

Dawson City Council Minutes
December 4, 2018
6:00 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: Councilwoman Becky Bothun, Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Steve Tufto, and Councilman Al Tufto.

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, City Clerk/Treasurer Jill Kemen, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Liquor Store Manager Garney Jager, Dave Hickey, Ellsworth Olson, Robert Kuhlman, Maurice Schacherer, Peter Strand, Dennis Anderson, Burt Faehn, David Petersen, and Peggy Petersen Crosby.

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 additions of 7A which is the resolution to vacate alleyway at American Legion Memorial Addition and 10A which is the memorandum of understanding for the crisis transportation vehicle for Lac qui Parle County for 2019 and 2020. Motion made by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the agenda with the additions with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Olson, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of consent agenda items number 4, Approval of the November 13, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes and number 14, November bills paid. Motion made by Councilman Lien to approve consent agenda items number 4 and 14 with a second by Councilman S. Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Olson, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Olson to approve the gambling permit request for the Dawson Boyd High School Trap League with a second by Councilwoman Bothun. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Olson, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Olson to approve the 2018 Appropriation request for the Lac Qui Parle County EDA with a second by Councilman S. Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Olson, Councilman S. Tufto, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against Councilwoman Bothun. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Olson to approve the memorandum of understanding for the crisis transportation vehicle for Lac qui Parle County for 2019 and 2020 with a second by Councilman Lien. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Olson, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. on a possible street and alley vacation for the potential Dawson Boyd Public School project. Rick Stulz explained what would be vacated and that one homeowner that uses the alley will have a variance for use. Discussion. City stated they would be OK to give the approval of the vacation if the February vote is favorable. Hearing no further comments Mayor Tensen closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

Mayor Tensen opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. regarding the Dawson Municipal Liquor Store. Schuelke-Sampson stated that the check book balance as of October 31st increased \$5,145.00. The 2017 loss was \$3,154 with a \$3,500 donation to the baseball concession stand. It was suggested at the liquor committee to not donate out of the liquor store until showing a profit. We are 24 months into the wind down period. Hearing no further comments the public hearing was closed at 6:14 p.m.

Mayor Tensen opened the 10 minute public forum. Burt presented a concern regarding when Pine Street was redone that there is now a "sink hole" at 12th and Pine Street. Schuelke-Sampson stated that this has been discussed with the engineer and will be addressed in the next street project. There was then discussion about the water and sewer pipes at the bottom of the trench and Powers explained the pipes are not in jeopardy of damage from the dip because of how far down they are buried. Hearing nothing further, Mayor Tensen closed the public forum at 6:17 p.m.

Schuelke-Sampson presented the 2019 budget and the levy is an increase of 4.5% which is less than the preliminary levy that was sent out of 6%. The main expenditures are the \$28,230 payment for the payloader that will continue for four years, \$15,000 for new doors on the North side of the City Building, \$12,000 for new election equipment that we will be billed for by the County, and money set aside for engineering costs and financial planning for the next street project. Motion made by Councilman Olson to approve the resolution adopting the proposed 2019 levy with a second by Councilman A. Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Olson, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Olson to approve the resolution to vacate the alley where the new care center is built with a second by Councilman S. Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Olson, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Motion passed.

The information in the packet for the ADA survey confirmation letter is for your information only. There was no listed concerns and we have to comply if anything is remodeled going forward.

The Liquor Committee minutes is for your information only.

Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report:

- A. The new payloader was used with the last snowfall and worked good.
- B. The turbo had to be replaced on the snowblower and it now has more power and is easier to use.

City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson's Report

- A. The Mediacom and Lac qui Parle Computer Commuter handouts at your spots are for your information only.
- B. There will be an advertisement in the Dawson Sentinel for a contracted Apartment Manager that will run for two weeks. Proposals are due by noon on the 21st and will be opened at the Dawson EDA meeting on the 26th of December.
- C. There will be a special election on February 12th 2019, that will be administered at City Hall for the school referendum.
- D. There has been a plastic liner ordered for the ice skating rink. This will hold the water so the rink will be ready to use earlier.

- E. On behalf of the City of Dawson I would like to thank Becky Bothun for her years of service as a councilmember. Thank you Becky.

There was then a question from the audience about the amount of water being purchased by Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) and there has been none purchased to date. The City has no money invested in the agreement and LPRW may never get any water from the City because they just lost a large contract with ADM out of Marshall.

Ellsworth Olson stated his taxes of \$4,294.00 has improved Dawson by taking over some shabby lots and the property value seemed in line. Robert Kuhlman stated he lost homestead again this year on an 80 acre parcel so wanted to know how the school referendum if passed would affect his taxes. Explained he would have to attend the school district truth in taxation meeting to get that information.

Hearing nothing else, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman A. Tufto with a second by Councilman Lien. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Olson, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor