

Dawson City Council Minutes  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
5:30 pm

Councilpersons present: Jake Bothun, David Hansen, Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, JT Schacherer and Charlie Prestholdt. Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Jill Kemen, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, W/WW operator Nathan Grengs, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Dave Hickey and David Pederson.

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 Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Hansen. Motion passed. December financials will be provided at the January 16<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve the consent agenda item 4, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 council meeting minutes with a second from Councilman Schacherer. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Olson Councilman Adelman, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Hansen. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Tensen opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:32 pm. Nathan Grengs introduced himself as the new W/WW operator. Nathan comes to the city with C licenses in both water and wastewater and pool operator certification. He is studying for his B licenses. Hearing nothing else, Mayor Tensen closed the 10-minute public forum at 5:33 pm.

Reports of officers, boards and committees.

The Enterprise Committee met with Larry Van Hout from Widseth about the pump for the water tower. The original pump that was approved was not NSF certified, which was discovered after the bid was approved. The committee discussed their concerns with Larry about the whole process, and why it was not known by Widseth or the suppliers that the pump that was recommended not up to NSF specs required by the State. Larry received bids on four different pumps. The Grundfos pump was recommended by both Larry and Kurt for the city's need with an \$18,000 deduct. The committee recommended moving forward with Municipal services bid, which will cost the city an additional \$17,000 compared to the first bid.

Reporting of lead service lines is required by the state. The city has the option to hire a consultant to do the reporting up to \$70,000, which is reimbursed by the state. Jeff Kuhn thought Dawson only had a handful of lead lines. The timeline to replace those lines is 15-20 years. The city is working with Taft Law firm on the lawsuit regarding PFAS in our water supply. Taft paid for samples that were taken from the three wells and the wastewater plant. This will be at no cost to the city. It may require Kurt to do sampling at the school and the hospital in the future. There will be a public hearing on the 16th regarding the wastewater variance. The city will begin in April with the new limits if the new permit limits get approval.

The committee recommended keeping the Liquor Store for sale. The realtor is still getting two to three calls a week.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report.

Kurt reported having trouble with the red snow plow truck. The hinge on the back of the box is rusted. The truck is 24 years old. Kurt has been looking into other options. From what he has found, a used truck is between \$50,000 to \$100,000. Boyer Trucking out of the Cities is getting new ones in so they might have something available on trade.

City Manager Jill Kemen's Report.

Jill reminded everyone of the SWMHP housing meeting January 11th. SWMHP is handling the meetings, and asked the city to block off the day. The Chamber is hosting Cory Epola at the Hilltop at 5:00 pm also on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Police car sold as sealed bid for \$5,500. The jetter was also on sealed bid but bids came in lower than what Kurt wanted to sell it for. The city will look at putting it on MN bid or public surplus. Kurt said it just needs one valve replaced and would be great for a smaller community. There will be an Employee/Volunteer committee meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> with the Fire Department at 9am. The Dawson Fire Department township supper is February 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm social hour and supper at 6:15 pm.

New Business

The Enterprise committee recommended going with the Grundfos pump for the water plant. Councilman Schacherer voiced his concerns based on the committee minutes with Widseths ability to make decisions. Councilman Adelman motioned to approve the Grundfos pump and move forward with Municipal Services to do the install with a second from Councilman Schacherer. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Hansen. Against: none. Motion passed.

The city has the option to hire a consultant or use Widseth to report the lead lines in Dawson to the state. Widseth has most of the city's information from our current infrastructure projects. The consultant or Widseth would be reimbursed by the state. Councilman Olson motioned to move forward with Widseth to handle the lead line reporting to the state with a second from Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Hansen. Against: none. Motion passed.

The Council Committee Assignments for 2024 are as follows:

Enterprise Committee: Jeff Olson/David Hansen  
Above Ground Construction: Vince Adelman/J.T. Schacherer  
Funding Committee: J.T. Schacherer/Jake Bothun  
Employer/Volunteer: David Hansen/Jake Bothun  
Recreation and Growth: Charlie Prestholdt/Vince Adelman  
Arts and Education: Jeff Olson/Charlie Prestholdt

Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the council assignments with a second from Councilman Schacherer. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Hansen. Against: Councilman Adelman. Motion passed.

Councilman Prestholdt motioned for Councilman Olson to continue as Council President with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Hansen. Against: none. Motion passed.

Councilman Schacherer motioned to approve to designate Minnwest Bank, Greater Community Credit Union and Pershing as the official depository for the City of Dawson funds with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Bothun. Absent: none. Abstained: Councilman Hansen. Against: none. Motion passed.

Councilman Schacherer motioned to approve Ehlers as the agency for managing the City of Dawson investment accounts as well as the City's municipal advisors with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Bothun. Absent: none. Abstained: Councilman Hansen. Against: none. Motion passed.

Councilman Prestholdt motioned to designate the Dawson Sentinel as the official newspaper with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Bothun. Against: none. Motion passed.

Councilman Schacherer motioned to approve the 2024 Fee schedule with no changes from 2023 with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Bothun. Against: none. Motion passed.

Ordinances and Resolutions

The second reading of Ordinance 325 amending the use and connection rates for utilities was read. Councilman Prestholdt motioned to move forward with the ordinance change with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Bothun. Against: none. Motion passed.

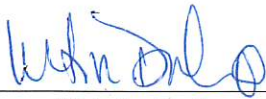
The second reading of the Summary of Ordinance 325 amending the use and connection rates for utilities was read. The summary will get published in the paper and fees will go in effect on the January 20<sup>th</sup> billing. Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the summary with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Bothun. Against: none. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Mayor Tensen will be absent. There will be a virtual public hearing for the wastewater variance permit. There will be a retirement party for Dennis on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm at City Hall. Please be sure to attend.

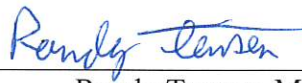
With nothing more to discuss, Councilman Schacherer motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Bothun. Against: none. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.



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Kristin Daline, City Clerk



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Randy Tensen, Mayor