

Dawson City Council
October 21st, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Jake Bothun, David Hansen, Randy Stafford, Dean Petersen, Jeff Olson and Vince Adelman. Others present: Mayor JT Schacherer, City Manager Jill Kemen, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Deputy Clerk/EDA Director Tyler Franzky, Attorney Rick Stulz, Ben Bothun and David Pederson.

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 a change of item seven, Kevin Kettleson will not be present to review energy audits, seconded by Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Olson, Bothun, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Opposed, none. Motion passed.

Councilman Hansen motioned to approve consent agenda item four, October 7th council minutes, seconded by Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Adelman, Olson, Bothun, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Opposed, none. Motion passed.

10-Minute Public Forum

Mayor Schacherer opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:31, hearing nothing the public forum was closed.

Property & Liability, Ben Bothun

Agent, Ben Bothun gave a brief review of the city's current policy for property & liability. The city's policy went down 9.7% from last year (\$10,000). Liability is charged based on three-year rolling average of expenses. The League of MN Cities (LMC) sent an assessor to Dawson to evaluate city owned structures and determined roughly \$1 million more in property worth. Last year the city received a \$6,900 dividend check back from the LMC.

Reports of officers, boards and committees

The Above Ground Committee met and talked about the Olson Sanitation Contract, ATV/golf cart annual permit to \$20. Also discussed was the need for a boiler at City Hall in the future. The county will work on the entrance of Hackberry Street from 6th Street next summer.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

The filter replacement at the water plant started last week and is going well running on one filter. It was decided that the media needed to be painted. Sandblasters are working there now with the hopes of being complete with painting by Friday. It will take two days for the paint to cure before the green sand can be filled. CC Steel was out to examine the manhole in the ditch and determined it needs to be replaced. Kurt received a very vague quote and asked for more information. Discussion on how long the manhole would last as is, and if it can be rerouted to

coincide with work that is going to happen on the county road. Jill will reach out to Sam with the County. Jill has reached out to PFA to see if it can be included with our current project. The guys went and picked up the new mower.

City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

The UMVRDC has provided the city with a SCDP final report. The UMVRDC contract has been paid in full. Tyler mentioned the Solar application should be submitted this week.

Old Business

Truth & Taxation, additional information was included in the managers memo. No discussion.

New Business

The Olson Sanitation Contract was presented. The contract is for January 1st 2026-December 31st, 2028. Changes in the contract include price increases per can as follows:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>2026-2028</u>
35 gal	\$15.50	\$15.75
65 gal	\$18.61	\$20.25
95 gal	\$21.44	\$24.25
160 gal	\$28.61	\$30.80

Olson Sanitation will pay the city \$3,750 per quarter to do the billing. Councilman Stafford motioned to approve the contract with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Adelman, Bothun, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Opposed, none. Councilman Olson abstained. Motion passed.

The updated ATV/golf cart permit was presented to include the annual permit price of \$20. Councilman Stafford motioned to approve the new permit application and annual permit cost with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Olson, Bothun, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Opposed, none. Motion passed.

A land use agreement between the City of Dawson and Maren White was presented. White would like to have a garden on FEMA land owned by the city adjacent to her property. Councilman Stafford motioned to approve the land use agreement with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Olson, Bothun, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Opposed, none. Motion passed.

Ducks Unlimited, Lac Qui Parle Chapter has requested approval for a gambling permit. Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the permit request with a second from Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Adelman, Olson, Bothun, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Opposed, none. Motion passed.

The Police contract was presented. Changes to the contract for years 2026-2027 include shift differential pay of \$1.50 for weekends, 3.5% COLA for 2026 and 3.25% COLA for 2027. Discussion was had on the rising costs of the department. Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the Police contract with a second from Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Petersen, Olson, Stafford and Hansen. Opposed, Adelman and Bothun. Motion passed.

The 2nd reading of Ordinance 328, amendment of City Charter 6.02 petitions was presented. Councilman Stafford motioned to approve Ordinance 328 with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Olson, Bothun, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Opposed, none. Motion passed.

The 2nd reading of Summary Ordinance Amending Ordinance 328, City Charter 6.02 petitions in the City of Dawson was presented. Councilman Stafford motioned to approve the Summary Ordinance with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Olson, Bothun, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Opposed, none. Motion passed.

A resolution authorizing application for 2025 polling place accessibility grant funds was presented. The application grant is to improve access to polling places for individuals with disabilities and to provide the same opportunity for access and participation in the electoral process. This would include a handicap button, not specific to handicap doors/ADA. These updates are contingent on the city receiving the grant. Councilman Stafford motioned to approve the resolution with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Olson, Bothun, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Opposed, none. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

The next city council meeting is November 4th, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Mayor Schacherer closed the regular meeting for an employee review at 6:05 pm.

Mayor Schacherer closed the closed meeting and opened the regular council meeting to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Daline, City Clerk

JT Schacherer, Mayor