

Dawson City Council Minutes  
November 21, 2017  
5:30 PM

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Steven Tufto, Councilman Al Tufto, and Councilman Charlie Prestholdt.

Councilwoman absent: Councilwoman Becky Bothun.

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, and 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 with the addition of 10c closed session for attorney client privilege. On a motion by Councilman Lien with a second from Councilman Prestholdt to approve the amended agenda. All councilmen present voted in favor. Absent Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of November 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting minutes. On a motion made by Councilman Olson with a second by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the November 7<sup>th</sup> minutes. All councilmen present voted in favor. Absent Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen then opened the 10 minute public forum. Hearing nothing, Mayor Tensen closed the public hearing.

On a motion made by Councilman Lien with a second by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the gambling permit application for Dawson Boyd High School Trap League. All councilmen present voted in favor. Absent Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

The Computer Commuter update was provided for information only.

There was a motion made Councilman A. Tufto with a second from Councilman S. Tufto to approve closing the City office November 24<sup>th</sup>. This has been done in the past and anyone not working has to take vacation time. All councilmen present voted in favor. Absent Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report

A. Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water have started to dig lines in. The construction plan to build the pump house won't happen until spring, so the City will not sell water to LPRW until after the construction is complete.

Mayor Tensen then closed the Council Meeting and opened the public hearing on unpaid utility services, mowing and tree removal. Hearing nothing, Mayor Tensen closed the public hearing.

On a motion made by Councilman Olson with a second by Councilman Lien to approve assessing unpaid utility services, mowing and tree removal to 2018 taxes. All councilmen present voted in favor. Absent Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

Continuation of Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report

B. The wastewater plant collector chain is still not repaired. Brent is in communication with the company coming. He is hoping to see them after the Thanksgiving holiday break.

City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson Report

A. The Truth & Taxation meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please note this will be a 6:00 PM start time.

B. Health insurance has been reviewed for 2018 with the new rates. After number crunching, it was suggested to provide the PreferredOne plan to employees with a \$4,000/single \$8,000/family deductible. This plan has the same coverage as our current plan but does see an increase in deductible. The percentage increase for 2018 is 13%. The City's HSA contribution will be increased to \$2,000/single or \$4,000/family. On a motion made by Councilman Lien with a second by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the recommendation of the City Manager for health insurance. All councilmen present voted in favor. Absent Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

Schuelke-Sampson also mentioned the beer and wine tasting at the Dawson VFW on Saturday, December 16, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 PM. This is to benefit the splash pad for Veteran's Park. Provided to the council was a schematic drawing of the splash pad and approximate cost of material. With the help of fundraising and grant application, the City wishes to have this built next summer.

Schuelke-Sampson told the council she will be out of the office December 2 through December 21. She will be unreachable and will have no internet connection.

C. The mayor asked Brent Powers and Jill Kemen to leave the meeting at this time. On a motion by Councilman Lien with a second by Councilman Olson to enter into the closed session at 5:47 PM. All councilmen present voted in favor. Absent Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed. This meeting was recorded by City Attorney Rick Stulz and will be left on his server at his office. On a motion made by Councilman Lien with a second by Councilman Prestholdt to leave the closed session at 5:50 PM. All councilmen present voted in favor. Absent Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

Hearing no other news, Mayor Tensen asked for a motion to close the council meeting. On a motion made by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman A. Tufto to close the meeting. All councilmen present voted in favor. Absent Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

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Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk

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Mayor

