

**Dawson City Council Minutes**  
**Special Meeting**  
**March 2, 2015**  
**4:00 p.m.**

The Dawson City Council met in a special meeting on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: John Harker, Jeff Olson, Dave Lien and Heather Myers.

Councilpersons absent: Becky Bothun and J.T. Schacherer.

Others present: Mayor Merlin Ellefson, City Manager Crystal Hansonl, City Clerk Treasurer Tami Schuelke-Sampson, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, Rebecca Kurtz, Dave Timmons, Sue Timmons, Pam Lehmann, Morrie Schacherer, Lee Gunderson and DeRon Brehmer.

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

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

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

Mayor Ellefson introduced Rebecca Kurtz from Ehlers. She is the City of Dawson's finance advisor and is here to explain tax abatement. Rebecca went thru a hand out about tax abatement and explained how it is used and developed. She recommended the pay-as-you-go method and this is what Dawson has done in the past. Rebecca explained the preliminary numbers for the potential property. John asked why not to use a TIF district and Rebecca explained each option is on a case by case basis and the type of project and laws at the time. Mayor Ellefson asked how long it typically takes and Rebecca said you can make it go fast but 30 days is typical. Rebecca explained the tax implications for the City and County along with the next steps in the process including resolution, public hearing, etc. Mayor Ellefson explained the property would have to be annexed into the City for us to be involved. Dave Timmons introduced himself and his wife and explained the reason as to why he is looking into the

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abatement process. Rick explained the next steps. On motion by Councilman Olson and seconded by Councilman Lien to set the public hearing date for the abatement and annexation to April 7. Voting in favor: Harker, Olson, Lien and Myers; voting against: none; absent: Bothun and Schacherer. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Olson and seconded by Councilman Lien to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries and the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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City Clerk Treasurer Tami Schuelke-Sampson

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Mayor Merlin Ellefson