

Dawson City Council Minutes
April 7th, 2020
5:00 PM

The Dawson City Council met on Tuesday, April 7th, 2020, at 5:00 PM. Due to the pandemic this was also a conference call to recommended for social distancing.

Councilpersons present: Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Steve Tufto.

Present via teleconference: Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilman Jeff Fiish, Councilman Al Tufto, and Councilwoman Chessa Frahm

Others present: City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, Utility Billing/Office Clerk Kristin Daline.

Others present via teleconference: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Clerk/Treasurer Jill Kemen, LQP Assessor Lori Schwendemann and City Assessor Beth Westby and City Attorney Rick Stulz.

Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman Olson to approve the agenda as written. Voting in favor: Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Frahm, Councilman Prestholdt, and Councilman A. Tufto. Voting against: None. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Frahm motioned to approve the consent agenda items which included the March 10th Council meeting minutes, March 25th Emergency Council Meeting Minutes and the March financial information. Second from Councilman S. Tufto. Voting in favor: Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Frahm, Councilman Prestholdt, and Councilman A. Tufto. Voting against: None. Motion passed.

Mayor Tenson opened the public forum and hearing no comments closed.

Lori Schwendemann, LqP County Assessor and Beth Westby, Dawson Assessor were present to answer questions pertaining to the assessed value of homes within the City of Dawson. There were 13 arm's length residential transactions with an adjusted median ration of 88.97%. State statute requirement is to have the assessed values meet 90 – 105% of the sales. Since Dawson did not meet this requirement they had to increase the assessed value of the home in Dawson 3 – 5%.

Charlie Prestholdt presented the next Farmer's for Dawson project, which is to extend a sidewalk under the driving bridge on the north side so pedestrians don't have to cross 6th street to access the other city park. Larson Brothers would be doing the cement work for the project. Jeff Olson motioned to approve the project contingent on approval of the County Engineer, Councilman S. Tufto seconded. Voting in favor: Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Frahm, Councilman Prestholdt, and Councilman A. Tufto. Voting against: None. Motion passed.

Charlie Prestholdt stated that there has been discussion with other people that had interest in the community garden but with the COVID-19 pandemic to keep this item tabled until the fall.

Charlie Prestholdt talked about camping signs along highway 212 before city limits. He had spoken to Monica Bothun about the sign she currently has by Dawson Truck Parts and said she pays an annual fee of \$100. Prestholdt agreed that that would be a big expense for the city and doesn't plan to go any

further with the campground signs. Prestholdt has contacted Paul Hill and he agreed to allow a sign for commercial property available to be put on his property west of Midwest Truck Parts. Prestholdt and Lee Gunderson are working on this with no expense to the city.

On motion by Councilman Olson to approve The Rusty Duck Liquor Renewal seconded by Councilman Fish. Voting in favor: Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Frahm, Councilman Prestholdt, and Councilman A. Tufto. Voting against: None. Motion passed.

On motion by Councilwoman Frahm to approve the Dawson Boyd Baseball Association 3.2 Liquor renewal seconded by Councilman A. Tufto. Voting in favor: Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Frahm, Councilman Prestholdt, and Councilman A. Tufto. Voting against: None. Motion passed.

On motion by Councilman Olson to approve the payment of the Dawson Ambulance Contribution request in June of this year seconded by Councilman A. Tufto. Voting in favor: Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Frahm, Councilman Prestholdt, and Councilman A. Tufto. Voting against: None. Motion passed.

Councilman Jeff Olson started the discussion about the City Wide Cleanup and having citizens pay for mattresses and box springs at \$15 a piece. He removed himself from the conversation being owner of Olson Sanitation. On motion by Councilman S. Tufto to approve to have citizens pay for the appliances, mattresses and box springs before citywide cleanup on May 18th seconded by Councilman A. Tufto. Voting in favor: Councilman Fish, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Frahm, Councilman Prestholdt, and Councilman A. Tufto. Voting against: None. Abstaining: Councilman Olson. Motion passed.

Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers Report

- A. The MPCA pre-treatment report letter was provided to council for your information. The report was complete as reported.

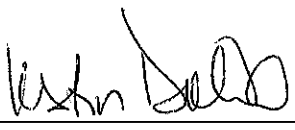
City Manager Tami Schuelke Sampson Report

- A. EDA Update – the revolving loan fund application was submitted to the USDA on March 17th with a due date of March 30th but this deadline was extended to April 15th. The Armory project bid proposals are due tomorrow by 4:00 pm.
- B. The 2020 Street and Utility Improvement Project plans and specs were provided to MPCA on March 27th with a due date of March 30th.
- C. The computer commuter is not currently running and will start again after the COVID-19 pandemic.
- D. New COVID-19 temporary federal leave policies were provided to staff yesterday. These include the emergency paid sick leave policy and the public health emergency leave policy.
- E. The 2020 Riverfest celebration has been canceled by the Riverfest Committee but it will be back bigger and better than ever in 2021!

A motion by Councilman Olson to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 PM with a second from Councilman A. Tufto.



Mayor



Utility Billing/Office Clerk

