Dawson City Council Meeting
January 17th, 2023
5:30 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Jake Bothun, David Hansen, Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, Charlie Prestholdt and JT Schacherer. Absent: Mayor Randy Tensen. Others present: City Manager Jill Kemen, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, Public Works Supervisor Colin Lee, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Lauren Olson, Corey Reiffenberger, Peggy Crosby, Dave Peterson, Doug Breberg and Chad Felton.

Council President Olson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilman Prestholdt motioned to approve consent agenda item 4, January 3rd Council Meeting Minutes with a second from Councilman Schacherer. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Bothun. Absent: none. Against: none. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Council President Olson opened the 10 minute public forum at 5:31 p.m. Chad Felton spoke about the possibility of moving the skating rink back to the park next year. Felton said although the rink on the river is a great concept, it is not a great experience. He is willing to donate his time and look for funds for a new liner to move the rink for next year. Doug Breberg asked if a survey has been done near his property North of the Cenex station as he has concerns with property lines. The City engineer had the area surveyed during phase 1 construction. The City will get back to Doug with more information. Hearing nothing else, Council President Olson Tensen closed the 10 minute public forum at 5:37 p.m.

The Council Meeting was closed at 5:38 p.m. for the Public Hearing on the street vacation on N. 6th Street East to Johnson Street. Corey Reiffenberger, CEO at the Lac qui Parle introduced himself on spoke about the improvements the Co-op that will happen in two phases. Phase 1 will start n the Spring of 2023 building a new shop to the North of the existing one. Phase 2 will begin late Fall of 2023 or Spring 2024 moving the diesel pumps to the West side of the lot to allow semis to drive-through and around the building and open up more gas pumps, and the renovation of a new C-Store. Councilman Olson and Doug Breberg asked about a notice to area property owners. The City sent letters to abutting property owners, Livestock Systems, the School and Lac qui Parle Co-op. Hearing nothing else, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:47 p.m.

Public Works Superintendents Kurt Collin’s Report

Kurt is waiting on quotes for the water treatment plant for new meters and re-lining the wet well. The weather has delayed someone coming to give the quote. The crew has been staying very busy moving snow, and piles that have built up. Larson Brothers teamed up with the City to remove excess snow at the School, Johnson Memorial and Grace Lutheran as there lots were full. These businesses will be billed for the extra snow removal. The crew has also been removing snow around hydrants and placing flags. Residents should be clearing the snow away from hydrants on their property. They were able to

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take advantage of warmer temperatures and scrape some of the hard pack off the streets. Christmas lights and banners have been taken down. The jetter truck arrived on Thursday. The truck is twelve

years old and has been completely refurbished and should last a long time. The rain has made a mess of the skating rink and will be worked on as time allows.

Interim City Manager Jill Kemen’s Report
A Contractors and Coffee meeting has been set for January 24th at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the Small Cities Development Program.

A public notice is posted in the paper this week to request for bid proposals to replace one tennis court and one basketball court at Gnome Park. Councilman Prestholdt said he spoke with Tony Aafedt at the school and said cement was ok as a base.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

A resolution to vacate N. 6th Street East was included in the packet. Councilman Hansen motioned to table the resolution until the next meeting so more information could be gathered in regards to property lines, with a second from Councilman Schacherer. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Bothun. Absent: none. Against: none. Motion passed.

Rebecca with Ehlers joined the meeting via Zoom and introduced a coworker, Dan who was also present to discuss financing for the new water meters. The City was quoted $292,000 to replace all replace all residential and commercial meters. There are three additional meters at the water treatment plant that will also be replaced. The total G.O. Bond will be $338,000 which will be paid with water revenues. The bid will be presented to five local banks, Old National Bank, Minnwest Bank, Dawson Co-op Credit Union, F&M Bank and United Prairie Bank. Rebecca said that Ehlers is always reviewing the debt of the City for refunding opportunities. At the council meeting February 21st, Rebecca will review the results of the sale and recommend to council to move forward. Funds would be available to the City by March 16th to move forward with the purchase of the meters. Councilman Adelman requested a meeting to review the current water rates and does not want to wait to do an increase until next year. Councilman Bothun asked if it would be feasible to overshoot the increase in the beginning. Rebecca will followup with Jill and review numbers with Kristina at Ehlers who has been working on the meter reads for the past three years.

On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Adelman to approve the resolution to move forward with providing the sale of $338,000, Series 2023A. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Bothun. Absent: none. Abstained: Councilman Hansen. Against: none. Motion passed.

On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Adelman to approve the resolution to move forward with providing the sale of $338,000, Series 2023A. Voting in favor

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Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Bothun. Absent: none. Abstained: Councilman Hansen. Against: none. Motion passed.

The City Attorney Retainer Agreement was included in the packet. No changes were made to the

agreement from the prior year. On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Hansen to approve the City Agreement Retainer Agreement. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Bothun. Absent: none. Against: none. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, February 7th at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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 Kristin Daline, City Clerk Jeff Olson, President