

Dawson City Council Minutes  
June 4, 2019  
5:30 PM

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 5:00 PM in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Jeff Fish and Councilman Charlie Prestholdt.

Councilperson absent: Councilman Al Tufto and Councilman Steven Tufto.

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Attorney Rick Stulz, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, Dawson Sentinel Editor Dave Hickey 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 Olson with a second from Councilman Prestholdt to approve the agenda as printed. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto and A. Tufto. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Fish with a second from Councilman Olson to approve the Consent Agenda items #4 and #15, approval of the May 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes and the May bills paid Voting in favor: Fish, Olson and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto and A. Tufto. Motion carries.

Mayor Tensen then opened the 10 minute public forum. Dennis Hullstrom had spoken with both Mayor Tensen and Councilman Prestholdt regarding not removing the fire rings during the Riverfest celebration since there have not been problems in the campground the last few years. Hearing nothing further, Mayor Tensen closed the public forum at 5:32 PM.

On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Prestholdt to allow the park committee to make the decision about the fire rings. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto and A. Tufto. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman Fish to allow fires during Riverfest. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto and A. Tufto. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Fish to table filling the Councilmember opening. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto and A. Tufto. Motion carries.

The County is now planning the 2020 Pictometry flight. At the time of the last flight Dawson did not upgrade the resolution for the city. In discussion with the County to upgrade the resolution so every city will be the same would cost Dawson up to \$2,000 a year for three years. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Prestholdt to approve going with the County recommendation on the 2020 Pictometry flight. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto and A. Tufto. Motion carries.

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On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Prestholdt to approve the office photocopier purchase from One Office. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto and A. Tufto. Motion carries.

The Lac qui Parle Agricultural Society thank you and MPCA 2018 pretreatment annual report letter is for your information only.

On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Fish to approve the Lil Red Wagon Food Trailer Peddlers Permit application. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto and A. Tufto. Motion carries.

The Computer Commuter Update is for your information only.

### Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report

- A. There are six spots in the campground at Veteran's Park. The driveways are in and the power will be done soon. These spots will be rough but usable. In the swimming pool campground the 50 amp pedestals have been installed and water ran into spot 10.
- B. On motion by Councilman Fish with a second by Councilman Olson to approve the proposal by Hydro Klean to spray line and seal manholes. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto and A. Tufto. Motion carries.
- C. During the hospital project they ripped through a storm sewer near the assisted living building. Larson Tiling completed the work and billed the City of Dawson but we wondered who was actually responsible. It was stated that an experienced backhoe operator would stop digging when they reach a clay tile but that did not happen. This was unable to be located because of how old it is and no tracer wires would have been on the tile. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Prestholdt to send the repair bill to the hospital because there was no way for us to locate the pipe. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto and A. Tufto. Motion carries.
- D. The Memorial Place road is crumbling by the hospital. It is believed to have been caused by the truck traffic with the hospital/care center project. There was an estimated 2,000 trucks a day traveling this road. It was recommended to bring this up and talk to the hospital about who should be responsible for fixing it.
- E. The pool opened today! It was inspected by Countryside Public Health on Monday and we passed. This year we are having Co-Managers and have 18 lifeguards with about 9 having Water Safety Instructor certificates. The sign up for swimming lessons will be this Wednesday and Thursday at the city office between 5 and 7 PM.

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City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson Report

- A. The House and Senate approved the bill to increase LGA in 2020 and again in 2021. The increase in 2021 will bring us back to the 2002 level.
- B. The Gnome Trail signs are complete and should be delivered sometime early next week. Copies of the designs are available if anyone would like to see them. The Cities contribution is to put up the signs and the new hydration station that has been installed at City Hall.
- C. On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman Fish to approve the closing of the city office on Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> with staff using either vacation or comp time. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto and A. Tufto. Motion carries.

Councilman Prestholdt led a discussion about building standards and provided an example of one that is below standards. City Attorney Stulz will look into this and believes some can fall into the blight category especially if the structure is multicolored and uses recycled materials.

On motion by Councilman Fish with a second by Councilman Olson to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM.

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City Manager

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Mayor