

Dawson City Council
October 7th, 2025
5:30 pm

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

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

Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the agenda removing item 6, Property & Liability review with Bothun and adding item 10-A, lawn mower discussion tabled from the September 16th council meeting, seconded by Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Stafford, Olson, Hansen, Petersen and Bothun. Against: none. Motion passed.

Councilman Petersen motioned to approve consent agenda item 4, September 16th council minutes and item 13, September financials and quarterly reports, seconded by Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Stafford, Olson, Hansen, Petersen and Bothun. Against: none. Motion passed.

10-minute Public Forum

Mayor Schacherer opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:31 pm. Mayor Schacherer attended a mayor's gathering at the U of M Arboretum last week which included talks from the office of collaboration and dispute, topic included was hostile environment with elected officials. Mayor Schacherer has the handout available if councilmembers would like a copy. Mayor Schacherer also received information about Truth & Taxation, optional supplemental information. The city may have the option to include an explanation explaining the tax increases when the county sends out truth & taxation. Mayor Schacherer would like this on the October 21st agenda to move forward with the explanation being included in 2026. With nothing more discussed, the 10-minute public forum was closed at 5:33 pm.

Reports of officers, boards and committees

The employee volunteer committee completed union negotiations. Tyler's six-month review was discussed briefly. Tyler's review will be on the agenda for next meeting and that portion of the meeting will be closed. Tyler would appreciate full councils' assessment and feels it is beneficial.

The Solar Grant meeting reviewed the proposals received. Dawn Hegland reviewed the grant process. The committee recommended getting more information, references from other projects and clear contract language. The solar panels will be located on the northeast side of the wastewater plant for services to the wastewater plant. Total cost for the project is \$156,000. City would pay and get reimbursed. Projection over 25 years is \$250,000 in utility bill savings, \$5,500-\$12,000 per year savings. Councilman Olson motioned to approve moving forward and

to authorize the mayor to execute the contract subject to the approval by the City Attorney with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Stafford, Olson, Hansen, Petersen and Bothun. Against: none. Motion passed.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins Report

Colin and Aaron picked up the new plow today. The dealer will be sending someone to put some short hoses on to use with older loader. Tentatively Tuesday, Municipal Services will get things set up at the water plant for the new filters. Kurt feels the manhole that was located in the ditch is in really tough shape, and may not be repairable. Even with a new manhole installed, Kurt feels it should be sealed with the epoxy. A representative from CC Steal will be coming to assess the manhole. There are other options as far as putting in new structure. This manhole receives the flow from the industrial site.

City Manager Jill Kemen & Tyler Franzky Report

The UMVRDC has completed a case study for the Trail's Edge Duplex project. The case study was included in the packet.

Fire Chief Brian Hersom is asking for permission to move forward in grant writing for a Fema grant for a pumper fire truck. The cost is \$700 for grant writing. Hersom was told by the grant writer that she feels Dawson has a good chance of receiving the grant given the age of the current truck and the cost of the repairs of a new transmission for the transfer pump. Hersom has received one quote so far, \$24,320 and is waiting on a second. Councilman Olson motioned to approve moving forward with hiring a grant writer for a new pumper truck, seconded by Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Stafford, Olson, Hansen, Petersen and Bothun. Against: none. Motion passed.

Old Business

Kurt provided quotes for a new mower to replace the current 2016 Scag. There is \$15,000 allocated in the current 2025 budget for a mower.

1. Scag, \$14,000. Salesman said he would offer \$3,000 for the city's Scag. Warren's Sales & Service. Mower is on hand.
2. Grasshopper, \$14,650 suspension not as good as the Scag. Kesteloot Enterprises. Not readily available.
3. Ferris, \$16,500 coil spring on each wheel nicer ride. Titan Machinery, Dawson. Mower is on hand. Titan Machinery offered to put our current Scag on the lot and try and sell for the city.
4. Ferris, \$16,900. Same mower as option 3. Ziegler, Madison. Mower is on hand.

Councilman Olson motioned to purchase the Scag, seconded by Councilman Hansen.

Discussion, Councilman Stafford would like to stay local to Titan Machinery and purchase the

Ferris. Mayor Schacherer is aware the cost of the Ferris is more expensive. Councilman Bothun reiterated the fact that city employees feel comfortable doing repairs on the Scag and is unsure about how easily they will be able to do repairs on the Ferris. Voting in favor, Olson, Hansen, and Bothun. Against: Adelman, Stafford and Petersen. Mayor Schacherer, motion failed. Councilman Stafford motioned to move forward and purchase the Ferris from Titan Machinery in Dawson with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen and Stafford. Against: Olson, Hansen and Bothun. Mayor Schacherer, motion passed.

New Business

HWY 212 Liquor has submitted liquor renewal paperwork for approval. Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the liquor renewal with a second from Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Adelman, Stafford, Hansen, Petersen and Bothun. Councilman Olson abstained. Against: none. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

The next council meeting will be October 21st at 5:30 pm. There is an Above Ground Committee meeting tomorrow at 8:30 am. Mayor Schacherer proclaims Wednesday, October 8th as Walk and Bike to school day in Dawson. A proclamation was included in the Council binder.

Monica Woods, St. Leo was in attendance to address council of her business dealings with Lac Qui Parle Co-op Oil.

With nothing more to discuss, Mayor Schacherer adjourned the meeting at 6:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Daline, City Clerk

JT Schacherer, Mayor