

Dawson City Council Special Meeting Minutes
November 22nd, 2021
12:00 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met for a special session Monday, November 22nd, 2021 at Noon in the Dawson City Hall Council Chambers. Councilpersons present: Jeff Fish, Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, Dean Petersen, Steve Tufto, and Charlie Prestholdt. Also Present: Mayor Randy Tensen, Acting City Manager Jill Kemen, Deputy Clerk Kristin Daline, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, Public Works Supervisor Colin Lee, City Maintenance 1 Nick Vorvick, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Diane and John Nevins, Mike Cagely, Janell Welling, David Peterson, Lowell and Dawn Tyler, Burt Faehn, Lee Gunderson, Virgil Thompson and TJ Johnson. Duane Hastad listened via cell phone.

Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tensen explained the sole purpose of the meeting would be to reconsider/rescind the council's prior decision regarding the width of the streets. No other business/action will be discussed, and public input will not be allowed.

Mayor Tensen called for motion to reconsider/rescind the prior discussion of the council. Councilman Prestholdt motioned with second from Councilman Olson to discuss the council's prior decision on widening the streets.

Councilman Tufto feels confident in the homework that he has done, and wants the project to move forward. He has spoken with EMTs and past Commissioners, and feels that the city engineer has done his due diligence to answer any questions the council has had and explain things. He fears that if this doesn't continue to move forward the city will lose out on the \$10 million dollars in grant money it will receive towards the project.

Councilman Olson wants to stick with the prior decision to build the streets at standard width, 36'. He said that Canby did a street project ten years ago and worked around the trees, and they have just recently had street damage because of the trees.

Councilman Adelman had concerns about how the standard width of 36' came about, who made this decision. He also questioned why every street needed to have drain tile. He doesn't feel it would be necessary to put drain tile on streets that are hilly, water runs down hill. Councilman Adelman is aware that there are projects pending, but does not want them delayed if the engineer has to re-figure the numbers, but still would like to see those numbers. He has also done some research into tree root barriers that would re-direct tree roots that he will talk with Duane Hastad about.

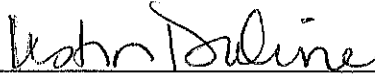
Interim City Manager Kemen has spoken with the engineer, and he assured her that even with re-figuring the streets to the width they are today it wouldn't be a big cost savings. Trees can be planted in Phase 1 with set backs.

Councilman Prestholdt wanted to thank everyone that was at the meeting, and for being passionate about the city they live in. He said that Jeff Kuhn is doing what he was directed to do. Councilman Prestholdt does not want to delay future projects. Duane Hastad said he would be happy to look at every tree in Phase 2.

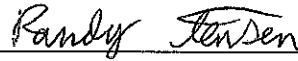
Mayor Tensen called for a vote to reconsider/rescind council's prior decision on the street width. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: Councilman Petersen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Fish. Motion Failed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Deputy City Clerk



Mayor