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, and number 12, September bills paid. Motion made by Councilman Olson to approve consent agenda items number 4 and 12 with a second by Councilman S. Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Olson, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Voting against none. Motion passed.

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

A certified letter was sent to the business owner of 535 Locust Street. This letter asked him to attend the meeting tonight. Schuelke-Sampson stated that the owner came to the City Office at about 4:45 p.m. and said if anyone has a problem with his property and clean-up to come and talk to him personally. Mayor Tensen said that he would like to see his lot cleaned up and not just moved to his personal lot across the street. Mayor Tensen also commented that there has been some work done to improve the appearance outside his business and the owner is working on cleaning things up. Canby Farmer's Grain Elevator, Dawson Branch, has offered to purchase this building from the current owner, but they haven't come to common ground with a price. Councilman Lien said that with new sidewalks being installed, the City cannot tolerate obstruction on the sidewalks. Councilman Lien feels that everything should be kept behind the fence out of view from the public. This will keep the sidewalk and streets clear. Councilwoman Bothun said she feels if the City doesn't act on this property it will carry over into other properties around town as well. Councilman A. Tufto made a motion to move everything behind the fence and off the street and sidewalks within 60 days. Councilman Prestholdt seconded the motion. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Olson, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Voting against none. Motion passed.

A liquor license request from Hilltop Bar and Grill was presented. All the necessary forms are completed. On motion made by Councilman Olson to approve the liquor license request with a second from Councilman Lien. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Olson, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Maintenance Superintendent, Brent Powers, updated the Council on the telemetry failure issue. Powers spoke about the incidental things that created a perfect storm. The water tower holds 150,000 gallons of water and takes a little less than a day to dry down. 5 phone calls were made to the emergency numbers including a phone call to Nathan Martinson, who no longer works at the City of Dawson. His number has since been replaced with Colin Lee. Phone calls continue until someone answers. Councilman Lien asked if the Police should be added to the call list. Powers stated that this system has been in place since 2003 and the City had 6-8 telemetry failures last year. More training will be provided to staff. The boil order was simply protocol per the Department of Health.

Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report:

A. Enclosed in the council packets were reports from the Minnesota Department of Health regarding lead/copper tap water monitoring, drinking water data, and sanitary survey report for the Dawson Public Water System.

B. The other collector chain repair as started.

C. The City will be flushing hydrants on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. This will help to take care of air in the lines since the boil alert and tower running dry.

City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson's Report

A. Riverview Estates hope to be closing on Lot 5 soon. The Dawson EDA was awarded the Minnesota Historical Society grant of \$10,000. MVRDC will work on writing the next grant for repairs and because Dawson EDA has received the Hedgehog Grant, this will help pay for ½ of the grant writing expense.

B. Collaborative Design Group had their kick-off meeting and inspection. The roofer will be here in a couple of weeks to inspect the roof.

C. Schuelke-Sampson would like to see the November 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting moved to November 13<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, the Council will be able to canvas the votes without holding a special meeting.

D. This city office and hallway will be receiving new carpet. There may be some small interruption in services Thursday and Friday. The office is closed, Monday October 8<sup>th</sup>, for Columbus Day. Lee Flooring hopes to have the project completed by Tuesday and the City will move back into their offices starting on Tuesday.

E. The Born Learning Trail will be having a ribbon cutting in the park on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. Council is encouraged to attend.

Hearing nothing else, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman A. Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Olson, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk

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Mayor