

Dawson City Council Minutes
January 2, 2018
5:30 PM

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers.

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

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk Jill Kemen, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, City Attorney Rick Stulz and Ashlie Johnson.

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. On a motion by Councilman Lien with a second from Councilman Olson to approve the agenda. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of consent agenda items December 5th Council Meeting minutes and December bills paid. On a motion made by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman S. Tufto to approve the December 5th minutes and December bills. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Tensen welcomed Ashlie Jonson. She is the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) Coordinator for Countryside Public Health. Ashlie explained that there is a federal grant available to promote healthy eating, tobacco cessation and exercise. Other cities in the five county area have installed bike fleets. The cities include Benson, Graceville, Milan and Granite Falls. The bike fleet promotes increased physical activity for the population. The bike station and three bikes will be free for people to use and bring back to the turquoise station. Each bike would also be painted turquoise. There would also be a yellow fix-it station with tools and an air pump attached. The grant requires a 10% city match which can be our storage and maintenance of the bikes. The program would include one bike rack, three simple bikes (no hand brakes or different speeds), signage, stickers for the bikes and one fix-it station. On a motion made by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman Olson to approve the City to apply for the SHIP grant. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Motion passed.

On motion by Councilman Prestholdt with a second by Councilman Olson to keep the 2018 Council Committee Assignments, Council President and Zoning Official the same as 2017. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Motion passed.

On motion by Councilman Lien seconded by Councilman A. Tufto to designate Minnwest Bank and Dawson Co-op Credit Union as the official depository for the City of Dawson funds. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Motion passed.

On motion by Councilman Olson seconded by Councilman S. Tufto to designate Ehlers Investment Partners as the agency for managing the City of Dawson investment accounts. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Motion passed.

On motion by Councilwoman Bothun seconded by Councilman A. Tufto to designate the Dawson Sentinel as the official newspaper. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Motion passed.

On motion by Councilman A. Tufto seconded by Councilman Olson to approve the City of Dawson Fee Schedule with the correction of lawn mowing to \$200.00 per time. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Motion passed.

On motion by Councilman Olson seconded by Councilman S. Tufto to approve the 2018 City of Boyd Police contract. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Motion passed.

On motion by Councilman Olson seconded by Councilman Lien to approve the three year contract with Meulebroech, Taubert & Co PLLP. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Computer Commuter update was information only.

Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report

- A. The main collector chain at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has been fixed but we are still waiting on numbers for the other side.
- B. Nate Martinson turned in his notice today that his last day of employment with the City of Dawson will be February 27, 2018.
- C. Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water will have their pump station built in the spring of this year.

City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson Report

- A. The Beer and Wine tasting fundraiser brought in \$1,509.00 profit.
- B. All the money has been spent for our current small cities grant and all contracts fulfilled.

A current check balance was also provided to show the liquor store sales since the report in the council packet was before sales were posted for the month of December. There was an increase in the check balance for 2017 of \$8,296.00. In 2015 the increase was \$7,626.92 and 2016 \$11,632.04.

Hearing no other news, Mayor Tensen asked for a motion to adjourn the council meeting. On a motion made by Councilman S. Tufto with a second by Councilwoman Bothun to adjourn the meeting. All councilpersons present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Jill Kemen, Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk

Randy Tensen, Mayor