

Dawson City Council
September 5th, 2023
5:30 pm

Councilpersons present: JT Schacherer, Vince Adelman, Jeff Olson and David Hansen. Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Peggy Crosby, David Pederson, Steven Farnen and Emily Polzine.

Councilman Olson 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 Adelman. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Schacherer. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Bothun. Against: None. Motion passed.

Councilman Hansen motioned to approve consent agenda 4, August 1st Council Minutes and August financials 12A. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Schacherer. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Bothun. Against: None. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Councilman Olson opened the public forum at 5:31 pm. Peggy Crosby inquired about the concrete work on main street that was left undone. Kurt said the concrete crew will be back in a couple weeks. Mediacom has telephone poles that need to be moved, as well as some temporary lighting that needs to be pulled on Mainstreet. The second layer of tar will be done south of the river this fall. Remaining tar will be done in the Spring. With nothing more to discussed, Councilman Olson closed the public forum at 5:35 pm.

Reports of officers, boards and committees.

The EDA met with David Tysk from Meeker Housing to speak to the board about apartments in the new development. Joe Maffit with CEDA, has written a grant with PrimeWest. This grant would cover swimming lessons, family passes and additional wants and needs that were not purchased due to the lack of funding from the Blandin Foundation Grants because of cost increase.

Councilman Adelman spoke on behalf of the funding committee. Topics discussed was the 2024 budget. The prelim budget includes the recommendations from Ehlers, including the new LGA payments. The new law concerning earned sick and safe time (ESST) required in 2024 was talked about. Budget recommendations will be addressed at the September 19th Council Meeting. Also discussed was \$64,151 safety aid from the state. Collins, Fire Chief Brian Hersom and Chief Stock had given Jill a list of items to consider. Council will determine how the money is spent. The committee also discussed how the city would like to move forward with issuing liquor licensing if the Liquor Store were to sell.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

Included in the packet was a quote from Bargaen to crack fill Hackberry Street, which was not part of phase 2. The city sent a letter to homeowners to resurface the whole street, but very few were interested. The original quote to resurface the street was \$160,000. Next year, the street will be seal coated. The street is estimated to last 4-5 years after crack filling this fall, and seal

coating next year for an estimated total of \$45,000. Councilman Adelman inquired about repairing the street by hospital. The street had a lot of extra truck traffic during JMHS remodel and phase 2 of the street project. Kurt said a mill and overlay will be done; the base is decent. The punch list for Ryan Contracting is long, addressing various things. Councilman Hansen asked about street signs and parking on the streets. Kurt will talk to the county about striping Mainstreet. Kurt, Kristin Jeff with Widseth and Mike with Ryan Contracting met with Dillions Lawn Service last week. Dillions will be tilling and spraying everything dead and coming back to reseed and blow on mulch.

City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

AGP finished the two lines on 6th Street. Jeff Kuhn will be contacted to speak with the County in regards to the patching between the tracks to get it open again. BNSF has a tentative date of September 18th to start with their line on 6th Street and the middle crossing on 5th Street to follow. This will again close the street down.

A letter from Jake Sieg at the County was enclosed in the packet talking about the increase in demolition of properties. The County is willing to increase their contribution for reimbursements if the city would to match. Councilman Olson said the increase at landfill sites has gone from \$2,000 to 8,000. Councilman Adelman is concerned about the MPCA getting involved and having to reline the LqP landfill and the cost impact it will have to residents in the County.

The water wall at Veteran's Park will be operational again in 2024. It is currently shut off due to the street project.

Three new Christmas lights have been purchased for Light Your Way Gnome. Thank you to Greater Community Credit Union for their donation and Dawson Community Foundation Grant. If anyone has extra metal stakes, outdoor extension cords, or heavy-duty zip ties, the city would welcome those donations to help display our growing holiday scene.

The Chamber is looking for volunteers to sit at the Fair booth this weekend. Please contact Terry Overlander if you are interested. The city will not have a booth this year.

The city has secured 16 new voting booths from the City of Minneapolis. Collins will send someone to the cities to pick them up. There will be three elections next year that will require several election judges. Please consider volunteering for these positions. Election judges are required to be trained every 2 years. Training is available on-line.

Old Business

The funding committee recommends keeping one off sale license given out to a business as a stand-alone liquor store. Recommendation was for two years for the business to get established and reassessed for additional licenses after that time. There have been no offers on the liquor store, but several inquiries.

There is still a small amount of funds available from the tree reimbursement program for phase 1 homeowners. Please inquire in the city office. Limited to 2 trees per household.

New Business

Pay estimate #13 from Ryan Contracting was included in the packet. Councilman Adelman questioned why the original amount for the project has change. Councilman Adelman motioned to table until the next meeting for further clarification with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Schacherer. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Bothun. Against: None. Motion passed.

An invoice was included in the packet from BNSF. Councilman Schacherer motioned to table paying the invoice for more information. Council discussed that the invoice was not clear as to what was being paid with a second from Councilman Adelman. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Schacherer. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Bothun. Against: None. Motion passed.

A letter from the Dawson-Boyd Softball Association was included in the packet. The association is looking for permission to cover the dugouts on the East softball field and to sell advertising banners to raise funds for field improvements which would be hung on the outfield fences. All of the labor will be donated and materials purchased with monies raised from the pork feed during Riverfest. On motion from Councilman Hansen with a second from Councilman Schacherer to give permission to the Dawson-Boyd Softball Association to move forward in receiving donations for improvements. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Schacherer. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Bothun. Against: None. Motion passed.

Two applications to defer phase 2 street assessments were submitted and approved by the funding committee. Deferred assessments will continue to accrue interest and are filed at the County against the property parcel. Since approval, one of the applicants has paid the assessment. On motion from Councilman Schacherer with a second from Councilman Hansen to approve the deferred assessment certificate. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Schacherer. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Bothun. Against: None. Motion passed.

The final assessments will be sent to the County Auditor to be assessed to taxes starting in 2024 for 15 years at 6.3%. Assessments can be paid anytime throughout the term of the assessment. On motion from Councilman Hansen approve the certificate to the County Auditor for all unpaid assessments with a second from Councilman Schacherer. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Schacherer. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Bothun. Against: None. Motion passed. Deferred assessments will continue to accrue interest and are filed at the County against the property parcel.

An agreement and resolution approving the State of MN Joint Powers Agreements with the city of Dawson on behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department was enclosed in the packet. Attorney Rick Stulz said this agreement is voted on each year. On motion from Council Hansen with a second from Councilman Adelman to approved the agreement and resolution. Voting in favor, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman

Schacherer. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Bothun. Against: None. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

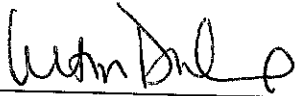
The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, September 19th at 5:30 pm.

The preliminary budget will be approved at the September 19th meeting.

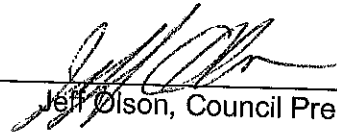
A survey from Widseth was placed at your seat. Please fill it out and turn it back in to the office to be mailed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.



Kristin Daline, City Clerk



Jeff Olson, Council President