

Dawson City Council Minutes
November 7, 2017
5:30 PM

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers.

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

Councilperson absent: Councilman Al Tufto

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk Jill Kemen, Deb Lanthier Head Librarian, and Dave Hickey.

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. On a motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Tufto to approve the agenda. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Absent Councilman Al Tufto. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of consent agenda items #4 and #13, approve the October 17th council Meeting minutes and approve financial information October bills paid and 3rd quarter financials. On a motion by Councilwoman Bothun with a second from Councilman Lien to approve the consent items. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Absent Councilman Al Tufto. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen then opened the 10 minute public forum. Deb Lanthier, Head Librarian, shared with the Council the happenings at the Dawson Public Library. Some of the happenings included speaker Mary Krugerud, Magician Magic Bob, and book art folding classes. Coming up December 16, the library will host a Polar Express party with a movie, crafts and snacks. Hearing nothing else, Mayor Tensen closed the public hearing.

On a motion made by Councilman Olson with a second by Councilman Lien to approve the resolution to re-establish the polling precinct and precinct location for the City of Dawson as Dawson City Hall 675 Chestnut Street. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Absent Councilman Al Tufto. Motion passed.

There was a motion made Councilman Olson with a second from Councilwoman Bothun to approve the maintenance snow removal agreement with Lac qui Parle County Department of Highways. This is a five year contract. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Absent Councilman Al Tufto. Motion passed.

The Pioneerland Library System payment request was brought to Council. This is a budgeted item. On a motion made by Councilman Lien with a second by Councilman Tufto to approve the request. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Absent Councilman Al Tufto. Motion passed.

The Council addressed ordering the 2018 Fore Explorer Squad. The City is hoping for a Rural Development Grant to pay for half of this squad. However, the squad needs to be ordered one day before the approval

of the grant funds. In the event that the federal program changes, it would be an added cost to the City to pay for the entire squad. On a motion made by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman Tufto to approve ordering the squad. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Absent Councilman Al Tufto. Motion passed.

The Lac qui Parle County EDA director update was given for information only.

Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report

A. There is a check valve leaking in the well at the Water Plant. This was repaired 7 years ago. It is estimated that \$20,000 will fix this problem.

B. The collector chain on the other side has now broken at the Wastewater Plant. The City is still waiting for work to be done on the first side. Powers was hoping to hear from the company on Wednesday.

C. Lac qui Parle County plans to overlay and mill 5th Street. Powers presented the idea of updating the sidewalks at the same time. Previously, sidewalks has been assessed to taxes at 50% of the cost to the homeowner.

D. Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water has begun laying the pipe out and anticipate digging on Wednesday since the crop is generally out now. Further discussion was held concerning LPRW and a water treatment plant and the affect this would have on our water table at the City.

City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson Report

A. One home at Riverview Estates has sold and one home is currently being built as a spec home. The grant that was applied for through the Historical Society concerning the library building will be awarded in December. Schuelke-Sampson has received a quote from Servicemaster regarding the mold mitigation. The League of Minnesota Cities insurance adjustor has also provided her with another company that works with mold mitigation. A1 cleaning has inspected the area to be cleaned and will be issuing their quote later in the week. Both companies agree that the water issue needs to be addressed before the mold mitigation is completed. The EDA decided they would remove the skylights and blend the shingles to help alleviate some of the water issues. Pamela Ellison, Director, and Sonjia Lien, Chair, were present at the EDA meeting to address the commitment to the Dawson EDA and discuss what is expected from our county EDA.

B. The DSI commercial loans are now filled. The residential loans are getting close. Currently there are 12 homes under contract with 2 more potentially being under contract by Friday. There is one home needed to fill the remaining spot for residential. It's important to get the money spent or it will be returned to the State. Councilman Olson said he would like to see the City continue with a small cities grant application when the current program ends.

C. Lac qui Parle County is applying for a grant to help defray the cost of a new Automark ballot machine and a ballot counting machine. Schuelke-Sampson provided information she received pertaining to the grant.

D. The Daycare Town Hall meeting was held October 30, 2017. 41 people were in attendance including the core group. Those in attending broke up into 4 small groups to address the current issues pertaining to the daycare shortages in Dawson and Boyd. Their next step is to start implementing some of the ideas with community involvement and create a timeline for assistance.

E. The liquor store has started their winter hours. The store will close early Monday – Thursday at 9:00 PM nightly. With Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve being Sundays, the liquor store will be open from 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM. December 16th will be the beer and wine tasting at the VFW with proceeds going to benefit adding a splash pad to our community.

F. Grocery delivery is a needed service in our City. The City has been approached to help solve this problem. It was suggested to ask the school REACH group to see if they would be interested in this opportunity to help. Jill will contact REACH.

Schuelke-Sampson stated that the next meeting, November 21, 2017, a public hearing will be held for 2017 assessments for utility billing, trees and mowing.

With a motion by Councilwoman Bothun and a second by Councilman Prestholdt to adjourn the meeting. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Absent Councilman Al Tufto. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk

Mayor