

**Dawson City Council Minutes**  
**February 3, 2015**  
**5:30 p.m.**

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: John Harker, Jeff Olson, Dave Lien, and J.T. Schacherer.

Councilpersons absent: Becky Bothun and Heather Myers.

Others present: Mayor Merlin Ellefson, City Manager Crystal Hansonl, City Clerk Treasurer Tami Schuelke-Sampson, City Attorney Rick Stulz, City Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, and Teresa Schreurs.

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

City Attorney Rick Stulz performed the Oath of Office for John Harker.

Mayor Ellefson asked for approval of the agenda. On motion by Councilman Schacherer seconded by Councilman Olson to approve the agenda as printed. Voting in favor: Harker, Olson, Lien, and Schacherer; voting against: none; absent: Bothun and Myers. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Lien seconded by Councilman Harker to approve the January 20<sup>th</sup> Council minutes and the January bills paid along with the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter financials. Voting in favor: Harker, Olson, Lien, and Schacherer; voting against: none; absent: Bothun and Myers. Motion carries.

Mayor Ellefson opened the 10 minute public forum. Hearing no comments Mayor Ellefson closed the public forum.

Mayor Ellefson welcomed Teresa from DSI. She explained that the DSI administrative services proposal needs to be approved to continue with the grant since it is a required piece. Jeff asked what the cost would be if we do not get awarded the grant and Teresa said the same as what was proposed in the original budget given to Council. If the City of Dawson is awarded the grant a new contract between DSI and the City of Dawson would be completed. Mayor Ellefson asked if the fee in the cost and pricing section is set in stone so Teresa explained what is included in this fee. On motion by Councilman Olson seconded by Councilman Schacherer to

approve DSI administrative services proposal. Voting in favor: Harker, Olson, Lien, and Schacherer; voting against: none; absent: Bothun and Myers. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Schacherer seconded by Councilman Lien to approve the resolution for local government application. Voting in favor: Harker, Olson, Lien, and Schacherer; voting against: none; absent: Bothun and Myers. Motion carries.

Mayor Ellefson asked Tami to explain the 2015 LMC Safety and Loss Control Workshops. Tami stated there are a few different dates and locations with the closest locations being Alexandria or Morton. During the workshops there are different tracks that you can choose. Please let Tami know by February 10<sup>th</sup> the location you would like to attend and she will complete the registration process.

Mayor Ellefson explained the 2015 LMC Annual Conference which will take place in Duluth is June 24 – 26 which is at the start of the Riverfest celebration. The hotel rooms book fast so please let Tami know by February 10<sup>th</sup> if you are going so that rooms can be reserved. Mayor Ellefson also stated that if you are registered please make sure to attend because of the high cost of the training to the City.

On motion by Councilman Schacherer seconded by Councilman Olson to approve Dawson Bowl 3.2 beer liquor license. Voting in favor: Harker, Olson, Lien, and Schacherer; voting against: none; absent: Bothun and Myers. Motion carries.

City Mtn Supt. Brent Powers' report.

1. Brent explained that work is being done in the kitchen and the plaster is coming off the walls much like in the community room. There is moisture behind the walls where this is happening. Thinking it might be the room leaking since it is a flat rubber roof with rock on top and it is about 30 years old. The metal cap is 5 years old. The roof is the first place to look with the moisture problem in the walls. Brent will be contacting some professional roofers to get their opinion and quotes on what to do with the roof. Patches will then be done to fix the plaster problems.
2. Brent stated they are working on the fire truck and hope to have it completed soon. John complemented that the one ton truck looks really nice.

City Manager Crystal's report.

1. Crystal explained to Council that the County is looking into cleaning the ditch by the wastewater plant. They are currently getting bids and the City's portion will be 5% of cost. They are also looking at a five year plan and different options to fix the concrete ditch that runs thru the City since it is from the 1920's.
2. R&B Committee and the Safe Routes to School tem met and the minutes are attached. The next meeting is February 25<sup>th</sup> and that meeting will focus on financing options and then they will present the information to Council at one of the March meetings.
3. The biggest EDA news is that Pam Lehmann will no longer be with the County EDA as of February 12<sup>th</sup>. The County is working on finding a replacement for her.
4. The public meeting went well and 4 additional interest statements have been received by DSI.
5. Reminder at the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting the Council photo will be taken.

On motion by Councilman Schacherer seconded by Councilman Lien to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion carries and the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

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City Clerk Treasurer Tami Schuelke-Sampson

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Mayor Merlin Ellefson