

Dawson City Council Meeting
November 15th, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Dean Petersen, Vince Adelman and Charlie Prestholdt. Absent: Jeff Fish, Jeff Olson and Steve Tufto.

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, Interim City Manager Jill Kemen, Deputy City Clerk Kristin Daline, Public Works Supervisor Colin Lee, City Attorney Rick Stulz and Jake Bothun.

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

Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the agenda with a second from Councilman Adelman. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Petersen. Absent: Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson and Councilman Tufto. Against: none. Motion passed.

Councilman Prestholdt motioned to approve consent agenda item 4, November 1st Council Meeting Minutes and November 10th Special Council Minutes. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Petersen. Absent: Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson and Councilman Tufto. Against: none. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Tensen opened the 10 minute public forum at 5:32 p.m. Hearing nothing, Mayor Tensen closed the 10 minute public forum at 5:33 p.m.

Public Works Superintendents Kurt Collin's Report

Colin gave an update in Kurt's absence. The City crew has been busy getting trucks ready for winter, adding a new sander on one of the trucks. All parks have been winterized and the crew started putting up winter banners today. Part-time dump truck drivers for the season include Dick Farnen, Dan Miller, Eldon Kragh and Stan Storlien.

Interim City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

There are five workers in town from Ryan Construction wrapping up the construction project this week for the year. All driveways will be accessible. They are working on getting 12th Street leveled. 12th Street will not get tarred this year. A portion of Walnut will also be gravel, and did not get curb and gutter. Discussion on erosion control behind the curb at the school and Grace Lutheran. If anything put up stakes so people aren't tracking in dirt everywhere.

Old Business

Discussion on the Fire Hall lights upgrade was tabled from the last meeting to see if the Fire Department could get volunteers and prices on lights. Councilman Petersen asked why there is only one bid? Council feels the Fire Department needs to put more effort into the project and tabled it for next meeting for lighting cost and volunteers.

New Business

A resolution certifying delinquent utilities against respective properties was presented and motioned to approve by Councilman Petersen with a second from Councilman Adelman. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Petersen. Absent: Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson and Councilman Tufto. Against: none. Motion passed.

A letter of support from the Dawson Ambulance was included in the packet. The Dawson Ambulance is requesting \$10,522.27 for 2023, an increase of 1% from the previous year. Discussion was had on the request and the Council looking for more of a financial background from the ambulance/JMHS. They are looking at a new ambulance. Question if the city needs to spend tax payers money if the Dawson Ambulance is sitting fine financially. Jill will get in contact with Ann Jensen for more information to be provided for the next meeting. Councilman Prestholdt said Dawson is very fortunate to have what we have. On motion by Councilman Adelman to table the request until information is provided with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Petersen. Absent: Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson and Councilman Tufto. Against: none. Motion passed.

Jill worked with Neon Needles to design a new City of Dawson logo to replace the sun. The logo will be implemented when old materials with the old logo are gone, such as letterhead. The logo will be replaced on the website at no charge. Discussion on putting the logo on City vehicles. Colin will get a quote for the stickers vs. the sticker that is on vehicles now from Ryan Schmitt who has done them in the past. On motion by Councilman Prestholdt to move forward with the new logo for letterhead and any clothing with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Petersen. Absent: Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson and Councilman Tufto. Against: none. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

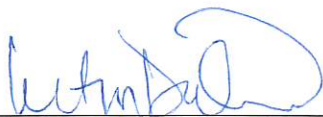
The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, December 6th for the Truth and Taxation and Final Budget meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. It was mentioned that there may be a work session this night starting at 5:00 p.m. with Ehlers, but they are unsure if they will have completed the work for utility increases by this date to have the discussion. This would mean pushing the price increase to February, along with the Olson Sanitation increase.

Reminder for the "Light Your Way Gnome" event happening Sunday, December 4th in Gnome Park starting at 5:30 p.m. This is a City event that will include lighting the Tree of Hope, unveiling the new light scene, campfires, food and an activity for the kids sponsored by the Dawson Library. All are encouraged to come. Prairie Waters is donating towards the advertising and food for the event.

Adjourn Meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



Kristin Daline, Deputy City Clerk



Randy Tensen, Mayor