

Dawson City Council Work Session Minutes
November 19th, 2024
5:30 pm

Councilpersons present: Jake Bothun, David Hansen, Jeff Olson, Charlie Prestholdt, Vince Adelman and JT Schacherer. Others present: City Manager Jill Kemen, City Clerk Kristin Daline and Rebecaa Kurtz with Ehlers.

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

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

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Tensen opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:30 pm. Hearing nothing, Mayor Tensen closed the 10-minute public forum at 5:31 pm.

Included in the packet was the water rate study from Ehlers. Rebecca went through the rate study highlighting the water capital improvement plans that were implanted in the study including: Media replacement \$351,051, Water Treatment plant rehab \$747,500 (financed through PFA, grant eligible with an estimated financed loan \$163,363 over 20 years at 2.5%, a street reconstruction placeholder in 2030 & 2033 and an annual placeholder in the Capital Outlay/Building Maintenance budget of \$15,000 annually. The capital improvement fee (CAP) for water will be combined with the base fee, just like the sewer. Usage rates will increase from .93 to \$1.10 per 100 gallons in 2025 and increase 4% per year for inflation adjustment. Other items discussed were the water plant rehab.

City Manager Jill Kemen provided her contract. This will be for one year to get Tyler Franzky up to speed.

Jill has been doing informal interviews with engineers for the new development. So far three interviews have been done. Looking for some guidance from the Council as to how they would like the process of selecting a firm. Council agreed to have three different engineering firms present at council.

Public Works Superintendent Update

In Kurt's absence, Jill mentioned that he is still working on getting truck quotes. The loader he is interested in is not yet available. He has not gotten an update on the media for the water plant yet.

City Manager Update

The finance committee will meet on Thursday to go over the preliminary budget and discuss the Heather Nursery quote for flowers in 2025. There will be a mayor's reception on Thursday from 1-3 pm. The December 3rd council meeting will start at 6:00 pm for Truth & Taxation. There will be an open house with SWMHP to talk about building single family homes and talk about the duplexes in the new development. This will be Thursday, December 5th from 4:30-6:30 pm. The Liquor Store sale was completed on Friday. The city has received a check for the inventory and the building.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Kristin Daline, City Clerk

Randy Tensen, Mayor