

**Dawson City Council Minutes**  
**June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**5:30pm**

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Councilpersons present: Jeff Olson, Steve Tufto, Becky Bothun, and J.T. Schacherer.

Councilpersons absent: Dave Lien, Heather Myers.

Others Present: Mayor Merlin Ellefson, City Manager Crystal Hansonl, City Attorney Richard Stulz, City Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, Water Waste-Water Operator Kurt Collins, Police Chief Andy Stock, Police Officer Joe Unzen, Police Officer Jordan Baldwin, Computer Commuter Mary Quick, Canby Farmers Grain Travis Schacherer, and Don Perkins.

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 and consent agenda as printed with no additions. Motion made by Councilman Jeff Olson and seconded by Councilman J.T. Schacherer to approve the agenda as printed and consent agenda items 4 and 15. Voting in favor: Schacherer, Olson, Bothun, Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Lien, Myers. Motion carries.

Mayor Merlin Ellefson opened the 10 minute public forum. With no comments, Mayor Merlin Ellefson closed the public forum.

Mayor Merlin Ellefson asked Mary Quick about the Computer Commuter. Mary explained that the Computer Commuter was listed in a resident of Madison's will who is giving \$30,000 to \$35,000 but requires a match. If this can be matched, the Computer Commuter will run two more years until December 31, 2018. She explained the various organizations that have donated including the Dawson Fire Department, City of Dawson, and the Dawson Community Foundation. Mary asked if Council would consider donating the same amount through 2018. Motion made by Councilman J.T. Schacherer and seconded by Councilwoman Becky Bothun to continue donating to the Computer Commuter through 2018. Voting in favor: Schacherer, Olson, Bothun, Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Lien, Myers. Motion carries.

Mayor Merlin Ellefson asked City Manager Crystal Hansonl if someone from the Riverfest Committee was going to be present for the requested donation. City Manager Crystal Hansonl informed Council she was told someone would be present. Discussion.

Travis Schacherer with Canby Grain explained why they are requesting to add Locust Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street to the Truck Route Ordinance. Discussion. Motion made by Councilman Jeff Olson and seconded by Councilman Steve Tufto to pass the first reading of the

Truck Route Ordinance. Voting in favor: Schacherer, Olson, Bothun, Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Lien, Myers. Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilman J.T. Schacherer and seconded by Councilman Jeff Olson to approve the Second Reading of the Water and Wastewater Rate Increase Ordinance. Voting in favor: Schacherer, Olson, Tufto; voting against: Bothun; absent: Lien, Myers. Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilman Jeff Olson and seconded by Councilman Steve Tufto to approve the Official Summary of the Water and Wastewater Rate Increase. Voting in favor: Schacherer, Olson, Bothun, Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Lien, Myers. Motion carries.

Mayor Merlin Ellefson asked about the Canby Grain TIF Development Agreement. City Manager Crystal Hansonl stated that this agreement is standard with the TIF District. She stated the agreement has been reviewed and there are no concerns. Motion made by Councilman Jeff Olson and seconded by Councilman J.T. Schacherer to approve the Canby Farmers Grain TIF Development Agreement. Voting in favor: Schacherer, Olson, Bothun, Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Lien, Myers. Motion carries.

City Manager Crystal Hansonl explained that the enclosed resolution is a grant and not an loan. The attached resolution was worded by the USDA. Motion made by Councilman J.T. Schacherer and seconded by Councilman Jeff Olson to approve the Police Car Equipment Loan Resolution. Voting in favor: Schacherer, Olson, Bothun, Tufto; voting against: none; absent: Lien, Myers. Motion carries.

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City Mtn. Supt. Brent Powers' report.

1. Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers stated the wastewater plant received a Certificate of Commendation.
2. Brent explained the pool and campground inspection report. The inspection was positive.
3. Brent explained that the vet clinic is looking to have a dog wash in the park and wanted to verify with Council if this is ok. Discussion. It is ok to have this in the park.
4. Brent stated he ordered the wooden windows for the City office.

City Manager Crystal's report.

1. Crystal explained that the EDA is working on a housing project that would consist of up to 16 housing lots and hoping to have Southwest Housing Partnership be the developer on the project. Crystal also explained that she is having historical contractors look at the library/apartment building roof since the roof is leaking. There is a grant with the Historical Society that can help with this.
2. Crystal explained there was a teleconference call with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the lift station. The Corps stated they would not pay for the bypass solution since the project is no longer under warranty. Crystal stated she is working with Collin Peterson's office to set up a conference call to discuss the lift station. Crystal further stated that Senator Dahm's is writing a letter of support for the City.

3. Update with the Small Cities Grant. Crystal explained that if not enough houses are under contract by January that DSI will look to expand the target area.
4. Crystal introduced new Police Officer Jordan Baldwin.
5. Crystal informed Council that the County is going to look at the hog barn policy and will discuss changing the City radius to two miles instead of one.
6. Crystal informed Council that the County is unable to come to Dawson and collect T.V.'s. motion made by Councilman J.T. Schacherer and seconded by Councilman Steve Tufto to collect T.V.'s and have them delivered to the County. Voting in favor: Schacherer, Bothun, Tufto; voting against: none; abstain; Olson; absent: Lien, Myers. Motion carries.
7. Crystal stated she visited with local businesses to see how the City and the County can help with local business needs.
8. Crystal stated she is going to visit the school board next Monday to discuss the next street project and sidewalk routes for school children.

Motion by Councilman J.T. Schacherer and seconded by Councilwoman Becky Bothun to adjourn the Council meeting. Motion carries and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

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Mayor Merlin Ellefson

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City Manager Hansonl