

Dawson City Council
January 6th, 2026
5:30 pm

Councilpersons present: Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, Randy Stafford, Jake Bothun and Dean Petersen. Others present: Mayor JT Schacherer, City Manager Tyler Franzky, City Clerk Kristin Daline and Dave Hickey.

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 9J, city attorney discussion with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun and Olson. Absent, Hansen. Motion passed.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve consent agenda item 4, December 17th, 2025 council minutes and item 10, December 2025 financials with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Adelman, Bothun, Petersen and Olson. Absent, Hansen. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

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

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

In Kurt's absence, Tyler gave a brief update. The new valves were installed at the water plant today, which finalizes the media project. The city crew is busy taking down Christmas lights. Ramsey with AGP in Omaha reached out about Diagonal Street off of HWY 212 regarding complaints they have been receiving on the condition of the road. Colin checked out the road and isn't any worse than it has been in the past. There had been conversations with Mark McCormick in the past, and now with him no longer there, the condition of the road will have to be addressed again with AGP.

City Manager Tyler Franzky's Report

The office received the invoice for the pool resurfacing downpayment today. They are asking for 40% down which attributes to \$71,725. This amount would drain the capital outlay balance we have in the budget. The city could use a mixture of the donations received and funds from capital outlay to make the payment. \$11,000 has been donated so far for the project. \$10,000 from FM Bank and \$1,000 from Greater Community Credit Union. Maxwell township, AGP and Farmer's Mutual have it on their agendas for discussion in January. Tyler will be making follow up phone calls with the townships and businesses. The third duplex unit is complete. There are a few punch list items and final cleaning/walkthrough to be done. Currently, there are five secured units with a sixth still on the fence. When the 4th unit is complete, their will be renters in immediately on both sides. Tyler will be attending the Ehlers finance seminar February 5th and 6th. Tyler will start his paternity leave February 12th through April 1st. The land owner regarding the fence on ag property in city limits is working with the DNR on restrictions. The land owner will need to find an engineer. If he is not able to comply, the permit will be denied.

Councilman Petersen motioned for Councilman Olson as Council President for 2026 with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun and Olson. Absent, Hansen. Motion passed.

Councilman Stafford motioned to approve the council assignments with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun and Olson. Absent, Hansen. Motion passed.

The Council Committee Assignments for 2026 are as follows:

Enterprise Committee: Vince Adelman/Jake Bothun

Above Ground Construction: Jeff Olson/Randy Stafford

Funding Committee: Vince Adelman/Jeff Olson

Employer/Volunteer: Jake Bothun/Dean Petersen

Recreation and Growth: Dean Petersen/David Hansen/Brenden Stulz Community Member

Arts and Education: David Hansen/Randy Stafford

Zoning official will remain Chief Andy Stock/Kurt Collins (emergency only)

Councilman Stafford motioned to approve the modifications to the Personnel Policy including overtime for seasonal and temporary workers, 15-minute breaks, unpaid lunch hour modification from 8-6 hours, MN Paid Leave-new for 2026 and comp bank increase from 70-80 hours with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun and Olson. Absent, Hansen. Motion passed.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve to designate Minnwest Bank, Greater Community Credit Union and Pershing as the official depository for the City of Dawson funds with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun and Olson. Absent, Hansen. Motion passed.

Councilman Stafford motioned to approve Ehlers as the agency for managing the City of Dawson investment accounts as well as the City's municipal advisors with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor,

Councilman Bothun motioned to designate the Dawson Sentinel as the official newspaper with a second from Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun and Olson. Absent, Hansen. Motion passed.

Councilman Stafford motioned to approve the 2026 Fee schedule, allowing for adjustments during the year with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun and Olson. Absent, Hansen. Motion passed.

The letter enclosed from JMHS annual support is for information only. This is a budgeted item each year going back to 2010 with yearly increases of 1-2%.

Discussion on work sessions moving forward. Tyler, feels work sessions would be beneficial for his learning and background. Mayor Schacherer mentioned that other communities have had success with the budget by breaking it down by department, including all council members, not

just those on certain committees. Council was undecided at this time if they are going to be scheduled on a regular basis, or as they see fit. Decision moving forward was tabled.

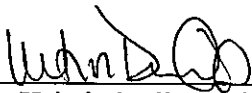
City Attorney discussion. Per council, they are requesting Tyler to reach out to local attorneys with a proposal. The council would like to continue with Rick Stulz for prosecution.

Miscellaneous Announcements

The next council meeting is Tuesday, January 20th at 5:30 pm. The Dawson Fire Department Annual meeting is Monday, February 9th at 5:30 pm. Committee meetings will be scheduled, and/or first work session meeting for Attorney services in 2026.

Mayor Schacherer adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Daline, City Clerk



JT Schacherer, Mayor