

Dawson City Council Minutes
July 6, 2021
5:30 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in regular session Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the Dawson City Hall Council Chambers. This meeting was also available by Zoom.

Councilpersons present: Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilman Dean Petersen, Councilman Jeff Fish, Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Vince Adelman, and Councilman Jeff Olson

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Jill Kemen City Clerk/Treasurer, Utility Billing Office Clerk Kristin Daline, Maintenance Superintendent Kurt Collins, Police Chief Andy Stock, Jeff Kuhn with Widseth Smith and Nolting, Dave Hickey via Zoom, Tony Aafedt, Burt Faehn, Mary Quick, Scott Quick, and Rodney Anderson

Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve the agenda with an addition of F-1. Resolution Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvements and F-2. Resolution Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvements with a second from Councilman S. Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: None Against: None. Motion Passed.

On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Petersen to approve consent agenda number 4, approve June 1st Council Meeting Minutes and number 10, June bills paid. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: None Against: None. Motion Passed.

Mayor Tensen opened the 10-minute public forum. Tony Aafedt and Burt Faehn, both residents of Dawson residing on Pine Street addressed the council. They are representing the many people who live along the street. Acknowledging the police force does a fantastic job, they asked for more patrol on Pine due to elevated speeds. There are several small children living in these residences, combined with the fact it is a popular street to drive, creates cause for concern. They asked the police to be more diligent when it comes to the speed and take appropriate measures, when necessary, as to avoid a horrible accident. Both men thanked the council for their time. Hearing nothing else, Mayor Tensen closed the public forum.

New Business

Scott and Mary Quick addressed the council regarding the conditional use permit they had requested to construct a 4-stall tandem garage. The Quicks had inspiration ideas added to the council packet to help councilmembers determine what the garage would look like. They also provided elevation data and the flood plain data where the lot currently sits. Quicks are intending to make the garage look appealing not to be detrimental to the values of the homes built. They stated that something built on the lot would be better than nothing on the lot. They have hired an architect to help position the garage to best suit the lot and could potentially build a home on it as well. Quicks are not committing to building the home, but would be their desire to have someone build in the future. Rodney Anderson, a Riverview Estates resident who initially signed the variance, spoke to council disagreeing with Quicks building the garage there. He feels he built in a

development that would stay a housing development, not anything different. Andersons' home would neighbor the garage.

Councilman Tufto asked if the Quicks had thought about putting the project on hold due to the cost of construction. Mr. Quick stated they would like an answer either way so they know where they are at with the project. Councilman Olson stated the City has a lot of money invested in the housing development at Riverview Estates. After discussion, on motion by Councilman Olson to deny the conditional use permit for Quicks to build a garage at 182 Diagonal Street seconded by Councilman Fish. Voting in favor Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: None Against: Councilman Prestholdt. Motion Passed.

Jeff Kuhn, City Engineer with Widseth Smith and Nolting, updated council on the project. The contractor is prepping for the first lift on streets south of Hwy 212. Underground work is happening North of Hwy 212, and will be preparing for curb and gutter. Kuechle Construction has submitted pay estimate #7. On motion by Councilman Fish with a second by Councilman Olson to approve the 7th pay estimate of \$1,231,875.05. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: None Against: None. Motion Passed.

Kuhn next presented pay estimate #9 from Maguire Iron for \$38,000.00. The tower is complete and painting the exterior and interior has begun. After it is finished the tower will be chlorinated before filling it with water. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second by Councilman Petersen to approve the 9th pay estimate to Maguire Iron. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: None Against: None. Motion Passed.

Kuhn also asked for consideration to pay KLM Engineering for professional services and inspection on the water tower. On motion by Councilman Fish with a second from Councilman Petersen to approve payment to KLM Engineering for \$12,655.50. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: None Against: None. Motion Passed.

Kuhn commented on the letter in the council packet. The City has now received approval from both agencies to continue to move forward with the second phase of the infrastructure project. To set the date for a public hearing, resolutions were presented as an addition to the agenda. On motion by Councilman Olson with second by Councilman Fish to approve the Resolution Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: None Against: None. Motion Passed. Councilman Fish next motioned to approve the Resolution Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvements. Seconded by Councilman Olson. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: None Against: None. Motion Passed. The public hearing is set for Tuesday, July 27th at 5:00 p.m. at the Dawson Swimming Pool Park shelter house. Notifications will be mailed and published in the paper. City Clerk Kemen presented a bid resurfacing the tennis and basketball courts. Previously, the council had approved to replace on tennis court with the bid

going to Larson Concrete. After discussion, it was decided to table the repair of the tennis court and have Jeff Kuhn give his professional opinion about what the best option would be.

The fire department committee met to discuss the fire department's purchase of a 6x6 grass rig. This would be paid out of their gambling/truck fund. No city funds are requested. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second by Councilman Tufto to approve the minutes and the purchase of a new 6x6. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: None Against: None. Motion Passed.

The water/wastewater committee meet to discuss the extension of Brent Powers' contract. It was decided to offer another 3-month contract starting July 1, 2021. The committee also approved a reimbursement to full time employees that use their personal cell phones for work. Some employees receive up to 40 calls per day. The agreed upon amount was \$30.00 per month. Letters with cost estimates were sent to Riverview Estates and neighbors about paving their streets. Only one homeowner was in favor of the paving. On motion by Councilman Fish with a second by Councilman Petersen to approve the contract for Brent Powers' extension and \$30.00 per month cell phone reimbursement for full-time employees using their phones. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: None Against: None. Motion Passed.

The liquor store committee also met. Minutes from the meeting were included in the packet. Kemen spoke about the meeting and all the positive things happening. Quotes will be requested for a new furnace and air conditioning unit. The City will look at the leak on the roof. Polzine commented she appreciated working for the City and feels the first 6 months have gone well.

Road and bridge committee minutes were inadvertently left out the packet.

The Dawson EDA/Dawson City Council joint meeting minutes were included in the packet. Kemen explained this meeting was held to discuss establishing a housing development and the company willing to come to Dawson to make this happen. The new development would be located on the east end of Ash Street.

Deputy Joe Unzen asked the City to support National Night Out. Chief Stock suggested getting a root beer keg and making root beer floats. He will be sending 3 to 4 officers to Madison for this community engagement which will be held at the Lac qui Parle County Fairgrounds. The City will also have a drawing for free swim passes at the Dawson Aquatic Center. On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman Tufto to support National Night Out with officers, root beer floats, and swimming pass drawings. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: None Against: None. Motion Passed.

Western Minnesota Prairie Waters have requested continued membership from the City. This would be through the year 2022. Councilman Olson feels that the City does benefit for the all the acknowledgment Prairie Waters puts together for the region. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second by Councilman Tufto to support Prairie Waters again in 2022. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Petersen,

Councilman Fish, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: None Against: None. Motion Passed. Kemen will budget this expense in.

St. James Catholic Church has requested a gambling permit for their annual drawing and bingo fundraiser. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second by Councilman Petersen to approve the gambling permit. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: None Against: None. Motion Passed.

Old Business

The pool umbrella is still holding together. Collins is waiting for Utility Billing/Office Clerk Daline to receive her requested quotes back on a more permanent structure.

Riverview Estates pavement has been previously discussed earlier in the meeting. Councilman Olson said the City did their part by reaching out with numbers to help homeowners make an educated decision. This project will not be moving forward.

Maintenance Superintendent Kurt Collins' Report

Fifth Street by the elevator has been prepped for Dunnicks to repair the pavement. Riverfest went well. He received lots of compliments about the work his crew did in preparation for the celebration. Dean Solem was hired to take care of the trees and brush that had overgrown by the walking path. At some point this will need to be burned and the 2" trees taken care of. The intent is to burn it off every year along with the river bank. He has asked the fire department to take care of this. The new mower is in and will be delivered soon. The summer maintenance help has been painting at the park and replacing some of the boards on the bottom of the concession stands. More painting will continue. The monthly safety meeting will be held in Dawson on July 15th. The new hires continue to work extremely hard and have been a good fit.

Interim City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

- A. EDA minutes were included in the packet. The group discussion the possibility of offering a reimbursement of tax forfeiture homes that were rebuilt instead of torn down. Discussion regarding this will continue.
- B. The Lac qui Parle Computer Commuter update is information only.
- C. Jeff Kuhn discussed the meeting that will be held regarding fixing the crossing on both 5th and 6th Streets. A multi community meeting will be held via TEAMS on July 15th. If any council member wishes to attend, they are to contact Jeff Kuhn for an invitation.
- D. Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water have requested a water/wastewater committee meeting regarding a joint venture for a water treatment plant. This meeting will be held July 14th at 12:00 p.m. in Dawson.
- E. The next council meeting will be held Tuesday, August 3rd, at 5:30 p.m.

Kemen reminded council of the public hearing Tuesday July 27 at 5:00 p.m. Emergency powers of the governor have now ended and the City has resumed water shut offs. The Small Cities Development Grant had the award deadline pushed back to the middle of July 2021. Kemen will be working on the budget so if there is anything council members want to see added, please contact her. The Dawson Aquatic Center received a donation from the Dawson Co-op Credit Union's marketing team for \$1,000.00. There is a park committee

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meeting on Wednesday that will decide what to do with the donation. The City also received a donation from the Dawson Co-op Credit Union Riverfest Golf Tourney of \$800.00. This will go into a special fund earmarked for covered dugouts at the softball fields. Kemen thanked the Dawson Co-op Credit Union for their donations.

Hearing nothing else, on motion by Councilman Tufto with a second by Councilman Fish to adjourn. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Tufto, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Olson. Absent: None Against: None. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Utility Billing/Office Clerk

Mayor