

Dawson City Council Minutes  
October 3, 2017  
5:30 PM

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Alan Tufto and Councilman Charlie Prestholdt.

Councilpersons absent: Councilwoman Becky Bothun.

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk Jill Kemen,

Declaring a quorum, Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order and the group repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of the agenda. On a motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Lien to approve the agenda. All councilmen present voted in favor. Absent Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

With a motion from Councilman Lien and a second from Councilman S. Tufto, to approve consent agenda items number 4 and 10, approval of the September 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes and September bills paid. All present Councilmen voted in favor. Councilwoman Becky Bothun absent. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen opened the 10 minute public forum. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Tensen closed the 10 minute public forum.

Attorney Stulz presented on the crisis transportation memorandum of understanding. He said the year end of 2018 cap went up but that no one felt the city contribution would get this high. Dawson will receive a bill at the end of the year from County Auditor, Jake Sieg. Sieg will also provide periodic updates throughout the year. There is a plan that will be distributed to the hospital for the process steps that need to be taken. Ann Jenson will be providing this plan to Johnson Memorial Health Services. On motion by Councilman S. Tufto and a second from Councilman A. Tufto to approve the city participation for the crisis transportation. All present Councilmen voted in favor. Councilwoman Becky Bothun absent. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen invited interested Councilmen to participate in the Western Minnesota Prairie Waters 2017 Annual Gathering at Swift Falls. Information was enclosed regarding this gathering.

Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report

A. Powers spoke about the meeting held at the city building regarding the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MCPA) and their finding on Ditch 4. With a strong AGP presence at the meeting, it was reported that ammonia was found in the ditch. Powers said this wasn't caused from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City of Dawson does discharge to the ditch but where the ammonia was located was before the treatment plant. MCPA provided data and pictures at the meeting that were two years old.

Going forward, it was decided to have a meeting with Lance Stoeber from AGP and other officials and re-evaluate the increase of ammonia before it becomes an expensive issue.

B. Powers had no update to give the council on the chain at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He was hoping the work would be done relatively soon.

City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson Report

A. EDA Update. David Bergeson was present at the EDA meeting to discuss his cash rent. He addressed the problem with the tile line in this field. Attorney Stulz was going to look into this issue to see if the tile line could be repaired. The board will readdress his request of reducing the number of acres he pays cash rent on and a report from Stulz's findings.

Countryside Public Health had received a complaint about the home at 686 Maple Street. This was deemed a hazardous build and a nuisance to the City. The owner of the home along with the City of Dawson were sent letters regarding this complaint. The homeowner has 45 days from the receipt of the letter to make the improvements to bring the house up to Countryside's minimum standards. The City received their letter September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Lee Gunderson reported that Riverview Estates building has continued to move forward.

The Dawson Library grant has been submitted for final process. The grant recipients hope to hear in December or January if they were awarded their funds.

Schuelke-Sampson made an insurance claim for the water damage at the Library and Heritage Court Apartments per the EDA board request. Servicemaster has been contacted about the mold mitigation. It was found that there is one poor area and one area within two spors of the acceptable range.

LQP Executive Director PJ Ellison has sent a letter stating that her board has limited her outside meeting attendance unless she is specifically requested to be present. The Dawson EDA sent a letter in return to her board addressing this concern. Ellison and her board chair will be present at the next Dawson EDA meeting to address the concerns presented from the letter.

B. DSI Small Cities Grant Update. DSI has met all the commercial goals and are currently meeting with one more commercial to see if the left over funds can help the business. Residential goals are at 10 homes under contract and 3 to 4 more attempting to meet requirements. The residential goal currently sits at 16 homes. Mailings have been sent out and calls have been received about the DSI and how people in the target area can apply for help.

C. Liquor Update. Winter hours were discussed. These were to be posted after harvest work has finished starting November 1. However, with the late harvest, the hours will remain the same until the fall work has finished.

There are currently two wine tasting in the planning stages. One is to be held during Ladies Night Out presented by JMHS and the other is a fundraiser for the City of Dawson to satisfy one of the requirements for the splash pad grant.

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A special promotion at the Liquor Store is Pick 6. There are 25 micro brews available for customers to pick their own bottles to make a 6 pack.

D. Finance Update. A committee meeting was held regarding the 2018 levy. After discussion and review, it was decided a 4% increase in the levy would be set for 2018.

E. Schuelke-Sampson told the Council that Dawson-Boyd Police had received radio recognition for their interaction with students on the playground at the school. The officers are working on ALICE training at the school.

Schuelke-Sampson informed the council that there will be three public hearings during the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

With no other information to be addressed Councilman Lien motioned to adjourn the meet with a second from Councilman Olson. All present Councilmen voted yes. Absent: Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.

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Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk

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Mayor