

Dawson City Council
July 24, 2007
5:30 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in special council session on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.

Councilpersons present: LeRoy Mamer, Pam Helgeson, Jeff Olson, Jeff Fish and Mary Hartfiel.

Councilman absent: Ken Perkins.

Others present: Mayor Merlin Ellefson, City Manager Dave Bovee, Deputy City Clerk Evie Joyce, Dave Meulebroeck, Del Thielke and Lee Gunderson.

Declaring a quorum present Mayor Merlin Ellefson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Dave Meulebroeck with Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co., PLLP reviewed the 2006 audit. The State recommends that cities have 50% of one years budget in reserve. Governmental Net assets increased by \$74,880 or 2.88% from December 31, 2005. Proprietary Net assets decreased by \$85,741 or 7.21% from December 31, 2005. Total governmental fund expenditures increased by \$521,730 in comparison to fiscal year 2005, revenues increased by \$69,790 in comparison to fiscal year 2005. Dave reviewed the audit page by page. Some items which were brought out was \$300,000 expenditure for the walking bridge. The liquor store showed a loss of \$20,758 for 2006, this was due in part to two salaries during the transition period, Eleanors severance pay, repair and maintenance to the building and some schooling for Garney. Some discussion on the water fund, a couple large accounts dropped off. Dave Meulebroeck recommended that the City Council make a resolution to make the \$100,000 due from General to Liquor to make this amount a permanent transfer between the funds. On motion by Councilman Jeff Olson seconded by Councilwoman Mary Hartfiel to accept the 2006 City Audit as presented. Motion carries. On motion by Councilman Jeff Olson seconded by Councilwoman Mary Hartfiel to approve the Resolution that it is not intended that the \$100,000 due from General Fund to the Liquor Fund be repaid and to make this amount a permanent transfer between the funds. Also to approve the journal entry adjustments as recommended by the Auditor. Motion carries.

Mayor Merlin Ellefson recessed the Special Council Meeting at 6 p.m.

Mayor Merlin Ellefson opened the Public Hearing for Lee Gunderson's zoning permit. Because Lee did not get 100% of signatures needed for his variance he was required to go through the public hearing. There was no one present to dispute the zoning permit.

Mayor Merlin Ellefson closed the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Merlin Ellefson reconvened the Council Meeting at 6:05.

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On motion by Councilman Jeff Olson seconded by Councilman LeRoy Mamer to approve the zoning permit for Lee Gunderson. Motion carries.

Mayor Ellefson skipped to item number 5 on the agenda, approval of June financial information. On motion by Councilman Jeff Olson seconded by Councilman LeRoy Mamer to approve the June financial information as presented. Motion carries

Mayor Ellefson recessed the city council meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Mayor Ellefson opened the public hearing on the Business Subsidy Agreement JOBZ with Bridgewater Quality Meats and the City of Dawson. The purchase agreements are signed. They are now leasing the project from Great Plains Lamb & Veal, it should be signed off middle of next month. Bridgewater Meats would like to utilize the JOBZ program, under state law the JOBZ for Great Plains Lamb and Veal has to be closed out and open a new one for Bridgewater Quality Meats. It is essentially the same agreement the City had with Great Plains Lamb and Veal, it goes to December 31, 2015. The effective date if June 30, 2007. According to Bridgewater once they are in operation they will have 55 employees. Under JOBZ the minimum wage they can pay is \$10.58 per hour. First the City needs to approve the business subsidy policy. This needs to meet basic minimum requirements. Once approved they complete a mandatory job data form. In order to qualify need 425 - 500 points, we have 475 points. City Manager Dave Bovee is the sub zone administrator, Dawn Heglund with the RDC is the zone administrator. Bridgewater Quality Meats shall create 35 new full time jobs by June 30, 2009.

Mayor Ellefson closed the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Ellefson reconvened the City Council meeting at 6:20 p.m.

On motion by Councilman Jeff Olson seconded by Councilwoman Pam Helgeson to approve the Business Subsidy Agreement JOBZ with Bridgewater Quality Meats and the City of Dawson. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Jeff Olson seconded by Councilman LeRoy Mamer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Evie Joyce, Deputy City Clerk

Merlin Ellefson, Mayor

