

**Dawson City Council Minutes**  
**Special Meeting**  
**September 22, 2015**  
**5:30 p.m.**

The Dawson City Council met in a special meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: John Harker, Becky Bothun, Jeff Olson, Dave Lien, Heather Myers and J.T. Schacherer.

Councilpersons absent: none.

Others present: Mayor Merlin Ellefson, City Manager Crystal Hansonl, City Clerk Treasurer Tami Schuelke-Sampson, City Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, Jeff Kuhn with Widseth Smith Nolting, DeAnn Wendinger, Brad Wendinger, Peggy Harms, and Robert Stangeland.

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 Schacherer and seconded by Councilman Olson to approve the special meeting agenda. Voting in favor: Harker, Bothun, Olson, Lien, Myers and Schacherer; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

Mayor Ellefson opened the 10 minute public forum. Mayor Ellefson wanted to thank the Grace Lutheran Church for the work they did cleaning up homes in Dawson. Brent believed that three homes were painted. Hearing no further comments Mayor Ellefson closed the public forum.

Mayor Ellefson stated there was a Water/Wastewater Committee meeting earlier to discuss the different options for the Riverview Estates project and the Committee did come to a consensus. Jeff from Widseth Smith Nolting explained that a couple options were brought to the Committee and the consensus after weighing the pros and cons for each was to go forward with the project as is with the additional 100 feet running north of the Pine Street and First Street corner. Doing this will cost the City an extra \$7,000 but it would set the City up for future housing potential and for the greater good of Dawson. Bobby asked a few questions about the service to his home and Jeff explained the answers. Jeff stated the contractor is planning to start digging tomorrow and stated that one of the streets will be open at all times for access to properties. Residents are able to ask the contractor if they have questions at anytime. DeAnn asked the estimated time frame from start to finish for the Riverview Estates part of the project and Jeff stated approximately three weeks. Robert asked what it will cost him and Jeff stated the project will cost him nothing since the city waived assessments for the project and hook up fees. Crystal then explained the savings to the residence for not being assessed for the project. Robert then asked what it will cost him to run to his home and when the payment would be needed and

Jeff stated that it will be between \$750 to \$3,000 if connect to the front of the home but it also depends on the contractor and when the payment would be needed would be up to the contractor he chooses. Crystal explained that because his current sewer system failed the county requires it be fixed within 19 months. Robert then asked who will clean up after the project contractor and Jeff explained that they need to leave the land at or close to the conditions at the time of the project. John asked what if Riverview Estates is developed 100% and then they want curb and gutters along with paved streets what would happen and Merlin stated it will be left at gravel at this time but maybe during some street project but will not be in the near future. Jeff stated there is a policy that 95% to all property owners must sign a petition to request this.

Crystal explained the microloan would be for seven years at 2.5% interest. The breakdown of the request is as follows:

- Project amount - \$172,666
- Sewer relining - \$8,000
- Extention and cleanout to go the extra 100 feet - \$7,000
- Engineering Observation for complete project - \$27,000
- Contingency amount of 10% - \$21,000

For a total of \$236,000. We don't expect the project to cost this much but will use the excess funds to pay the microloan. On motion by Councilman Schacherer seconded by Councilman Olson to apply for a microloan of \$236,000. Voting in favor: Harker, Bothun, Olson, Lien, Myers and Schacherer; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

John stated that the City needs these projects and the projects that have been completed have added to the City but we need to start watching the spending. He is concerned about the spending and Dawson becoming a parking lot city. Merlin explained that the projects being done are as needed and Dave stated that the parking lot cities are not doing the needed projects.

Merlin asked the Wendinger's their goal for moving in and DeAnn stated the end of October which will fall right in line with the project.

On motion by Councilman Schacherer and seconded by Councilman Lien to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries and the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

