

Dawson City Council Minutes  
June 5, 2018  
5:30 PM

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

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

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk Jill Kemen, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, Lac qui Parle County Sheriff Al Anderson, Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Pete Strand, and Nikole Gohr.

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 as written. On a motion made by Councilman Lien with a second from Councilman S. Tufto to approve the agenda. Voting in favor Councilman Olson, Councilman Lien, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilwoman Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of consent agenda items number 4, Approval of the May 1, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, and number 15, May bills paid. Motion made by Councilman Lien to approve consent agenda items number 4 & 15 with a second by Councilman Olson. Voting in favor Councilman Olson, Councilman Lien, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilwoman Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen then opened the 10 minute public forum. Pete Strand took the floor to address the water issue by his home on North 4<sup>th</sup> Street. He was questioning what was happening with the tile across the road. Powers responded for the City. He said the City is waiting on Larson Tiling. He explained the slough tile is plugged thus causing water to back up. Councilman S. Tufto asked Strand if he had water in his basement to which he replied yes. The plan is after the tile is fixed to ad crushed concrete and class 5 gravel and make the road drivable.

Mayor Tensen was contacted by Dave Hutt of Hutt Oil. Hutt has a 1,000 gallon holding tank with a grinder pump. He is looking for City help to replace the holding tank or reduced rate on sewer charged by the City. Powers stated that other homes also have grinder tanks and don't receive a reduced rate. Councilman Olson stated that Hutt purchased his building knowing that the sewer was that way and he doesn't understand why it would be the City's problem. On a motion made by Councilman S. Tufto with a second by Councilman A. Tufto to table the Hutt Oil discussion until the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Voting in favor Councilman Olson, Councilman Lien, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilwoman Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Motion passed.

Councilman Lien has been approached about weeds in town. He is asking the police to start enforcing the ordinance.

Hearing nothing else Mayor Tensen closed the public forum.

Nikole Gohr, with Marbled Mayhem, was present to request a peddler's permit for the food truck she represents. Gohr stated the food truck is licensed, insured, and passed a health inspection. They are licensed to sell out of the truck in 5 counties. Councilman Olson asked where the food truck would be parked. He also asked if it ran off its own generator. Gohr responded they will try to be in Dawson one time per week. Councilman Prestholdt said the menu looked great. His concern was taking business away from other local food trucks and restaurants in Dawson. Councilman Lien said people will go where they want to eat. Gohr stated their intention was not to pull people away from other eating establishments. Councilman A. Tufto suggested harvest time to sell during because of the long elevator lines. Attorney Stulz said that there are two issues to consider, first to issue the peddler's permit and second to make sure the food truck stays on public property and not infringing on other food trucks. Councilman Lien feels the public is looking for a variety. After discussion on a motion made by Councilman A. Tufto with a second from Councilwoman Bothun to approve the peddlers permit for one year. Voting in favor Councilman Olson, Councilman Lien, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilwoman Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Motion passed.

Lac qui Parle County Sheriff Al Anderson spoke to the Council for the first time since being appointed sheriff May 2017. His goal was to speak with all the townships and cities in Lac qui Parle County and by visiting with Dawson tonight, his goal is complete. He reminded Council that his department is here to assist the Dawson Police Department. Since becoming sheriff, Anderson now has a full staff of 6 full-time deputies, of which, two are sergeants. He is also promoting LENS. This is an emergency sign-up for those in Lac qui Parle to receive alerts via cell phone and/or email through the Lac qui Parle Emergency Management Site. Anderson also touched on the transport vehicle, West Central SWAT team members, and ALICE training. The department has also operated fire arm safety, ATV training, and tried snowmobile training for the youth. The department is always looking for feedback positive or negative. They have housed on average 3.71 inmates in jail per day consistently. The jail can hold 5. Anderson also spoke about new improvements to make it easier to launch a helicopter from dispatch center and pinpoint where to land the closer it gets to an accident scene. Councilman Prestholdt thanked Anderson for his time. Anderson then thanked the Council in return and added to contact him anytime he can be of assistance.

On a motion made by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman Olson to approve the Pioneerland 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter funding request. This is a budgeted item. Voting in favor Councilman Olson, Councilman Lien, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilwoman Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Motion passed.

Information was given on the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference June 20-22. Dr. Virji will be speaking during one of the breakout sessions. If any council member would like to attend, contact Jill in the office.

On a motion made by Councilman Lien with a second by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the amendment to Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water lease to accommodate the building construction for the

overhead wires. Voting in favor Councilman Olson, Councilman Lien, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilwoman Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Motion passed

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Information only was provided from Prairie Five RIDES program.

Lac qui Parle County Fairboard donation request was tabled until July 17<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Stulz spoke with Clare Anderson about the donations the fairboard has received. To date, Riverside Township has agreed to donate and the rest of the requests are slow to come in.

#### Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report

- A. Powers presented two quotes for digging water and sewer to the campground at Veterans Park. The City would add 5 new campsites. These are for self-enclosed campers only. Since there is no shower house available, primitive camping is not an option. Taking into account the electric set up, crushed graveled driveways and dirt work a safe estimate would be \$30,000. The sewer main is clay tile that is in poor shape. It has been closed. This would need to be re-opened by the walking bridge to slide a new 8" pipe through and cement back in to service the campground. A rough estimate on this project would be \$3,000-\$4,000. Councilwoman Bothun stated that people come to Dawson for a purpose and she doesn't feel the reservation price per site would matter, when receiving suggestions for reservations prices. Councilman Prestholdt doesn't want to put the burden on the taxpayers. In 2017 the current campground brought in \$10,000 of site revenue for the park. With the previous money budgeted for the campground in 2016 to use for funding the new campground, on a motion made by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilwoman Bothun to approve the low bid received and continue with campground construction. Voting in favor Councilman Olson, Councilman Lien, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilwoman Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Motion passed. Councilman Prestholdt said he would like to see work started soon on this project and it to be open this year.
- B. Powers said the well motor was pulled and had a bearing wearing so the motor will need to be replaced.
- C. The wastewater pumps will also need to be replaced. Approximately \$7,000 will be spent on the lift station and \$3,500 to upgrade.
- D. The siren by the water plant isn't working. A battery was ordered and should be in Thursday to help figure out the problem.
- E. Pool inspection took place and passed with minimal improvements.
- F. Sweeping streets was setback due to rain this previous week but will be hitting it hard this week to complete this project.

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City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson Report given by Jill Kemen

- A. EDA Update. Collaborative Design Group was the firm chosen by the EDA to use when UMRDC writes the grant for the library roof. It was decided to apply for the small \$10,000 with the EDA agreeing to pay the difference.
- B. Dawson Bikes has launched. With 5 bikes currently painted, the racks and sign in place, and the fixit station installed residents can begin to use the bikes. This project was all covered by grant money, donations, or in-kind.
- C. A thank you card was shared from the Mental Health Walk donation of swimming passes.
- D. A donation from AA/AI-Anon was given to the City for library basement maintenance.
- E. The feedlot ordinance was reviewed again. It was decided to not draft an ordinance at this time. It would be more feasible to stay with the County ordinance.
- F. Kemen congratulated Councilman Prestholdt on 2018 Gnome honors.
- G. The Riverfest parade will be held on June 24. The City will have an entry with the lifeguards handing out free passes as well as punch balloons and dog tags.
- H. The July council meeting will be held July 17, 2018.
- I. Elections are coming up. Kemen discussed election judges, primary, candidate openings, and training.

Councilman S. Tufto asked Councilman Lien if AGP was drilling a new well. Councilman Lien stated that there was another well being drilled (#4). This one will be closer and the North well will then serve as a backup spare.

With nothing else brought to Council attention, on a motion made by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman A. Tufto to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor Councilman Olson, Councilman Lien, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilwoman Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

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Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk

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Mayor