

Dawson City Council Minutes  
August 4, 2020  
5:30 PM

Councilpersons present: Councilman Jeff Olson, Councilman Jeff Fish, Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilwoman Chessa Frahm, and Councilman Al Tufto  
Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, City Attorney Rick Stulz, City Clerk/Treasurer Jill Kemen Dave Hickey, and Steven Farmen

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

On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman A. Tufto to approve the agenda. Voting in favor Councilman Olson, Councilman Fish, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman A. Tufto, Councilwoman Frahm, and Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve consent agenda items number 4 and 11. Approval of July 21, 2020 council meeting minutes and financial information July bills paid and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financials. Councilwoman Frahm seconded the motion. Voting in favor Councilman Olson, Councilman Fish, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman A. Tufto, Councilwoman Frahm, and Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen opened the 10-minute public forum. Steven Farmen spoke. He was doing research on a less expensive way to deal with curb and gutter for the upcoming potential street project. He has been in contact with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency about green infrastructure and using what is referred to as low-impact development. Superintendent Powers ask Farmen about the seepage tile under the streets and how that gets paid for. Farmen said it wasn't a needed expense. Councilman S. Tufto commented that if we didn't have tile with curb and gutter, it would turn into what happened with Pine Street. Councilman Prestholdt commented if there isn't a curb, the edge of the tar breaks up. Farmen responded that the tar would be rolled over when laid. Powers said a base is needed. If there is no base, the water would go under the tar and a thicker tar layer would be needed. Councilwoman Frahm is willing to look into some grant funds available for water run-off, retaining ponds on private property.

Mayor Tensen closed the public forum at 5:42 pm.

Schuelke-Sampson supplied a new funding request from Prairie Waters. Because Prairie Waters received a grant to pay for half of the membership for member cites, Dawson's request went down to \$1,891 from \$3,782. On motion by Councilman Olson to approve the funding request with a second from Councilman Fish. Voting in favor Councilman Olson, Councilman Fish, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman A. Tufto, Councilwoman Frahm, and Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Schuelke-Sampson said the city's share of the COVID relief aid – CARES fund was \$109,620. This is based on \$75.34 per resident. A committee will need to be formed to approve the spending and expenses for this money. All funds spent need to follow the guidelines given by the federal government.

Documentation is necessary. Lac qui Parle County was given \$909,620. Included with their aid was money to provide assistance to cities with less than 200 population. Councilwoman Frahm, Councilman Olson and Mayor Tensen all agreed to serve on this committee.

There will be a joint EDA meeting on August 19 with Dawson, Madison and CEDA.

The bids on the armory project came in over budget, specifically the masonry and the asphalt work. Three different scenarios were given to the EDA to decide how to move forward with the historical grant that was received to repair the issues. Schuelke-Sampson said after reviewing the scenarios, the EDA decided to choose recommendation number one, which is to go ahead with the scope of work and any extra money needed to finish the project, specifically for interior work, would be paid for by the city. The EDA board feels this project needs to be completed and done correctly. On motion from Councilman A. Tufto with a second from Councilman Olson to agree with the EDA on choosing scenario one and move forward. Voting in favor Councilman Olson, Councilman Fish, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman A. Tufto, Councilwoman Frahm, and Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Motion passed.

#### Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report

The two new pumps that were previously approved for purchase have been installed.

The school project is beginning to start and Powers has been in touch with the school engineer regarding the streets, sewer and water.

#### City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson's Report

A. Schuelke-Sampson has spoken with the city engineer. He expressed to her that there was quite a bit of interest with the infrastructure project. The strong plan holders list consists of 7 to 10 sizable contractors. His question to the council was does the city want to try to get an overlay of tar done yet this year, or leave the streets gravel until spring 2021. After discussion on motion by Councilman Olson to leave the streets gravel through the winter with a second from Councilwoman Frahm. Voting in favor Councilman Olson, Councilman Fish, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman A. Tufto, Councilwoman Frahm, and Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Motion passed.

B. Election filing is now open. There is a \$2.00 filing fee for anyone wishing to run for local public office. The last day to file is Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Up for election are 3 council positions and 1 mayoral position for 4 years and one council position for 2 years to replace Councilman Lien who moved.

C. The pool will be closing for the year on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Cleaning will take place August 19<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Prestholdt mentioned that the red and white umbrella needs repair and should be in working condition for next year's season.

D. The Computer Commuter info at your spot is for information only.

E. There will be a council meeting on Tuesday, August 18, to review the infrastructure bids along with a potential tax abatement for Canby Farmers Grain warehouse/office project.

Mayor Tensen has been contacted by the family of Stan Nelson. He was a graduate from Dawson some time ago. He will be turning 100 and his family would like to present him with a key to the City of Dawson. His relation helped to develop Nelson Field. He will be presented the proclamation and key at the Anoka Football Area in September. Councilman Prestholdt will be present to represent the City of Dawson.

Councilman Prestholdt commented on how attractive the new banners look. He wants to acknowledge Chamber for doing a great job with them. He also commented on the refurbished sign now welcoming people into Dawson from the south. With the potential replacement of the water tower, he inquired on what color it will be painted. He feels it would be nice to have a gnome on the tower like the one on the banner.

Hearing nothing else, on motion by Councilwoman Frahm with a second from Councilman S. Tufto to adjourn. Voting in favor Councilman Olson, Councilman Fish, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilman A. Tufto, Councilwoman Frahm, and Councilman Prestholdt. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

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City Manager

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Mayor