

Dawson City Council Minutes
September 4, 2018
5:30 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilman Steve Tufto and Councilman Jeff Olson.

Absent: Councilman Al Tufto and Councilwoman Becky Bothun.

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk Jill Kemen, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, Liquor Store Manager Garney Jager, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Dawson Fire Chief Brian Hersom, Fireman Casey Clausen, and Evert –Alexis-Camryn-Ellie-Tobin Oleson.

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 an addition of number 11A – Olson Sanitation Garbage Renewal. On a motion by Councilman Prestholdt to approve the agenda with the addition and a second by Councilman Olson. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto and Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Absent Councilman A. Tufto and Councilwoman Bothun. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of consent agenda items number 4, Approval of the August 7, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, and number 17, August bills paid. Motion made by Councilman Lien to approve consent agenda items number 4 and 17 with a second by Councilman S. Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto and Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Absent Councilman A. Tufto and Councilwoman Bothun. Motion passed.

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

A resolution was brought to council opposing the sale of strong beer, spirits, and wine in grocery and convenience stores. Schuelke-Sampson stated that many cities are supporting this resolution. She took it verbatim from other cities. Councilman Prestholdt asked if there was a conflict of interest. Schuelke-Sampson stated that the league was looking for support at the capitol. On a motion made by Councilman Olson to approve the resolution with a second by Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto and Councilman Olson. Voting against Councilman Lien. Absent Councilman A. Tufto and Councilwoman Bothun. Motion passed.

Casey Clausen, Dawson Fireman, was present to represent the Relief Association. The committee agreed to allow the Relief to raise the retirement benefits to \$1,900 for 2019, \$2,000 for 2020, and possibly an increase of \$100.00 every five years. He also reviewed the \$25,000 per year donation the City agreed to set up for the Relief Retirement. Councilman Olson explained the meeting and markets verses what

the city contributes. Clausen stated the Relief is 110% funded. Councilman Olson asked Attorney Stulz to write up language that can be approved by both sides regarding this agreement.

Fire Chief Brian Hersom told the council that the fire department isn't going to fix the aerial truck. Hersom was given the quote of \$30,000 plus labor. The Equipment Committee decided to look for a used aerial truck to purchase for no more than \$200,000. This would also replace the 96 pumper. The department would keep both in the hall. ISO insurance is effected if there is a second pumper on hand. Hersom stated that even though the City wouldn't be able to contribute to the purchase of an aerial truck, he would still like to try to raise the funds for the aerial truck. He was going to go forward with asking townships and elevators to attend a meeting on Tuesday, September 18th. Councilman Prestholdt thanked the fire department for attending the meeting. On a motion made by Councilman S. Tufto with a second by Councilman Olson to allow the fire department to use the equipment fund to withdraw \$50,000 to help purchase the aerial truck. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto and Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Absent Councilman A. Tufto and Councilwoman Bothun. Abstaining from the vote Councilman Lien. Motion passed.

Schuelke-Sampson reported she was approached by Larry Borstad in regards to replacing the softball scoreboards. The new scoreboards would be the same size and installed in the same location as the previous ones. These will have LED lights with a place for advertising. Motion made by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman S. Tufto to approve the new scoreboards at the softball fields. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto and Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Absent Councilman A. Tufto and Councilwoman Bothun. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen closed the council meeting at 5:45 p.m. and opened the public hearing on consent to zoning permit at 727 8th Street. The signatures that were obtained were presented to the council. 75% of signatures were required and met. Hearing nothing else, Mayor Tensen closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Motion made by Councilman S. Tufto to approve the Consent to Zoning Permit with a second by Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto and Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Absent Councilman A. Tufto and Councilwoman Bothun. Motion passed.

Evert Oleson was present to discuss extending the current trail to the county park. He is looking for a government entity to help sponsor a grant. He felt the biggest hurdle would be going over or under Highway 212. He is in search of community members who are willing to help support this path. Oleson will do some background work this winter. After further discussion, Councilman Prestholdt motioned to support going ahead to look further into the trail extension project. A second came from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto and Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Absent Councilman A. Tufto and Councilwoman Bothun. Motion passed.

A proposal came before the council to raise the pay of the council and mayor per quarter. Current rates are set at \$300 and \$600 per quarter respectively. After discussion on a motion by Councilman Prestholdt

with a second from Councilman Lien to keep wages the same. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto and Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Absent Councilman A. Tufto and Councilwoman Bothun. Motion passed.

Olson Sanitation contract needs to be renewed. A new contract was presented. The only change made was the dates to extend the current contract. On a motion made by Councilman S. Tufto with a second by Councilman Lien to accept the new contact as presented. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, and Councilman S. Tufto. Voting against none. Absent Councilman A. Tufto and Councilwoman Bothun. Councilman Olson abstained. Motion passed.

Schuelke-Sampson presented the preliminary budget levy for 2019 at 6%. Capital purchases included are police tasers, two front north doors on city building, election machines with grant dollars helping to fund these machines, and a payload payment. Once the preliminary budget is set, it cannot be raised only lowered. On a motion made by Councilman Olson to approve a 6% levy for 2019 with a second from Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto and Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Absent Councilman A. Tufto and Councilwoman Bothun. Motion passed.

Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report

Powers stated the watertower had been cleaned and inspected. It was very clean in the bottom. This is a good thing because it means the water quality is improving.

He also noted the sidewalks on 5th Street are now complete. Councilman Olson said the sidewalks are beautiful and hopes homeowners and residents will keep them clean.

Water and sewer in the campground is beginning. This was more work than thought it would be due to the foundations found under the dirt. There is a manhole that needs to be replaced. The City has a base on hand but will need to order a new top.

The county is looking at the third week in September to start the 5th Street mill and overlay project.

North 4th Street county storm sewer lines have been dug out by Larson Tiling and is now operational.

The library has 172 boxes of books the City will be putting on pallets, shrink wrapping and loading onto a semi. These books will be placed up for sale through a website.

City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson Report

A. EDA Update. Schuelke-Sampson received an email from LqP County Auditor Jake Sieg. He stated that the county board did a 0% tax levy for the County EDA. This means that as of the end of 2018, their operations will cease. Attorney Stulz said the county is looking into different options down the road.

B. The Park Committee met and eliminated the monthly rate at the campground. Campground Host, Dennis Hullstrom, will enforce the \$100.00 per week, which will increase revenue for the City. Hullstrom also requested extending the lot lengths to accommodate for longer campers and no parking on the grass. He requested to have water extended to each site so two sites no longer have to share. 50 amp service was also discussed but will be revisited in 2019. The new campground rates will continue to be the same as the current campground until the grass gets growing the campground gets established. Once more established the rates will be subject to change at that time. Hullstrom agreed to be Campground Host at both campgrounds next year in lieu of rent. He was thanked by the committee for the outstanding job he does.

C. A thank you was received for the \$2,000 contribution to the LqP County Society. It was decided that the fairboard will have to ask for this donation yearly.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk

Mayor