

Dawson City Council  
June 6th, 2023  
5:30 pm

Councilpersons present: JT Schacherer, Vince Adelman, Jeff Olson, David Hansen, Jake Bothun and Charlie Prestholdt. Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Jill Kemen, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, Public Works Supervisor Colin Lee, Lauren Olson, Emily Polzine, Pat & Gary Steinke, Matt Karels, Dave Falness and Dave Pederson.

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

Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the agenda, with addition of 10F, Contractor agreement for Blandin Grant and with a second from Councilman Schacherer. Voting in favor, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Against: None. Motion passed.

Councilman Schacherer motioned to approve the consent agenda item 4, May 16<sup>th</sup> Council Minutes and item 12, Financials with a second from Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Against: None. Motion passed.

10-Minute Public Forum

Mayor Tensen opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:31 pm. Matt Karels with Puris introduced himself. 60 Puris volunteers will be coming to Dawson for a couple hours on the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> to help clean up the parks and other various tasks. With nothing more to discuss, Mayor Tensen closed the public forum at 5:32 pm.

The Enterprise Committee met with Karl Kratzke from Puris. Puris would like to have a hydrant installed for insurance reasons. Puris would pay 100% for the project. The committee made a recommendation to have a hydrant installed and to bring it to council. The rest of the meeting was closed to discuss the bid for the Liquor Store.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

Ryan Construction is working on the middle of the block on main street with sewer and will continue with water and moving towards Pine Street by Minnwest. The guys have been busy watering the flower baskets and putting up banners and flags for Memorial Day. The Chamber made the decision to not have banners on main street this year due to the construction. The city crew will be spraying mosquitoes on Mondays and Wednesdays. Nathan Kittleson is working again part time this summer. He is a very hardworking and respectable young man. The swimming pool opened yesterday. Thanks to the crew and lifeguards for getting it ready for opening. The pool staff has 14 lifeguards, a few 18-year-olds and is short on WSI. The Darning Group hosted certification Saturday and Sunday. This proved to be very beneficial to Dawson and the surrounding communities and will be rescheduled for next year. New chairs and a leaf blower were purchased for the pool. There have been a lot of calls from the meter installation crew for bad valves. They would like people to get the valves quickly installed so they can complete the project.

City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

Ben Bothun, Realtor has listed the 10 EDA residential lots in Carlson Addition for sale. Stipulations are to build within 2 years or have a note from the contractor. After 3 years of no construction, the lot would come back to the city. The Bank Museum received the last main-street fix up grant. The EDA said they would take applications as a case-by-case basis if any other businesses wanted to apply.

Juneteenth is now considered a state holiday in 2023. No public business can be transacted on this day. Councilman Schacherer motioned to approve the city office being closed that day, with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Against: None. Motion passed.

Campground host Dennis Hullstrom is asking for an increase in tent camping charges this year at Gnome Park for Riverfest. Currently there are 10 spots available that the city has not charged for in the past. On motion from Councilman Prestholdt to charge \$20/night for dry camping and use of facilities with a second from Councilman Schacherer. Voting in favor, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Against: None. Motion passed.

The city took over the Deputy Registrar on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Joyce Pearson has been in and out of the office to help with questions and is good about answering the phone when she wasn't there. Jill, a liaison from the state, was here one morning to get set up. The city collected \$1,024 through DVS the first four days in May it was open.

Old Business

The Enterprise committee rejected the one bid for the Liquor Store building. Jill called and said they can reapply if they want. The committee decided to list the building for sale through Ben Bothun. Councilman Hansen tabled talking about price of the building until the end of the meeting, with a second from Councilman Schacherer. Voting in favor, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Against: None. Motion passed.

New Business

Pay estimate #1 from Dakota Supply Group was presented. Councilman Schacherer motioned to pay with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Bothun. Against: None. Motion passed.

Pay estimate #10 from Ryan Contracting was presented. Councilman Schacherer motioned to pay with a second from Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Against: None. Motion passed.

Discussion on the Puris hydrant that was presented at the Enterprise Committee meeting. The hydrant needs to be installed within 1,000 feet of the facility to meet insurance needs. Puris would reimburse the city for water expenses if there were to be a catastrophic event. Puris does have future plans to expand the complex. Councilman Prestholdt motioned for the city to extend the water line and install a hydrant with a second from Councilman Schacherer. City Engineer, Jeff Kuhn will stop at Puris on Thursday to discuss. Ryan Contracting is willing to start digging the line. City Attorney, Rick Stulz is handling contractual logistics with Puris's attorney. On motion from Councilman with a second from Councilman. Voting in favor, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Against: None. Motion passed.

Peddler's Permits for Karma Korn and Mister B's Mobile Café have been submitted for approval for Riverfest. Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the permits with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Against: None. Motion passed.

A thank you letter was included in the packet from the LQP Fair for the city's donation for 2023.

A Contractor Agreement for the Blandin Foundation was provided at the meeting. One bid for the basketball and tennis court was awarded to Larson Brothers Inc. On motion by Councilman Schacherer to approve the contractor agreement with a second from Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Against: None. Motion passed. The city will pay nothing towards the courts.

#### Ordinances and Resolutions

A Resolution accepting the grant navigator funding for duplex development was presented. The League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) started the program to help cities with funding for grant writers. The city applied for the grant to be used towards Southwest Minnesota Housing writing the grant for duplex housing in Carlson Addition. Councilman Schacherer motioned to approve the resolution with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Against: None. Motion passed.

The second reading of the ordinance amending the intoxicating liquor provisions to allow off-sale licenses and repeal of municipal liquor dispensary was presented. The city can set an effective date. The language is modeled after state statutes. Councilman Bothun motions to accept the ordinance as is for a second reading with an effective date. After more discussion, Councilman Prestholdt motioned to delay the effective date with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Against: None. Motion passed.

Councilman Prestholdt asked about the status of Carlson Addition as there has been talk that nothing is happening this year as far as curb and gutter. Jill stated that curb and gutter will happen this calendar year and extra dirt is being used to build up the lots.

Miscellaneous Announcements

The next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. The auditors will present at the July 11th meeting. The city received a grant from the community foundation to add another light up feature in Gnome Park for Christmas. The city will be doing the Light your Way Gnome event again the first Sunday in December.

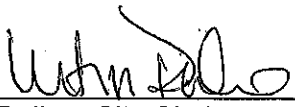
With nothing more to discuss, Mayor Tensen closed the regular meeting at 6:24 pm.

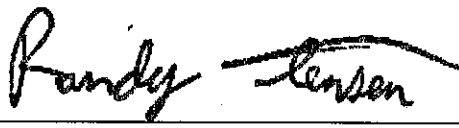
Mayor Tensen opened the closed meeting at 6:27pm. The price for the Liquor Store building was discussed. The closed session closed at 6:37 pm.

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Councilman Schacherer motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Against: None. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

  
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Kristin Daline, City Clerk

  
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Randy Tensen, Mayor