

Dawson City Council Minutes
November 10, 2020
5:30 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in regular session Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Dawson City Hall Council Chambers following social distancing guidelines and wearing masks.

Councilpersons present: Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilwoman Chessa Frahm
Councilman Jeff Olson via telephone

Councilpersons absent: Councilman Jeff Fish and Councilman Al Tufto

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Attorney Rick Stulz, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Jill Kemen
City Clerk/Treasurer Jeff Kuhn with Widseth Smith and Nolting

Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman S. Tufto motioned to approve the agenda with an addition of 12a. Ducks Unlimited Gambling Request second from Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Olson, and Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Absent Councilman Fish, Councilman A. Tufto and Councilwoman Frahm. Motion passed.

On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Prestholdt to approve consent agenda number 4, Approve October 20, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes and number 18 October bills paid and third quarter financials. Voting in favor Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Olson, and Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Absent Councilman Fish, Councilman A. Tufto and Councilwoman Frahm. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Tensen closed the council meeting at 5:35 p.m. and opened the public hearing for unpaid utility services and mowing. Hearing nothing, Mayor Tensen closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting.

Jeff Kuhn, City Engineer with Widseth Smith and Nolting, updated council on the project. The project is still progressing. Kuhn presented pay estimate # 2 for approximately \$1.9 million to Kuechle Underground. The previous snow had slowed the project a little but the contractors were able to get most of the homes off the temporary water in time for the cold weather. There is still some blacktop to be laid within phase 1 on the curb and gutter that has already been poured. The forecast in the next week looks to be favorable to get the first lip on yet this year. Worst case scenario if some of the pavement does not get laid, extra gravel will be brought in as a plan B. Councilman Prestholdt asked what changed to have any blacktop laid this season. Mayor Tensen responded by saying with the favorable weather the first lip will help with the hills and erosion that comes with the cold and snow season. Kuhn added that once one lip is laid, the contractors will go back in the spring and patch and repair any settlement or damage before the second and final lip will be laid. He stated again that the density testing done has also been favorable. The 2nd lip will be laid late summer or early fall of 2021 and he can anticipate one more pay estimate in 2020, being considerable small this this request. Councilman S. Tufto inquired to how bad was the infrastructure that was being replaced has been. Kuhn said it was definitely pushing its useful life limits and the shelf life had long been used up. Kuhn will check further into this. Kuhn spoke to council about Judicial Ditch 4. This type of system doesn't have joints, rather the pipe depends on the gravity and weight to keep it in place. Mayor Tensen asked if there was any repair that has been done to the ditch because it is county. Kuhn stated that so far no serious items have come up for repair that have been too costly.

Extra pipe has been brought in for standby to use as necessary so it wouldn't slow the project. If the contractors have to use this extra black pipe, it is available as a preemptive solution, at which point Lac qui Parle Watershed District would help deferred the costs. County employee, Darrell Ellefson, has been involved in any remedy that has been completed and was consulted on for the repair by the wastewater treatment center. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second by Councilman S. Tufto to approve the 2nd pay estimate to Kuechle Underground. Voting in favor Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Olson, and Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Absent Councilman Fish, Councilman A. Tufto and Councilwoman Frahm. Motion passed.

Kuhn next presented the 2nd pay estimate from Maguire Iron for \$14,250.00 covering the preliminary foundation work that has happened. On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman S. Tufto to approve the 2nd pay estimate to Maguire Iron. Voting in favor Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Olson, and Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Absent Councilman Fish, Councilman A. Tufto and Councilwoman Frahm. Motion passed. Councilman Prestholdt inquired about the new school logo and paint upgrade costs to the water tower. City Manager, Schuelke-Sampson, said that the vote at the school decided to stay with the rabbit for their logo. After a final art approval, she will provide drawings to see what the upcharge will be for the paint job on the water tower. Kuhn felt that there would even be an upcharge changing anything from a single color paint scheme with letters. Kuhn and Schuelke-Sampson will get together on final numbers and come back to the council to present.

Kuhn next asked council about Phase 2, south of the railroad tracks. He was inquiring if he should continue to move forward to potentially completing this part of the project. He was notified that some of the money has been moved to the fundable range and suggested to him to get in line and do that now. Mayor Tensen said yes, to move forward with Phase 2 at this point feeling we have no choice. Councilman Prestholdt said we should move forward yesterday, agreeing with Mayor Tensen. Kuhn said he needed to hear this to kick into gear and meet the March deadline for Phase 2. Councilman Prestholdt hopes that grant money will be available and Kuhn shared that was his hope too. Councilman S. Tufto said moving forward does not mean committing to anything but we need to get going. Mayor Tensen has been impressed with all the crew and all the positive things they are hearing.

Councilman S. Tufto said that he and City Clerk/Treasurer had a meeting with MNDOT regarding a crossing on Highway 212. Blaine Green with Widseth was forwarded the information and Kemen will also send the information to Kuhn.

Schuelke-Sampson included in the council packet a pay estimate for Mid-Continental Restoration Company. This has been approved for payment by Collaborate Design Group, the architects. The first pay estimate for this company is \$39,494.82. On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman S. Tufto to approve the pay estimate for Mid-Continental Restoration Company. Voting in favor Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Olson, and Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Absent Councilman Fish, Councilman A. Tufto and Councilwoman Frahm. Motion passed.

The State of Minnesota Income Contract with the DNR was included in council packets. This bill totaling \$1,300.25, has already been paid and was included to simply update the council on this. It is a new contract pertaining to the flood.

Lac qui Parle County ditch assessments have been requested. This is a budgeted item every year. On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilwoman Frahm to approve this assessment payment. Voting in

favor Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Olson, Councilman Prestholdt, and Councilwoman Frahm. Voting against none. Absent Councilman Fish and Councilman A. Tufto. Motion passed.

Done annually to stay current, on motion by Councilwoman Frahm with a second by Councilman S. Tufto to approve the resolution to re-establish the polling precinct and precinct location for the city of Dawson. Voting in favor Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Olson, Councilman Prestholdt, and Councilwoman Frahm. Voting against none. Absent Councilman Fish and Councilman A. Tufto. Motion passed.

Approval of resolutions to assess unpaid utility services and mowing was motioned by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilwoman Frahm. Voting in favor Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Olson, Councilman Prestholdt, and Councilwoman Frahm. Voting against none. Absent Councilman Fish and Councilman A. Tufto. Motion passed.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

City Manager

Mayor