

Dawson City Council Minutes  
December 3, 2019  
6:00 PM

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: Councilman Al Tufto, Councilman Jeff Fish, Councilman Steven Tufto, and Councilman Charlie Prestholdt.

Councilperson absent: Councilman Jeff Olson and Councilwoman Chessa Frahm.

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Attorney Rick Stulz, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, City Clerk/Treasurer Jill Kemen, Police Chief Andy Stock, Al Schacherer, and Dean Petersen.

Declaring a quorum present, Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order and the group repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of the agenda. On a motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman S. Tufto to approve the agenda. Voting in favor: Fish, A. Tufto, S. Tufto, and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: Olson and Frahm. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman S. Tufto with a second from Councilman Fish to approve Consent Agenda items #4 and #17, approval of the November 5, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes and November bills paid. Voting in favor: Voting in favor: Fish, A. Tufto, S. Tufto, and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: Olson and Frahm. Motion carries.

Mayor Tensen then opened the 10 minute public forum. Hearing nothing, Mayor Tensen closed the public hearing.

City Manager, Tami Schuelke-Sampson spoke about the 2020 levy. As discussed at a previous council meeting the levy increase will be 3%. Councilman Prestholdt questioned the cash balance for the liquor store. Schuelke-Sampson stated that between Thanksgiving and New Year's, the liquor store has its busiest months. On a motion by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the 2020 budget levy at 3% with a second by Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor: Fish, A. Tufto, S. Tufto, and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: Olson and Frahm. Motion carries.

Schuelke-Sampson led the AED discussion. She stated the city cannot donate, but will purchase an AED for the city hall. The cost for this is included as incidentals in the budget. The city, with help from Chief Stock, will work on a Wal-Mart grant to help fund new AEDs for the squad cars.

Officer Baldwin represents the police union for negotiations. Their contract is up December 31, 2019 and a new contract was approved by the personnel committee. Changes to this contract are: 3 year contract instead of a two year contract, 3% cost of living increase for each of the three years, a deferred compensation matched increase at \$10/\$5/\$5 respectively for each year, and on call pay increase to move closer to the Lac qui Parle County Sheriff pay. The personnel committee also approved the hiring of the current part time office staff to full time. On a motion by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the police union and staffing changes with a second by Councilman Fish. Voting in favor: Fish, A. Tufto, S. Tufto, and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: Olson and Frahm. Motion carries.

A gambling request for Dawson Boyd Trap League came before council. All necessary documents are completed. On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the gambling permit. Voting in favor: Fish, A. Tufto, S. Tufto, and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: Olson and Frahm. Motion carries.

The Mediacom update rate increase is for information only.

Police Chief Stock was present to discuss the police contract with Louisburg. The contract states that DBPD will provide 2 hours a week for ordinance enforcement. In return Louisburg will pay \$4,000 annually to the DBPD. Lac qui Parle County Sheriff Department will continue to patrol. Councilman Prestholdt handed out his calculations on the Louisburg contract, and feels the city will be losing money if the contract is signed. He reiterated he doesn't want this to cost the citizens of Dawson one penny to service Louisburg. Councilman Fish also questioned why the police would provide service to Louisburg. His concern, among many, is that Dawson will lose police coverage during those contracted hours to Louisburg. Another concern of his is feasibility of cost for little revenue. Chief Stock stated some of the two hours would be telephone calls, letters, and drive time. He also said he didn't find it necessary to visit Louisburg every week. After further discussion between Council and Chief Stock, on motion by Councilman Prestholdt to approve the Louisburg Police Contract on a six month trial with time accountability with a second by Councilman A. Tufto. Voting in favor: A. Tufto, S. Tufto, and Prestholdt; voting against: Fish; absent: Olson and Frahm. Motion carries.

Attorney Stulz spoke about the contract for CEDA. This is a firm that will be hired to help with the funds given to Dawson and Madison from the county to replace the County EDA. The City will be required to pay \$12,500 to CEDA in exchange for professional services. The Dawson EDA is also applying to establish a revolving loan fund run through MVRDC. This application is due March 2020. On a motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman Fish to approve the CEDA contract and revolving loan application. Voting in favor: Fish, A. Tufto, S. Tufto, and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: Olson and Frahm. Motion carries.

The Computer Commuter update is for information only.

#### Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report

No report given.

#### City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson Report

- A. FEMA is coming to Dawson to do a site visit on December 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be viewing the damage that isn't fixed. Kristin Daline, Office Assistant, and Schuelke-Sampson have been working on providing the information needed to receive the FEMA reimbursement money.
- B. Chief Stock was awarded a Wal-Mart grant of \$2,500 for police radios. He purchased three used radios and will have them programmed. The school will receive two of these radios and the third will be at the city office for use by staff. A new city radio channel will also be established.

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With nothing else on the agenda, on motion by Councilman S. Tufto with a second by Councilman Fish to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

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City Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor