

City Council Budget Meeting
August 28, 2001
7 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in special session on Tuesday, August 28, 2001, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the municipal building.

Councilmen present: Charles Miller, Emery Jensen, Merlin Ellefson, Jeff Olson, and Winnie Anderson.

Councilman absent: Ken Perkins.

Others present: Mayor Glenn Dunham, City Manager Dave Bovee, and City Clerk Melva Larson.

Declaring a quorum present Mayor Glenn Dunham called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the special meeting is to review the proposed 2002 budget for the City of Dawson.

City Manager Dave Bovee reviewed the budget. Listed below are the highlights which were discussed:

- ~Represents all funds except the enterprise funds.
- ~The 2002 proposed budget needs to be certified with the LQP County Auditor; once it is certified it cannot increase only decrease.
December 28th is the final certification due to the county.
On December 14th the parcel specific notices will be mailed to property owners; these come from LQP County.
- Items in the information packet:
 - ~Levy limits affect communities over 2500.
 - ~HACA was eliminated (Dawson received \$143,000 previously).
 - ~LGA modified with a formula change-state tried to equalize money between districts-with this modification Dawson received an increase of 3% in total aid .
 - ~School property tax is now 100% from the general education revenue which comes from State but it appears this fund is still short-can do a voter referendum for capitol and operating debt levies.
 - ~New State property tax affects commercial, industrial, and cabin owners.
 - ~School property tax has been replaced with state funds.
 - ~Do not need to hold a truth in taxation hearing this year.
 - ~Discussed the new financial reporting standards - GASB Statement 34-Dawson will have to be in compliance in 2004-eg. fund depreciation and assets-extra costs for implementation, computer software etc.
 - ~Increase in social security withholding and pera.
 - ~The transit levy for 2002 and 2003 has been taken over by the State.
 - ~Discussion on compression tax classifications. It is 1% of the value times the levy rate equals

the tax. For example a \$50,000 - 1 % would be 500×1.5 (tax rate) = \$700 tax. The budget does not compress like the tax classifications thus the shortfall has to be picked up by the taxpayer.

City Manager Dave Bovee reviewed the printed revenue and expenditures. Added \$7,000 for the contribution to the airport, \$250 in animal control, and made various changes in the library expenditure area. Discussion on Pioneerland membership, work that needs to be done on the walking bridge, 12th street storm sewers, the need for a study for a new swimming pool, and the joining of summer recreation with the school's community education program. The correct budget for 2002 will be completed and submitted to the City Council for their review again.

On motion by Councilman Jeff Olson seconded by Councilman Winnie Anderson to approve the Resolution for the 2002 Transit Program. Motion passes with all Councilmen voting yes.

Discussion on the Fire Department's Relief Association financial status. In 1999 there was an asset of \$97,198 and now there is a deficit of \$(20,224). In the beginning of 2002 the city will meet with the townships and the Fire Chief to evaluate this situation. Right now the total liability to the city is \$17,622.

On motion by Councilman Merlin Ellefson seconded by Councilman Jeff Olson to adjourn the meeting at 9 p.m. Motion carries with all Councilmen voting yes. The meeting is adjourned.

Mayor Glenn Dunham

Melva Larson, City Clerk/Treasurer