

Dawson City Council Minutes
April 19th, 2016
5:30pm

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 19th, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Councilpersons present: David Lien, Jeff Olson, Steve Tufto, and J.T. Schacherer.

Councilpersons absent: Becky Bothun and Heather Myers.

Other Present: Mayor Merlin Ellefson, City Manager Crystal Hansonl, City Attorney Richard Stulz, City Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, CEO Johnson Memorial Hospital Stacey Lee, Dan Lee, Fire Chief Brian Hersom, and Scott Ochsendorf.

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

Mayor Ellefson asked for approval of the agenda as printed with the addition of 4a resolution approving partial Walnut Street Vacation. Motion made by Councilman J.T. Schacherer and seconded by Councilman David Lien. Voting in favor: Schacherer, Olson, Tufto, Lien; voting against: none; absent: Bothun, Myers. Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilman Jeff Olson seconded by Councilman J.T. Schacherer to approve the April 5th Council Meeting Minutes. Voting in favor: Lien, Tufto, Olson, Schacherer; voting against: none; absent: Bothun, Myers. Motion carries.

Mayor Ellefson opened the 10 minute public forum. Mayor Ellefson asked Fire Chief Brian Hersom about recent local fires. Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers also commented that the dump ground had a fire. Hearing no more comments, Mayor Ellefson closed the public hearing.

Mayor Merlin Ellefson explained the County is seeking direction on how to move forward with ditch#4 with assessing per parcel or to the City as a whole. Discussion. Motion made by Councilman J.T. Schacherer seconded by Councilman Jeff Olson to approve assessing the City as a whole, but to get AGP's specific percentage break down. Voting in favor: Lien, Tufto, Olson, Schacherer; voting against: none; absent: Bothun, Myers. Motion carries. Discussion regarding the Army Corps. Of Engineers. City Manager Hansonl explained that she has been in contact with Senator Dahm's and will be contacting other representatives to discuss options. Discussion.

Mayor Merlin Ellefson closed the regular Council meeting and opened the public hearing for the partial vacation of Walnut Street. CEO Stacey Lee of Johnson Memorial Hospital discussed the hospital's plans.

Mayor Merlin opened the public hearing for re-zoning an adjacent property by the hospital. City Manager Crystal Hansonl explained that the hospital is currently zoned Multiple Districts and would make sense to have the newly acquired property to also be Multiple Districts. Manager Crystal Hansonl explained to re-zone this would be an ordinance change brought to the next Council meeting. Motion made by Councilman J.T. Schacherer seconded by Councilman Jeff Olson to approve the ordinance change. Voting in favor: Lien, Tufto, Olson, Schacherer; voting against: none; absent: Bothun, Myers. Motion carries.

Mayor Merlin Ellefson closed the public hearing at 6:17p.m. and opened the regular Council meeting.

Motion made by Councilman J.T. Schacherer seconded by Councilman Jeff Olson to approve 4a. Partial Walnut Street Vacation Resolution. Voting in favor: Lien, Tufto, Olson, Schacherer; voting against: none, absent: Bothun, Myer. Motion carries.

City Mtn. Supt. Brent Powers' report.

1. Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers asked about dust control this year. Councilmember David Lien suggested to contact AGP and potentially use mineral oil. Discussion.

City Manager Crystal's report.

1. City Manager Crystal Hansonl informed Council the permit for the additional camping lots in Veterans Park was approved and now waiting to hear back from the State.
2. She also informed Council another siren provider will be in town Friday to provide a second opinion.

Motion by Councilman Schacherer seconded by Councilman Olson to adjourn the Council meeting. Motion carries and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Mayor Merlin Ellefson

City Manager Hansonl