

Dawson City Council Minutes
January 20, 2015
5:30 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: Jeff Olson, Dave Lien, Heather Myers and J.T. Schacherer.

Councilpersons absent: John Harker, Becky Bothun.

Others present: Mayor Merlin Ellefson, City Manager Crystal Hansonl, City Clerk Treasurer Tami Schuelke-Sampson, City Attorney Rick Stulz, City Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, Police Officer Sabrina Skold, and Becky Trapp.

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 with the addition of the Dawson Senior Citizens Gambling Permit as number 5A. On motion by Councilman Olson seconded by Councilwoman Myers to approve the agenda with stated change. Voting in favor: Olson, Lien, Myers and Schacherer; voting against: none; absent: Bothun, Harker. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Lien seconded by Councilwoman Myers to approve the January 6th Council minutes. Voting in favor: Olson, Lien, Myers and Schacherer; voting against: none; absent: Bothun, Harker. Motion carries.

Mayor Ellefson opened the 10 minute public forum. City Attorney Rick Stulz introduced Becky Trapp. She is the Assistant County Attorney. Hearing no further comments Mayor Ellefson closed the public forum.

On motion by Councilman Lien seconded by Councilman Olson to approve the second reading of the Updated Water Ordinance. Voting in favor: Olson, Lien, Myers and Schacherer; voting against: none; absent: Bothun, Harker. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Olson seconded by Councilwoman Myers to approve the Dawson Senior Citizens Inc. application to conduct excluded bingo for four different times during 2015. Voting in favor: Olson, Lien, Myers and Schacherer; voting against: none; absent: Bothun, Harker. Motion carries.

Mayor Ellefson invited City Attorney Rick Stulz to answer any questions from Council on the updated Police Fee Schedule. Dave asked if it is typical to follow the court schedule. Rick explained that if an administrative ticket is not paid then a state citation can be issued. The person that received the ticket can then pay the amount plus the \$85.00 fee set by the State and not have to make a court appearance. On motion by Councilman Schacherer seconded by Councilman Lien to approve the Dawson-Boyd Police Department Fee Schedule. Voting in favor: Olson, Lien, Myers and Schacherer; voting against: none; absent: Bothun, Harker. Motion carries.

City Mtn Supt. Brent Powers' report.

1. Jeff asked when the sides will be on the new snow hauling truck and Brent explained that they will be getting the needed steel soon.
2. Dave asked if everything has been squared away with the chiropractor building that was damaged. Crystal stated that she has heard from the adjuster that said the building will be fixed but not until the spring. JT stated the City will just need to pay the \$1000.00 deductible.

City Manager Crystal Hansonl's report.

1. Crystal stated that in the Council packet there are meeting notes from the Child Care meeting. Lac qui Parle County is planning on contracting with Chippewa County to handle the licensing requirements for Child Care in Lac qui Parle County. This will help address most of the issues brought up at the meeting.
2. Crystal attended the Pioneerland Board meeting. In the previous meeting Executive Director, Mark Ranum, submitted a notice to terminate his contract as of 1/31/15. The Pioneerland Board chose to not renew his contract.
3. The Council picture will be taken February 17th.
4. A public hearing will be January 27th at 7:00 p.m. and all that DSI asks is that someone be there to open and close the meeting which Merlin said he would do and someone to take minutes.

Merlin has a request for the Police Department to keep a lookout for burned out street lights. Sabrina stated they do try to but a lot of the street lights go off early or turn on and off throughout the night but will let her co-workers know to keep tabs on burned out street lights and inform the City Office.

Merlin welcomed other Councilmembers to attend the Sidewalk Planning Meeting which will be held January 28th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Crystal stated that this is one in a series of meetings and that there will be a presentation to Council later on in the process. An outcome of these meetings will be an engineered sidewalk map which is a real asset since that is needed when planning upcoming street projects.

On motion by Councilman Lien seconded by Councilman Schacherer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

City Clerk Treasurer Tami Schuelke-Sampson

Mayor Merlin Ellefson