

Dawson City Council Minutes
March 15th, 2022
5:30 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in regular session Tuesday, March 15th, 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, Steve Tufto. Councilman Charlie Prestholdt was absent. Also Present: Mayor Randy Tensen, Acting City Manager Jill Kemen, Deputy Clerk Kristin Daline, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, Public Works Supervisor Colin Lee, Duane Hastad, Mike Cagley, Doc Skordahl, Dane Prestholdt and Burt Faehn. City Engineer Jeff Kuhn joined via Zoom.

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 a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Petersen, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Fish and Councilman Tufto. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion Passed.

Councilman Tufto motioned to approve consent agenda item March 1st Council Meeting Minutes with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Petersen, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Fish and Councilman Tufto. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion Passed.

City Engineer Jeff Kuhn spoke about the Phase 2 bids. Kuhn spoke with Ryan Construction, Inc. owner, Tom Ryan and felt confident with the bid they put in. Ryan sounded excited to start in Dawson. Contractors with Ryan Construction will be in Dawson tomorrow to get familiar with Dawson, do some boring and find an aggregate source near by. Ryan Construction has their own concrete crew and do all the dirt work. This will make the process more streamlined, not having to coordinate with different contractors. Kuhn recommends accepting the bid contingent on PFA's numbers. Phase 2 will start South of the river.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Tensen opened the 10 minute public forum at 5:40 pm. Resident Duane Hastad inquired about the \$10 million grant and if it was secured. Kemen said that the money is set aside at the state level, and the money will be used this year. Hastad also asked about the Safe Routes to School grant and the number of trees coming down in Phase 2. Kemen explained that Dawson was not awarded the grant, but the City will go ahead with the SRTS sidewalks as they were in the plans before the grant became available. The City is responsible for maintaining the new sidewalks. It is estimated that 388 trees will be coming down in Phase 2. Hearing nothing else, Mayor Tensen closed the 10 minute public forum at 5:44 pm.

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Reports of officers, boards, and committees

The Finance Committee Meeting Minutes were provided at the meeting. Councilman Olson spoke about what was talked about at the meeting Monday. Rebecca with Ehlers prepared a Memo that was included in the packet explaining the cost impact of Phase 2 and the increasing interest rates. The committee felt that Council should try and move quickly with accepting the bid and securing funds.

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Rebecca will look at the utility rates to reflect the increases. Motion by Councilman Petersen to call for the bond sale sooner rather than later with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor Councilman Petersen, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Fish and Councilman Tufto. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion Passed.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins Report

Information was included in the packet in regards to purchasing a utility locator. The city currently has two that are working. Kurt felt that it would be ok to wait until the following year to purchase. Councilman Adelman said that the item should be a budgeted item, and would feel more comfortable budgeting for it next year. Councilman Adelman motion to table the discussion until this Fall when the budget is looked at again with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Petersen, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Fish and Councilman Tufto. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Motion Passed.

Interim City Manager Jill Kemens Report

The Computer Commuter update was included in the packet as information only. Mary is having Google classes if anyone is interested. Chrome Books are available to Council Members if they would like one. The Western Guard had a nice article on the front page of the paper this week about the Computer Commuter. CEDA has submitted a proposal seeking \$10 million dollars from the new Main Street Economic Revitalization program sponsored by DEED. CEDA serves 47 rural communities in Minnesota. If awarded the full amount, CEDA would provide over \$200,000 to each community. Sarah with CEDA will have a booth at Ag Day. A flier with the new development which is included in the packet, Carlson's 2nd Addition will be presented to show available lots, the new apartment and possible townhomes. Sarah will also have information on city bikes and the Revolving Loan Fund.

Ordinances and Resolutions

The Dawson-Boyd Baseball Association has completed the paperwork to renew the liquor license. On motion by Councilman Olson to approve the liquor renewal with a second by Councilman Fish. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Tufto. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against, none. Motion passed.

The Rusty Duck has completed the paperwork to renew the liquor license. On motion by Councilman Olson to approve the liquor renewal with a second by Councilman Fish. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Tufto. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against, none. Motion passed.

Old Business

Paving at Riverview Estates was discussed briefly. Councilman Olson asked to table the discussion to an April meeting so information could be gathered with a second from Councilman Fish. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Tufto. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against, none. Motion passed.

New Business

Dane Prestholdt spoke on behalf of Farmer's for Dawson. Projects they would like permission from the city to go ahead with is: 1. Tinning the concession stand at the softball field to match the one at the baseball field. 2. Placing a bench in memory of Karson Lindblad at the rock rapids. 3. Installing a

cement pad by the swimming pool in memory of Doug Pearson. 4. Installing a 51x31 cement pad for bean bag toss (boards would be secured) donated by Jeff and Gretchen Loose. 5. Purchasing \$1,000 worth of Christmas lights to be installed by the swimming pool and tennis court as a scene along HWY 212. On motion by Councilman Fish to approve the projects with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Tufto. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against, none. Motion passed. The letter included in the packet from JMHS is for information only. A Memo from Rebecca with Ehlers that was discussed at the Finance meeting was included in the packet for Council review. The bids were discussed at the beginning of the meeting. On motion by Councilman Olson to accept the Resolution awarding the bid to Ryan Contracting, Co. from Elko New Market, MN of \$19,674,180.85 with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Tufto. Absent: Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against, none. Motion passed.

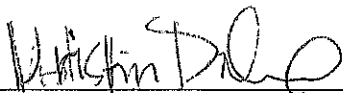
Miscellaneous Announcements

The next Council Meeting will be April 5th at 5:30 pm. Jill and Kristin will be out of the office next week, March 23rd and 24th for the MCFOA Conference in St. Cloud. Kim will be here. A Finance Meeting will be scheduled for next week.

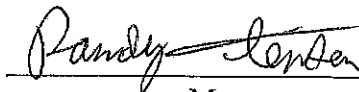
Adjourn Meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Deputy City Clerk



Mayor