

Dawson City Council
January 20th, 2026
5:30 pm

Councilpersons present: Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, Randy Stafford, David Hansen, Jake Bothun and Dean Petersen. Others present: Mayor JT Schacherer, City Manager Tyler Franzky, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins and City Clerk Kristin Daline.

Mayor Schacherer called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Stafford motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of 9F, football field school/city agreement with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Hansen, Petersen, Bothun, Stafford and Olson. Motion passed.

Councilman Petersen motioned to approve consent agenda item 4, January 6th, 2026 council minutes and item 10, 4th quarter financials with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Bothun, Stafford, Petersen, Hansen and Olson. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

There was no one in attendance, therefore the 10-minute public forum was not opened.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

Water plant is back up and running normal. New VFD's replaced the old ones which were 20+ years old. There is an \$8,000 rebate from Otter Tail which will pay for one VFD. An insurance claim has been submitted for the transformer blowing up. There are a few meters that they can't read but will be looked at. Invoices will be sent to insurance as they come in. Kurt will call the inspector Wednesday. The hope is that everything that needed to be replaced will be covered. The city crew has been busy doing clean up from removing snow. Weather and wind dependent, the dump will be burned as the pile is getting pretty high. New chains were replaced on the road grader.

City Manager Tyler Franzky's Report

The city received a pool donation from Hamlin township today. All of the townships were contacted last week via phone. Many were discussing at their meetings this week. Two townships did say they would not be contributing. The Police Department did get approved for the USDA grant for the squad car, but not for the actual funding just yet. There is money in the PIR Fund for the squad that was put in for 2026 budget. Brandon's Ford Explorer will be replaced with another Ford Explorer. A site visit is scheduled with TruNorth at the WW plant. The 4th duplex is completed as of Friday. Both units will be occupied this week. The last duplex is scheduled to be complete by February 5th, followed by the punch list items. 5 units are rented. There have been conversations with others interested but those individuals haven't committed.

A new sanding module for one of the trucks will be need to be replaced. Working to get that ordered.

Old Business

Work session follow-up discussion. Mayor Schacherer suggested having a short meeting to cover what we need to approve followed by a work session. After discussion, Council recommended to Tyler to continue with the Managers Memo that is included in the Council packet and use discretion on discussion items. Work sessions will be scheduled at a later date.

New Business

Councilman Olson motioned to approve the Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co proposal for auditing services for 2026 with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Adelman, Hansen, Petersen, Bothun, Stafford and Olson. Motion passed.

Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the Liquor license renewal for the Rusty Duck Bar & Grill with a second from Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Adelman, Hansen, Petersen, Bothun, Stafford and Olson. Motion passed.

An invoice from Swenson, Nelson & Stulz for services was included in the packet for information moving forward, and approval to pay. Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the invoice with a second from Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Adelman, Hansen, Petersen, Bothun, Stafford and Olson. Motion passed.

City Attorney service discussion. Rick's current contract is not up until the end of 2026, but would like to be done as soon as the city finds a new attorney. He will continue to work with the police department for convictions, but all civil matters will be done through a different attorney. Tyler reached out to local offices and heard back from Kluver & Nelson Oyen Torvick. Tyler has not seen a proposal yet from either party. If the city doesn't hear a response soon, may need to go out for RFP's.

AGP, Diagonal Street discussion. Email correspondence was included in the packet. City representatives met with Corey Reifenberger from the LqP Co-op and Mark McCormick last Fall, 2025 and told them at that time that city does not have the money to replace the street, acknowledging the tax that AGP pays. At that time, the city proposed to vacate the street. LqP Co-op was willing to work with AGP as well. The discussion fell short because of the plant manager retiring. The city crew has been keeping up with filling in the pot holes as deemed necessary. There are city services under and along the road. The street by the ambulance garage has alligator cracking since it was replaced due to truck traffic from AGP. Council recommended Tyler to answer the questions AGP has and talk with LqP Co-op. Also make Larson Brothers aware of the situation.

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Football field school/city agreement. Email correspondence was printed and given to Council, also mentioned on the managers memo. The school is hung up on the city contributing to the baseball and softball fields and not the football field. The school would like to continue to mow and control the watering. The water line there was installed by volunteers, so it's hard for the city to accept taking care of the cost to replace. Council recommended having a committee meeting inviting a representative from the school as the proposal that was sent is not acceptable.

Miscellaneous Announcements

Councilman Olson motioned to move the February 3rd council meeting to Tuesday, February 10th at 5:30 pm due to the Caucus on February 3rd with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Bothun, Stafford, Petersen, Hansen and Olson. Motion passed.

The Dawson Fire Department Annual meeting is Monday, February 9th at 5:30 pm. All council is invited to attend.

There will be an Employee/Volunteer Committee meeting scheduled. A follow-up email will be sent.

With nothing more to discuss, Mayor Schacherer adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Daline, City Clerk

JT Schacherer, Mayor