

Dawson City Council Minutes
March 6, 2018
5:30 PM

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers.

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

Councilperson absent: None

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk Jill Kemen, Deb Lanthier Head Librarian, Toni Cam, Alyssa Cam, Quinton Westfield, Isaac Evenson, Ehlers representative Jack Fay, DeAnn Wendinger, Braydon Wendinger, and Dave Hickey.

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 5A. Alyssa Cam, Girl Scout Gold Award. On a motion by Councilman Charlie Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Jeff Olson to approve the agenda with the addition of 5A. Voting in favor Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilman Al Tufto and Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of consent agenda items #4 and #13, approve the February 6th Council Meeting minutes and approve financial information February bills paid. On a motion by Councilman Dave Lien with a second from Councilman Al Tufto to approve the consent items. Voting in favor Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilman Al Tufto and Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

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

Alyssa Cam introduced herself to the Council. She is a sophomore at Dawson-Boyd High School and an 11 year senior with Girl Scouts. She is working toward receiving her Gold Award which is equivalent to the Boy Scout Eagle Award. Her idea is to continue to expand the stairs project at the football field with the help of her mentor, Loral Steinke. She would like to construct cement platforms, 2 on each side of the stairs, expanding 30 feet long for a place for chairs, etc. Councilman Prestholdt praised her idea and said it would be a great project. She asked the Council for permission to continue with pursuing her idea with costs, workability etc. and return to present to Council again. On a motion made by Councilman Charlie Prestholdt to continue pursuing her project with a second by Councilman Jeff Olson. Voting in favor Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilman Al Tufto and Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

Jack Fay, with Ehlers, presented on the City's TD Ameritrade account. The purpose of this account is to be proactive with funds allocated to different departments. The CDs are invested under FDIC with the interest being reinvested into the accounts. Jack pointed out there are several short term CDs with

different maturity dates. This was done with the intention of having interest rise and the possibility of being able to reinvest the funds at a better interest rate. The Council thanked Jack for his presentation.

Head Librarian, Deb Lanthier, was present to talk about the Library Committee meeting. She handed out information to the Council about library usage. Lanthier also detailed KUBB, a game that will be played during Riverfest this year. She thanked the Council for their continued support. On a motion made by Steve Tufto with a second by Al Tufto to approve the committee minutes and purchases for the library. Voting in favor Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilman Al Tufto and Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

Attorney Stulz said the State of Minnesota is looking to clear up some old property. He stated that there is a sliver of land south and east of the bridge on 6th Street, which has been abandoned. A resolution was presented to the Council to take ownership of this land. This is something that the City is already maintaining and it would just move ownership to the City name. On a motion made by Councilman Charlie Prestholdt to approve the tax forfeited property with a second by Councilman Al Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilman Al Tufto and Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

On a motion made by Councilman Charlie Prestholdt with a second by Councilman Dave Lien to table the approval of the repair of the 2nd clarifier quote because Maintenance Superintendent, Brent Powers, was not present at the meeting to present on it. Voting in favor Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilman Al Tufto and Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

The Dawson Area Chamber of Commerce requested a gambling permit for their raffle on November 3, 2018. On a motion by Councilwoman Becky Bothun with a second by Councilman Al Tufto to approve the request. Voting in favor Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilman Al Tufto and Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

The Rural Development Grant Information for the new squad car was included in the packet. Jeff VanBuren will be here at the next council meeting on March 20th to present on the grant. On a motion made by Councilman Jeff Olson with a second by Councilman Al Tufto to accept the paperwork and grant for the new squad. Voting in favor Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilman Al Tufto and Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson Report given by Jill Kemen

A. EDA Update. With Schuelke-Sampson being absent Councilman Jeff Olson asked Jill Kemen if the skylight work at the armory had been completed. Kemen responded yes and the work was reviewed by Powers and Schuelke-Sampson. Councilman Olson then asked Kemen to follow-up to make sure that no leaking had occurred during the rain/snow event from the previous day. She stated she will follow up with Dennis Harding, Library Maintenance, to check for water damage.

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B. Personnel Update. Nathan Martinson, with the road and bridge crew, resigned as of February 27, 2018. Colin Lee was hired to replace Nathan. He started with the City February 26th. Officer Joe Unzen also turned in his resignation for a Lac qui Parle County Deputy job. His official resignation date will be March 12, 2018. Currently, there is an opening in the paper to fill his position.

Hearing nothing else, a motion by Councilwoman Becky Bothun to adjourn the meeting with a second by Councilman Dave Lien. Voting in favor Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilman Al Tufto and Councilwoman Becky Bothun. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk

Mayor