

Dawson City Council Minutes
March 10, 2020
5:30 PM

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: Councilman Jeff Fish, Councilman Jeff Olson, and Councilwoman Chessa Frahm. Councilpersons absent: Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Al Tufto and Councilman Charlie Prestholdt.

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, City Clerk-Treasurer Jill Kemen, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, City Engineer Jeff Kuhn, Dave Hickey, Greg Staab, Curtis Johnsrud, Harold Solem, and Mike Cagley.

Declaring a quorum present, 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. Motion from Councilwoman Frahm to approve the agenda with a second from Councilman Fish. Voting in favor: Olson, Fish, Frahm; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Prestholdt. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Fish to approve consent agenda items 4 and 17, approval of February 18th Council Meeting Minutes and February bills paid. Voting in favor: Olson, Fish, Frahm; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Prestholdt. Motion carries.

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

Curtis Johnsrud, representing the Dawson American Legion, addressed the council representing the Dawson American Legion Veteran's banner project. He stated that the Dawson VFW has also been asked to partner with this project. Johnsrud brought a sample 2' x 4' double sided banner to show. These veteran banners would have a picture on one side and a thank you on the opposite. Ideally lined along Highway 212 under the Dawson Chamber banners, the American Legion is looking for help installing the brackets and hanging the flags. Flags would hang from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Depending on the number sold, flags may be switched out during the season. Initial banner order needs to be 30. Approximate price per banner and bracket is \$150.00. The bracket would be installed on the poles with a clamp and lag bolt for security. Johnsrud said this is a wonderful way to honor veterans. The company these banners would be ordered through deal with military banners. After discussion on motion by Councilman Olson to approve the Legion selling the banners and the City's road and bridge crew help to install the brackets and banners with a second from Councilman Fish. Voting in favor: Olson, Fish, Frahm; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Prestholdt. Motion carries.

City Engineer, Jeff Kuhn, with Widseth Smith and Nolting, was present to discuss the formality required for assessing the street portion of phase one to continue to move the infrastructure project forward. Preliminary costs were presented totaling \$15,151,000. Of this \$4,863,400 is for streets, \$3,266,114 is for water, \$2,537,772 is for sanitary sewer and \$3,198,618 is for storm sewer. There is also \$1,285,100 estimated to replace the current elevated water tank and replace with a new tank. The first phase of improvement included portions of the city from the railroad tracks north including north of Highway 212.

On motion by Councilman Fish with a second from Councilwoman Frahm to accept the feasibility report and resolution receiving feasibility report and calling for the public hearing on improvement. Voting in favor: Olson, Fish, Frahm; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Prestholdt. Motion carries.

Continuing to move the project forward on motion from Councilman Fish with a second from Councilman Olson to hold a public hearing on March 24 for the next infrastructure project. Voting in favor: Olson, Fish, Frahm; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Prestholdt. Motion carries. Kuhn will be present for the public hearing.

Tabled from the February 18th meeting was the topic on community gardens. City Manager Schuelke-Sampson put an ad in the paper to have interested people contact the city if they would benefit from a community garden. This ad ran for two weeks in the Dawson Sentinel. No one showed interest or contacted the city office for more information. There was one person who would be willing to help develop the community garden. Mike Cagley was present to offer his services if the garden was approved. He suggested to bring the idea back to the council in the fall so, if there is interest, a cover crop could be planted to help keep weeds down during the growing season. On motion by Councilman Olson to bring the topic back to the council in the fall with second from Councilman Fish. Voting in favor: Olson, Fish, Frahm; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Prestholdt. Motion carries.

All needed information was received by the city office for the gambling permit applied for by the Dawson Golf Course. Motion by Councilman Olson to approve the gambling permit with a second from Councilwoman Frahm. Voting in favor: Olson, Fish, Frahm; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Prestholdt. Motion carries.

Chief Andy Stock applied for and was awarded a grant through the Gary Sinise Foundation. Because of this grant, the Dawson-Boyd Police Department received three new AEDs for their squad vehicles. The old AEDs will be placed in the city hall and library buildings. Councilman Olson motioned to write a thank you letter to the Gary Sinise Foundation for the new defibrillators with a second from Councilman Fish. Voting in favor: Olson, Fish, Frahm; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Prestholdt. Motion carries.

Fork On The Road applied for a peddler's permit to operate their food truck. Staying consistent with previous permits, on motion by Councilwoman Frahm to grant the permit for one year with a second from Councilman Fish. Voting in favor: Olson, Fish, Frahm; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Prestholdt. Motion carries.

The EDA minutes were reviewed and a resolution presented to approve \$25,000 to fund the revolving loan from the EDA budget. City Manager, Schuelke-Sampson has received and/or requested letters of support from local businesses to help support the revolving loan fund. On motion made by Councilman Olson to approve the \$25,000 funding with a second by Councilwoman Frahm. Voting in favor: Olson, Fish, Frahm; voting against: none; absent: S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Prestholdt. Motion carries.

Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report

A. The Department of Health's annual inspection was included in the council packet. The inspection turned out satisfactory. The biggest issue was the size of the city water tower. With the new infrastructure project, this problem will be addressed.

B. Powers also received the NPDES permit compliance summary from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Simply stated Powers explained the report states the all reports were submitted on time and all standards are met and up to par.

City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson Report

A. Schuelke-Sampson attended a county meeting on Coronavirus put on by Countryside Public Health. She stated the city will follow the county lead as to what to do when and if something needs to be done.

B. Assessment letters for property owners for phase one of the infrastructure project will be going in the mail this week.

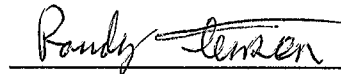
C. Summer help and concession stand bids are advertised in the paper with applications and bids due later this month.

D. Reminder that the April 7th meeting will start at 5:00 PM due to the Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting.

With nothing else on the agenda, on a motion by Councilman Fish with a second by Councilman Olson to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m.



City Clerk/Treasurer



Mayor