

Dawson City Council Minutes
October 19th, 2021
5:30 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in regular session Tuesday, October 19th 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Dawson City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting was also available via Zoom. 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 Supervisor Colin Lee, City Attorney Rick Stulz and City Engineer Jeff Kuhn, Diane and John Nevins, Duane and Betty Hastad, Sharon Vick, Francis Greiner, Janell Welling, Peggy Crosby, David Peterson, Lauren Olson, Mike Cagley, Judy Kunde, Chad Felton, Richard Baker, Lowell and Dawn Tyler, Burt Faehn, Dave Hickey, Doc Skordahl, June & Bill Batula, Darren and Holly Clausen, Tony Aafedt, Bill Stock and Nathan Grengs. Dave Falness and an unnamed person via Zoom.

Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Fish motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of 5E, Mid Continental pay request, a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion Passed.

Councilman Prestholdt motioned with a second from Councilman Tufto to approve October 9th Council Meeting Minutes. Voting in favor: Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion Passed.

With hearing nothing in the 10 Minute Public Forum, Mayor Tensen closed the Public Forum.

New Business

Kemen spoke on behalf of the Blackjack Babies and Toddlers pay request. The request is the same dollar amount it has been in the past. Councilman Fish motioned with a second from Councilman Tufto to approve the pay request. Voting in favor: Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion Passed.

The City received a letter from JMHS Ambulance requesting \$10,418.09 to upgrade the Dawson Ambulance. Councilman Olson motioned with a second from Councilman Petersen to approve the pay request. Voting in favor: Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion Passed.

A Gambling Permit for Ducks Unlimited has been received by the City. Councilman Fish motioned with a second from Councilman Petersen to approve the gambling permit. Voting in favor: Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion Passed.

Discussion was had on whether or not to purchase an extended warranty for the skid loader being purchased. Kemen said that with new equipment being run by computer it would be a wise idea to look at extended warranty. Councilman Olson asked that if it is being purchased by government program, would it be wise for the City to trade every couple years. A table with warranty options was provided. Councilman Prestholdt asked that the discussion be tabled until the next meeting. Jill will get more information about the warranty.

A pay request was provided by Mid Continental in regards to the Armory restoration project. The chimney has been repaired and the check point items have been completed. This will be the final payment. Councilman Fish motioned with a second from Councilman Petersen to approve the pay request for Mid Continental. Voting in favor: Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion Passed.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins Report

Public Works Superintendent, Kurt Collins wasn't available to be at the meeting so Kemen spoke about the Water/Wastewater plant becoming a B Plant. The City is currently contracting with Brent Powers who holds an A license. Kemen has spoken with Paul and Taylor with the MPCA who will be sending the City a compliance agreement to be able to operate as a B plant. This is a huge win for the City.

Public Works Supervisor Colin Lee gave a brief update. The old water tower is currently empty. AGP called on Monday morning and said that they were out of water at a section of the plant. City Engineer Jeff Kuhn stated that two valves from the tower were shut. One valve was turned back on, and the other will be capped at a later date.

Interim City Manager Jill Kemens Report

The CEDA contract ends at the end of the year with Dawson and Madison. Zach Bubany has left, and Angie Stier is filling in, working remotely. Angie said that she would come to Dawson if need be.

At the EDA meeting, a representative from Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership said they would like to work with the City to provide housing in Dawson. There is grant money available at the state. The conversation will be continued at Monday's EDA meeting.

Kemen wanted to extend a thank you to Dennis Hullstrom for the new safety divider in the City office as well as taking care of Gnome Park Campground this summer.

With the Council date changing to November 9th due to the school election on the 2nd, Kemen asked the Council if they would like to move the second meeting to November 23rd. This will be discussed at the next meeting to see if there is a reason for the second meeting.

The next council meeting will be November 9th at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business

Mayor Tensen opened the conversation to anyone wishing to speak in regards to trees. Diane Nevins, Janell Welling and Darren Clausen spoke briefly about their concerns on the number of trees that are scheduled to be removed in Phase 2.

City Attorney Rick Stulz asked that the meeting take a short recess before City Manager interviews start.

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Hearing nothing else, on motion by Councilman Fish with a second by Councilman Petersen to adjourn. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Tufto. Against: None. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Deputy City Clerk

Mayor