

Dawson City Council Minutes
September 17, 2019
5:30 PM

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: Councilman Jeff Olson, and Councilman Steven Tufto and Councilman Charlie Prestholdt available via speaker phone.

Councilperson absent: Councilman Jeff Fish and Councilman Al Tufto.

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, City Clerk/Treasurer Jill Kemen, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, Leroy Mamer, Eric Burman, Chessa Frahm 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 as printed. On a motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman S. Tufto to approve the agenda as printed. Voting in favor: Olson, S. Tufto, and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: A. Tufto and Fish. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Fish with a second from Councilman S. Tufto to approve the September 3rd Council Meeting Minutes. Voting in favor: Olson, S. Tufto, and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: A. Tufto and Fish. Motion carries.

Mayor Tensen then opened the 10 minute public forum. Hearing no comment Mayor Tensen closed the public forum.

Mayor Tensen welcomed the interviewees to the council meeting. Councilman Prestholdt thanked everyone for applying and if they are not chosen to please consider running for the position at the next election. Councilman S. Tufto also thanked everyone and stated it is going to be tough to pick one person to fill the open position. Councilman Olson read the questions to each of the applicants in a round robin format and City Clerk/Treasurer recorded the answers for the councilmembers to review if they so choose.

On motion by Councilman Olson with a second by Councilman S. Tufto to table appointing a new council member until the October 1st council meeting. Voting in favor: Olson, S. Tufto, and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: A. Tufto and Fish. Motion carries.

Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report

- A. Several paving outfits were contacted about the potential of putting an oil or protectant on the millings and each one stated that because the ground is so soft beneath the millings and they keep moving there would be no benefit.
- B. The engineer recommends, with advice from the MPCA, to update the wastewater plant in another phase of the project. There will be a limit put on phosphate and salt discharge that

will require additional changes to the plant. These changes would be eligible for a 80/20 grant.

- C. Councilman Olson asked if a permanent PTO type pump will be added in the street project and Powers explained that it is not a part of the project now but maybe could be looked at with the Army Corp of Engineers since they do most things levy related.
- D. Leroy Mamer wanted council to know that just leaving the millings as they are with no oil will shed water better than the streets will right now.
- E. Staff will be flushing hydrants tomorrow. Expect a decrease in pressure or rusty water for a short period of time.

City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson Report

- A. The Minnesota Historical Society grant was submitted on Friday, September 13th. The requested amount for the grant was \$184,000 and a city match of \$45,000.
- B. Reminder that the Prairie Waters annual gathering is September 18th from 5-7 PM at Del Clark.
- C. The Fire Department Committee minutes are at your spot for your information.

On motion by Councilman Olson with a second by Mayor Tensen to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM.

City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor