

Dawson City Council Minutes
October 5th, 2021
5:30 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in regular session Tuesday, October 5th 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Dawson City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting was also available via Zoom. Councilpersons present: Jeff Fish, Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, and Charlie Prestholdt. Absent: Steve Tufto and Dean Petersen. Also Present: Mayor Randy Tensen, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, Interim City Manager Jill Kemen, Deputy City Clerk Kristin Daline, Alex Ourada and Dave Falness via Zoom.

Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Fish motioned to approve consent items number three, September 21st Council Minutes and number nine, financial information and September bills paid with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor Councilman Fish, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: Councilman Tufto and Councilman Petersen. Against: None. Motion Passed.

With hearing nothing in the 10 Minute Public Forum, Mayor Tensen closed the Public Forum.

New Business

Alex Ourada with MNWest Bank gave a brief update on the City's property casualty insurance. With very limited changes to the policy, the increase for 2022 would be \$285. On motion by Councilman Fish and a second from Councilman Prestholdt to approve the property and casualty policy for 2022. Voting in favor Councilman Fish, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: Councilman Tufto and Councilman Petersen. Against: None. Motion Passed.

Collins gave an update on the street project. The paving contractors are in town today paving all the streets that have not gotten paved to date and will return October 18th to start on the second lift. Mayor Tensen asked about seeding along HWY 212 in front of businesses. Kurt said the seeders will bring in black dirt to level the ground.

Kemen asked that the pay estimate for Kuechle Underground of \$337,659.62 be approved. This contract is 96% complete. On motion by Councilman Olson to approve the pay estimate with a second from Councilman Fish. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: Councilman Petersen and Councilman Tufto. Against: None. Motion passed.

Kemen presented the pay estimate for Maguire Iron of \$7,600.00 and asked it be approved. On motion by Councilman Olson to approve the pay estimate with a second from Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: Councilman Petersen and Councilman Tufto. Against: None. Motion passed.

Councilman Prestholdt gave a recap of the park committee meeting. Some of the items talked about regarding the pool were a permanent structure for shade, a rock climbing wall and replacing the railing for one of the slides and inlet tiles. Daily pool rate increase, as well as wages and lifeguard training reimbursement were also discussed. Kemen will put a thank you in the paper for the pool staff with some information on the new wage increase and training updates for the 2022 season. On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Fish to have the City pay for one swimsuit per year, half of the lifeguard training at the end of the season, and full WSI reimbursement with half being paid once training is

complete and the other half at the end of the season. Voting in favor Councilman Fish, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: Councilman Tufto and Councilman Petersen. Against: None. Motion Passed. On motion by Councilman Fish with a second from Councilman Adelman to raise the daily pool rates \$1 across the board. Voting in favor Councilman Fish, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: Councilman Tufto and Councilman Petersen. Against: None. Motion Passed. A discussion about the campgrounds included removal of the BMX Track in Veteran's campground and replacing with four campsites, and raising the daily, weekly and monthly rates. To date, the City has brought in \$43,882 in campground fees. A letter will be sent to those in the campground who are there long term about the rate increase for 2022. On motion by Councilman Fish with a second from Councilman Prestholdt to increase the daily camping rate from \$25 to \$30, the weekly rate of \$125 to \$150, and the monthly rate of \$500 to \$600. Voting in favor Councilman Fish, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: Councilman Tufto and Councilman Petersen. On motion by Councilman Fish with a second from Councilman Olson to remove the BMX Track and replace with four new campsites that will be winterized. Voting in favor Councilman Fish, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: Councilman Tufto and Councilman Petersen.

Kemen gave a brief overview of the Road & Bridge committee meeting. Collins was given a quote of \$27,760 to have pavement poured where AGP requested. The City paid \$4,000 more to give AGP a driveover curb, and if they wanted it paved it will be at their expense. There are no updates on the 2nd Phase. Jeff Kuhn is still working on 6th Street and ADA. Councilman Adelman asked if the infrastructure bill at the Federal level doesn't pass, how much of an impact will this be to Dawson's project. Kemen said that she would look into this and get him an answer. The 5th Street crossing was brought up, and the City was assured that it will be fixed this year. Skid loader quotes were discussed at the meeting. After the discussion, the CAT with a vertical lift was decided on. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Fish to purchase the CAT skid loader for \$60,110.00. Voting in favor Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: Councilman Adelman. Absent: Councilman Tufto and Councilman Petersen. Motion passed.

Kemen highlighted some of the discussion at the finance committee meeting. Discussion was had on how the City could best utilize the ARPA funds. Pumps for the water treatment plant were at the top of the list, Larry with Widseth is still working on getting quotes but was estimating around \$70,000 with a four to six month delivery time. Other options discussed were hazardous pay for employees and a jetter truck. Chief Stock is working on a Federal Grant to upgrade the City's Channel 8 program. On motion by Councilman Fish with a second from Councilman Olson to accept the minutes for the finance committee meeting. Voting in favor Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Absent: Councilman Tufto and Councilman Petersen. Motion passed.

Councilman Olson spoke with Lori at Pioneerland in Willmar. The concerns from the Library committee meeting was the drastic decline in reserves. In 2017, the reserves were at \$98,000, and to date is \$12,000. Deb Lanthier said that she will be making cuts to hours of employees, and filling in more herself. On motion by Councilman Fish with a second from Councilman Olson to go with Debs suggestions on the cuts at the library. Voting in favor Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Absent: Councilman Tufto and Councilman Petersen. Motion passed.

Kemen gave a brief overview of the planning and zoning committee meeting. It was decided that the Police Officers will be approving zoning permits since they enforce the ordinances. Permit increases were also

discussed. A residential permit will go from \$15 to \$30, and a commercial permit will go from \$100 to \$200. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Fish to increase the permit fees for 2022. Voting in favor Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: None. Absent: Councilman Tufto and Councilman Petersen. Motion passed.

Public Works Superintendent Report

Public Works Superintendent, Kurt Collins said the new water tower is in service today. The old tower is scheduled to come down the week of October 18th and is supposed to take one day for demolition. The MDH packet was included in your packets for information only. Collins said that their isn't anything out of the ordinary on the report that hasn't been listed before. Austin Ireland has resigned from his position. It is now posted internally through Friday.

Interim City Manager Report

Kemen spoke briefly about the EDA meeting. The potential for an apartment building is moving along. HME has agreed to do tax abatement instead of a TIF. A copy of the housing study was provided for Council to look at. It was found that Dawson will need 75 new units by the year 2030. Kemen is working on safe routes to school grant for the sidewalks to school in Phase 2. Kemen has had many conversations with people on the state level regarding the Wastewater plant. She said that Paul Kimman with the MPCA would be willing to come to a meeting to answer any questions Council had, but at this time the City will have to continue operating with an A license until later next Fall. This would be the soonest it would be able to switch to a Class B plant. Brent Powers' contract has been extended another 90 days. City Manager interviews will be scheduled for the October 19th Council meeting.

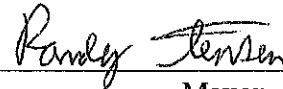
The next council meeting will be October 19th at 5:30 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Deputy City Clerk



Mayor