

Dawson City Council Minutes  
September 3, 2019  
5:30 PM

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers.

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

Councilperson absent: Councilman Charlie Prestholdt.

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Attorney Rick Stulz, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, City Clerk/Treasurer Jill Kemen, Police Chief Andy Stock, Fire Chief Brian Hersom, Chessa Frahm, 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 as printed. On a motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman A. Tufto to approve the agenda as printed. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, and A. Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Fish with a second from Councilman S. Tufto to approve the Consent Agenda items #4 and #14, approval of the August 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes and the August bills paid. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, and A. Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt. Motion carries.

Mayor Tensen then opened the 10 minute public forum. Fire Chief Hersom stated the fire department will be burning two homes the school bought for the expansion. One will hopefully be burnt by the end of this month and the other next year. Hearing nothing further, Mayor Tensen closed the public forum.

Mayor Tensen explained the League of Minnesota Cities Memorandum for Legislators of Distinction for 2019 is for your information only.

Police Chief Stock explained that he is going to be advertising for a PT officer and he hopes to apply for a USDA grant for a new squad vehicle next year.

On motion by Councilman Olson with a second by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the Jack Attack Basketball Boosters, Inc. gambling permit application. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, and A. Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman A. Tufto with a second by Councilman S. Tufto to approve the liability coverage waiver form for the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, and A. Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt. Motion carries.

City Manager Schuelke-Sampson presented the preliminary budget levy for 2020 at 3%. There is nothing out of the ordinary with the budget. Once the preliminary budget is set, it cannot be raised only lowered. On a motion made by Councilman Olson to approve the proposed levy with a second from

Councilman A. Tufto. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, and A. Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt. Motion carries.

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Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report (given by Schuelke-Sampson)

- A. The pitless well unit has been installed.
- B. Mayor Tensen asked about hot oil for the spots with the millings and Schuelke-Sampson stated she will talk with Brent regarding this.

City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson Report

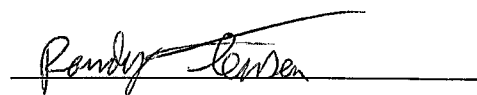
- A. The EDA discussed increasing the rent rate at Heritage Court starting January 2020. The preliminary grant application assessment for the Armory building has been received. It is going to be very competitive because 106 pre-applications were received requesting \$17 million and they have approximately \$3 million available. The information received was forwarded to Kristi at the UMRDC and Collaborative Design Group.
- B. Prairie Waters annual gathering is September 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM at Del Clark. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is an entity that the city supports.
- C. Interviews for the Part-Time Office Assistant position are being done this week.
- D. Received notice that the additional needed information was provided to the state regarding the next potential street project. They are reviewing this information to determine where Dawson falls on the priority list for projects in the state.

Councilman S. Tufto stated the fire department has contacted him and is interested in a used truck. Fire Chief Hersom stated the truck the department is interested in is a nine foot platform truck which would replace the snorkel (that is no longer operational) and the number two pumper truck. The sale price of the used truck is \$160,000. Of this amount, he feels the fire department could spend \$40,000 of their money on the truck leaving \$120,000 for the city and townships. Hersom stated he is still getting the specs on the truck. Hersom could call a special meeting with the townships about the purchase, if and when the city is on board with the truck purchase. Council asked for this to be brought to the fire department committee.

On motion by Councilman Olson with a second by Councilman A. Tufto to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 PM.



City Clerk/Treasurer



Mayor