

Dawson City Council Minutes
March 1st, 2022
5:30 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in regular session Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Dawson City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting was also available via Zoom.

Councilpersons present: Jeff Fish, Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, Dean Petersen, Charlie Prestholdt. Councilman Steve Tufto joined via Zoom. Also Present: Mayor Randy Tensen, Acting City Manager Jill Kemen, Deputy Clerk Kristin Daline, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, Public Works Supervisor Colin Lee, Maintenance 1 Aaron Tufto, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Steve O'Neal, Lauren Olson, Alex Olson, Duane Hastad, Al Schacherer and Mike Cagley.

Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of 9B, Maguire Iron pay estimate #15 and a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Petersen, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Fish, Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Tufto. Against: None. Motion Passed.

Councilman Fish motioned to approve consent agenda items and February 15th Council Meeting Minutes with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor Councilman Petersen, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Fish, Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Tufto. Against: None. Motion Passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Tensen opened the 10 minute public forum at 5:31 pm. Resident Steve O'neal, who lives at 121 N. 5th St. asked why his bill is two times higher than it was a year ago. Kemen explained the base fees and usage charges have all gone up, with the most recent increase in January. Smaller increases will happen in 2023, and will increase from year to year with inflation. O'neal said he has a drain on his property that was covered during the project. He spoke with the contractor last year, but would like to borrow a pump from the City to pump the water out so he doesn't get flooding in his basement. Kurt said he would look at it with him tomorrow. Hearing nothing else, Mayor Tensen closed the 10 minute public forum at 5:35 pm.

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Reports of officers, boards, and committees

The Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting Minutes were provided at the meeting. Kemen spoke about what was talked about at the meeting Monday. When fixing the leak at the Library, the crew found an underground fuel tank. The crew repaired the line, instead of replacing it. After consulting with Jeff Kuhn, he said that there is money to do some ground testing and depending on the outcome of the test, their would also be money to remove it. This project will be separate from the phase 2 project. The Committee wants to go through the proper channels to make sure everything is done correctly. A discussion was had about downtown businesses sprinkler systems. Businesses would need a 6" stub for a sprinkler system, and it would be available to them if they wanted. To keep the cost down, Kuhn thought that a 1" to 2" line would be acceptable. Councilman Adelman and Kurt would like to see about getting new water meters sooner than later. Approximately 20% are failing every year. Water meters were scheduled to get replaced in phase 3. Jill will look into some funding options.

Jill spoke briefly about the Personnel Committee Meeting. Discussion was had on lifeguards and hiring two part time Park department staff. Jill is reaching out to Chad Felton, our Pool Manager to see if he would be interested in overseeing park help, maintenance on equipment and continue with his pool duties. Kemen talked about summer office hours. She asked the committee if the office could close at Noon on Fridays the months of June, July and August. On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Tufto to close the office at Noon on Fridays this summer.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins Report

Two new water leaks have surfaced. The leak on 5th Street was fixed today, and the leak behind Dawson Bowl will be fixed tomorrow. Kurt stated that if anyone has any doubt that we need new infrastructure, this is a sign. Lines underground are beyond their life expectancy, and with the new water tower having more pressure, leaks will continue to surface and are costly to fix.

Interim City Manager Jill Kemens Report

Dawson was not awarded the Safe Routes to School Grant. Jeff Kuhn will be contacting Sam Muntean at the County to see if he can find out where Dawson rated in the grant award selection. The SRTS project was included in the phase 2 project before the grant became available. The City will go along as planned with the new sidewalks. The apartment plat will be printed tomorrow. HME's architect has been in contact with our engineers to discuss exactly where the building will be placed. HME is still hoping to break ground this summer. The Liquor Store sign blew over last week in the wind storm. It has been turned in to insurance and will be replaced. Jill thanked Andy Stock for taking time to fix the sheet rock and paint in the Council Chambers.

Ordinances and Resolutions

A resolution reestablishing City Hall as the voting precinct and polling place was presented. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Fish to accept the resolution reestablishing City Hall as the voting precinct and polling place. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Tufto. Against: None. Motion passed.

Pay estimate #15 from Maguire Iron was presented. This is the final payment, \$33,496.50 to Maguire Iron. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Fish to approve the pay estimate. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Tufto. Against: None. Motion passed.

Old Business

Jeff Kuhn spoke with Jill about the deeproots information that was given to him. He has done some research on it and has spoken with someone who had great success when the system was used when new trees were planted.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Miscellaneous Announcements

The next Council Meeting will be March 15th at 5:30 pm. March 15th will be the last meeting that the Council meetings will be available via Zoom. Thursday, March 3rd at 11:30 is bid opening. The Council could possibly award the bid at the next meeting.

Adjourn Meeting

Hearing nothing else, on motion by Councilman Petersen with a second by Councilman Fish to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Tufto. Against: None. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.



Deputy City Clerk



Mayor