

Dawson City Council Minutes
June 1st, 2021
5:30 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in regular session Tuesday, June 1st, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Dawson City Hall Council Chambers following social distancing guidelines.

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

Also Present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Clerk/Treasurer Jill Kemen, Utility Billing/Office Clerk Kristin Daline, Maintenance Superintendent Kurt Collins, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Amanda Strommer, Chessa Frahm, Rodney Anderson, Glenn Carlson, Steven Farnen, Lee Gunderson, Maurie Schacherer and Dave Hickey.

Others present via phone: Scott Quick and Jeff Kuhn with Widseth.

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

Mayor Tensen opened the Public Hearing for Amanda Strommer, with the Wellhead Protection Plan. Amanda provided documents and asked for any input. The Wellhead Protection Plan is put in place to prevent contaminants from the City's water supply. The City has good water now, with low vulnerability to contamination. The final step is to make a motion to approve the plan, and the health department has 60 days to review. There are twenty three uncapped wells that could be capped with grant money of \$10,000 with a no match guarantee. The grant funding would only apply to the target area outlined on the map provided. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor Tensen opened the Public Hearing on conditional use permit at 182 Diagonal Street at 5:52 p.m. Rodney Anderson voiced his concerns about the garage. Rodney was under the impression that Scott Quick had already taken this to the Council and it was already approved. He said that when he purchased in Riverview Estates it was to be residential only, building garages doesn't add any value to the community. Rodney's hope is that the Council will look long term and not accept this permit. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:11 p.m.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilman Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Petersen, and Councilman Tufto. Voting against, none. Motion passed.

On motion by Councilman Peterson with a second from Councilman Fish to approve consent agenda items number 4, May 4th Council Minutes and number 11, May bills paid. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen, and Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

On motion by Councilman Fish with a second from Councilman Petersen to approve the May 18th Work Session Minutes. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen opened the 10-minute public forum. Councilman Prestholdt would like Dave Hickey to do a Public Service article in the Dawson Sentinel about people speeding on side streets in town as well as young kids driving golf carts. Mayor Tensen stated that there has been ads in the paper about the rules of owning and operating golf carts in Dawson. Glenn Carlson said there should be tougher consequences when underage kids get caught driving golf carts. Keys should be pulled and parents notified. Councilman Prestholdt asked if it would be possible for the City to use the payloader to help with the school project at the football field. Kemen mentioned that staff will be short handed the month of June with employees gone on vacation. Kurt said that the City will try and help out as much as we can.

Hearing nothing else, Mayor Tensen closed the public forum.

New Business

On motion by Councilman Fish with a second from Councilman Petersen to approve the Resolution to adopt the Wellhead Protection Plan. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

Jeff Kuhn with Widseth gave an update on the street project. One underground crew has pulled out as there was not enough to do at this point and moved to another project. The other underground crew is still working in Dawson. The directional boring has been completed. There was an issue on trunk h\Highway 119, they tried to do a locate on both sides and hit the water line while boring. At this point there are a few businesses along Highway 212 that have been without water for two weeks. The fix is expected to be complete mid to late next week. Road grading is happening on streets ready for curb and gutter south of Highway 212. Mayor Tensen said when the crew came and did curb and gutter around his house that the water was draining towards his garage, and not away from it. Kuhn said that he will look into this issue tomorrow and get back to him. Lee Gunderson said other residents have complained of this issue as well and are concerned. Kemen mentioned that the communication between crews and residents hasn't been real great. The City office has gotten many complaints, and residents are frustrated with not knowing what is going on on their street. Kuhn said he would talk to the various crews about this issue. He asked if the City had been getting updates for the website, to which Daline replied that the City hasn't gotten anything for quite a while.

Kuhn spoke about the pay estimate for Kuechle of \$1,634,590.04. This phase of the project is two-thirds of the way complete and on track. The underground crew will be working through August. On motion by Councilman Petersen to approve the pay estimate with a second from Councilman Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

Kuhn asked that the pay estimate for Maguire Iron of \$135,280.00 be approved. The tentative date for the tower being raised is June 10th. Kuhn thought it would be a great idea to have this on the website. On motion by Councilman Olson to approve the pay estimate with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

A pay estimate was provided from Mid-Continental Restoration company for \$22,901.65 for chimney work done at the library. Martina with Collaborative Design Group asked that the council approve the pay estimate. On motion by Councilman Fish to approve the pay estimate with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

An invoice was provided from Chappell Central, Inc for two dehumidifiers at the library. Martina with Collaborative Design Group asked that the council approve the pay estimate. On motion by Councilman Fish to approve the Chappell Central invoice with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

City Clerk/Treasurer Jill Kemen spoke about the Coronavirus local fiscal recovery fund. Dawson is considered a non-entitled city with a population below 50,000 people. The funding the City will receive is based on the number of people multiplied by \$105. The resolution provided is the amount based on the population number that Kemen found, but could increase by \$1,470.00. The resolution is for the City to receive the money and be able to act on it. Kemen stated that department heads have been contacted to put a list of needs and wants together for the finance committee to review. Kemen mentioned that it would be nice to have election booths updated so better sanitation can be done. The City will have until December 31st, 2024 to use these funds. There is a lot of paperwork, and the State has strict guidelines on what the money can be used for. Councilman Adelman added that the Council should really take their time on what the money should be spent on. On motion by Councilman Prestholdt to approve the resolution to accept the Coronavirus fiscal recovery fund under ARPA with a second from Councilman Fish. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

Chief Stock submitted a proposal for the 2021 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding to receive \$18,000 in grant money. This money will be used to purchase new radios and computers. On motion by Councilman Olson to approve the grant money with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

A letter from the Lac qui Parle Agricultural Society was provided requesting a \$2,000 donation from the City for the 2021 County Fair. On motion by Councilman Fish to approve the funds request with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

Schommer's Concession's & Catering, LLC have applied for a peddler's permit for 2021. On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Tufto to approve the peddler's permit. Voting in favor Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman, and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

Amy Nelson wrote a letter to the City with the interest of running the concession stand this summer for Tuesday night softball and other games this summer with the proceeds going towards the Dawson-

Boyd girls softball team. She is getting in contact with Countryside Public health for approval. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Fish to approve Amy running the concession stand contingent upon meeting the standards of Countryside Public Health. Voting in favor Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman, and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

Personnel Committee Minutes were provided as information only.

During the May 18th Work Session Meeting, Maintenance Superintendent Kurt Collins spoke about purchasing a new John Deere mower. Council agreed on this purchase. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Peterson to rectify the John Deere mower purchase. Voting in favor Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman, and Councilman Prestholdt. Motion passed.

Old Business

A. Pool Update

City Clerk/Treasurer Jill Kemen said that the pool has an opening date of June 8th. Countryside Public Health still needs to come and do the pool inspection for the year. Pool Manager, Chad Felton has ordered concession stand items and has spoken with Olivia, who ran the pool last year for input. There will be an ad placed in the newspaper for swim lessons and lap swim. Councilman Adelman asked Collins if there was a shortage on chlorine, to which he stated only the tablet form.

B. Pool Umbrella

Kurt reported that Kristin has put a call in to get different options to replace the existing umbrella. The umbrella is at the point where it is beyond repair, and is scared that someone is going to get hurt. It is too much for the lifeguards to crank it up and down everyday.

C. 15th Street Loop

Kuhn said that he will be working with a team to work on the 15th Street loop. He hasn't been able to get together with them yet. A map was included to show the location of the gas lines. The water loop would provide better water pressure for Lac qui Parle Fertilizer Plant as well as looking toward the future of potential housing in the area.

Maintenance Superintendent Kurt Collins

The City crew has been busy with street sweeping and spraying for weeds. Part-time summer help have started and have been mowing and trimming.

Interim City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

EDA Minutes provided. Bobbie Bohlen with HME will be presenting at the joint EDA/Council meeting this Thursday. Bohlen will be providing a housing presentation for a potential project near Hickory and Ash. There will be no public input at this meeting, just information only. The EDA is excited about her coming. Kemen mentioned that the new Veteran's Home in Montevideo will employ 110 people and that it would be nice to capitalize on new people moving to the community. LqP Computer Commuter is for information only. The Auditors were here for two days last week. They are

planning on presenting at the July 6th Council Meeting. The City office has received a lot of complaints

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about residents not mowing their lawns. Kemen asked Attorney Rick Stulz about the Zambrano property, as it is now owned by the County. The City is currently taking care of the mowing at the property. The City has received the tax deposit from the County. Liquor and Payroll funds have been balanced for the month of May, which Kemen made available for anyone interested. The waterwall and bench have been installed at Veteran's Park. There will be a Brigadier General in town for the Colonel Moe Dedication Ceremony during Riverfest, as well as Lori Bucholt Moe to present the Key to the City to the family. Councilman Prestholdt asked Dave at the Sentinel if he could do a nice write-up in the paper about the donation. Stulz will prepare documentation for the Key to the City. Fire Chief Brian Hersom approached Kemen about purchasing a 6x6 Ranger for the Fire Department. Kemen said that his first step should be to bring it to the Fire Committee.

Mayor Tensen mentioned that there is a residence in Dawson that still has mattresses on the front lawn. He would like the City crew to pick up the remaining items left over from City Wide Cleanup, and for the homeowner to be billed.

With nothing else to address, on motion by Councilman Fish with a second by Councilman Petersen to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Tufto. Councilman Olson absent. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor