

Dawson City Council Minutes
October 1st, 2024
5:30 pm

Councilpersons present: Charlie Prestholdt, JT Schacherer, Vince Adelman, Jeff Olson, David Hansen and Jake Bothun. Others present: City Clerk Kristin Daline, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, City Attorney Rick Stulz, City Engineer Jeff Kuhn, David Pederson, Dave Hickey, Emily Polzine, Burt Faehn, Dean Petersen and Jim Michels.

Council President Olson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Schacherer motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed.

Councilman Bothun motioned to approve consent agenda items, seconded by Councilman Schacherer: A. September 17th Council Minutes, B. September 25th Special Council Minutes and C., September financials. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Council President Olson opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:31 pm. Property owner David Pederson asked how many years the capital improvement fees would be on the utility bill. Resident Dean Petersen inquired about the gravel on the street by his house. Resident Burt Faehn voiced safety concerns about kids on electric scooters. Police are doing their best to monitor. Hearing nothing more, Council President Olson closed the 10-minute public forum at 5:37 pm.

Reports of Committees

The funding committee met again to discuss lowering the preliminary budget after it was voted against at 10%. Council did not discuss any further as it was presented at the Special Council meeting and approved.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins Report

Thank you to Preston Schwegal's phy-ed class for covering the pool gutter. Collins has been doing research on pool covers. A bubble wrap cover that floats on top is the cheapest option, but is not legal to use them due to entrapment issues. A multilayer cover with tie straps is more expensive, \$36k-\$40k with the reel to roll up. Another option would be to upgrade to a more efficient furnace, some include solar and gas combined. Heater costs range from \$25k-\$46K. Collin's will continue to do research in this area. The city crew has been working with Ryan Constracting on punch list items. They have also been busy with getting equipment ready for the winter. Nathan has been taking responsibility for the PFAS paperwork and will be doing the PFAS testing.

City Engineer Jeff Kuhn gave a brief update on Phase 2 street project. Paving is complete. The intersection of 14th and Walnut will be looked at again. The stripping on mainstreet was complete last week. There is still some miscellaneous concrete to be completed in various areas. The seeders were in town last week working in different areas. The new development was seeded. The sewer in the alley still needs to be done. The service at Dawson Bowl is yet to be completed by Olsen Plumbing. The concrete at Grace Lutheran will be done October 17th or 18th. Councilman Adelman expressed his disgust in the seeding job that has been done, or not done on the south side of the river. Property owner David Pederson said they have never seeded at his property on the east side of 6th south of the river.

City Manager's Report given by City Clerk Kristin Daline

Dawson is excited to have received the award for the duplex grant. Five market rate duplexes will be on the east end of Ash Street and owned by the Dawson EDA. With the award of a deferred loan, there is still a significant financial gap that needs to be obtained through a tax abatement bond. The rent payments will make the bond payments for this issue. It is expected that the work would begin in Spring 2025.

Tyler Franzky has accepted the position of Deputy City Clerk/EDA Director. Tyler will start March of 2025. Welcome Tyler.

There is plant information at the city office for the pollinator grant. The grant details will be to follow and kick off for this will be aligned with Earth Week in April 2025.

Light your Way Gnome is scheduled again for this year in December.

Swimming pool financials were provided at your seat for information only.

The city will be having a mayor's reception to honor past Mayor's for the city. Save the date for Thursday, November 21st to acknowledge our past and present mayors.

The General Election is November 5th, polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

New Business

Pay estimate #20 from Ryan Contracting was presented. The request of \$338,679.72 was for bituminous paving. Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the pay estimate with a second from Councilman Schacherer. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed.

An estimate from DD&J Contracting for the remaining stripping to be completed was presented. Areas this estimate will cover are 7th street in front of the city building, the back lot behind the city building, cross walks, stripping around Presbyterian Church where the tar was removed and some side street parking. DD&J was also the contractor that did the work for the school and came in less than half of the

quote from the outfit that did the main line stripping on 6th Street. The third bidder backed out. Councilman Schacherer motioned to approve the estimate from DD&J Contracting for \$5,348, seconded by Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed.

The Jack Attack Boosters have submitted an application for a gambling permit. Councilman Prestholdt motioned to approve the permit, seconded by Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Olson, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed.

Highway 212 Liquors has submitted and completed their Liquor License paperwork effective November 15th. Councilman Schacherer motioned to approve the liquor license request, seconded by Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Prestholdt. Councilman Olson abstained. Against: none. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

The next city council meeting will be Tuesday, October 15th at 5:30 pm.

With nothing more to discuss, Councilman Schacherer motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Olson, Councilman Schacherer, Councilman Adelman and Councilman Prestholdt. Against: none. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm.

Kristin Daline, City Clerk

Jeff Olson, Council President