

Dawson City Council
February 10th, 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, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins and Fire Chief Brian Hersom.

Absent: Councilman David Hansen and City Clerk Kristin Daline.

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 as written with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun, Stafford and Olson. Motion passed.

Councilman Petersen motioned to approve consent agenda item 4, January 20th, 2026 council minutes and item 12, January 2026 financials with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Adelman, Bothun, Stafford, Petersen, and Olson. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

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

Meetings of officers, boards, & committees.

Mayor Schacherer encouraged everyone to review the Employee/Volunteer Committee meeting minutes for a second time, in preparation for the Fire Department items that would be voted on later.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

Water plant continues to run fine after the transformer and VFD event. Automatic Systems is planning to visit the plant on February 11th to evaluate the computer system at the plant and make sure everything is normal. Snowfall has been minimal, so there are no plowing events to report on. Kurt mentioned that Council should be prepared for chemical feed system upgrades/updates for phosphorous control, which will likely come up in the spring or summer. Manager Franzky has budgeted capital outlay expenditures in the water and wastewater funds for a project like this.

Mayor Schacherer closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for the 2026 USDA Squad Car Grant at 5:35 pm. Hearing nothing, and with no one from the public in attendance, the public hearing closed almost immediately after opening, and the regular meeting was re-opened at 5:36 pm.

City Manager Tyler Franzky's Report

The city is still waiting on an "official" attorney services response from Nelson, Oyen, & Torvik, which was expected on February 9th. In the meantime, Walton Law Firm, based out of Olivia, MN, reached out to Franzky and asked if he could submit a proposal for city attorney services. Being that an RFP has not officially been posted, Franzky notified Walton Law Firm that the city would happily review a quote from them, and Franzky will await that response. Franzky provided an update on the school's desire to continue working towards a formal agreement for football field maintenance. Franzky had a phone call with Superintendent Holly Ward, and Ward had proposed a joint-committee meeting with representatives from the school and city. Franzky will work with the Funding Committee to arrange this meeting with the school, which will likely occur as soon as possible upon Franzky's return from paternity leave.

Old Business

Nothing was discussed.

New Business

Councilman Olson motioned to approve pay estimate #9 from Rouge Construction with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun, Stafford and Olson. Motion passed.

Councilman Stafford motioned to approve the Liquor license renewal for Dawson Bowl with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun, Stafford and Olson. Motion passed.

Councilman Stafford motioned to approve the Liquor license renewal for Hilltop Bar & Grill with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun, Stafford and Olson. Motion passed.

Councilman Stafford motioned to approve the raffle permit for JMHS with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun, Stafford and Olson. Motion passed.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve the Ehlers Contract for Arbitrage Consulting Services with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun, Stafford and Olson. Motion passed.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve the purchase of electrical spreaders for the Fire Department with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun, Stafford and Olson. Motion passed. Mayor Schacherer verified how old the current spreaders are with Chief Hersom.

Manager Franzky encouraged Council and Chief Hersom to be mindful of current balances within our Fire Department accounts. The purchase of electrical spreaders and the pumper repair costs will significantly drain the equipment/truck fund at GCCU. Councilman Bothun followed up on Franzky's comments, noting that our primary focus should be saving for the new fire truck that will likely be desired in the next 2-5 years. The Fire Department would prefer the pumper repair to come out of the city's Fire Department operating fund, and Franzky will explore that further. The equipment/truck fund may be used initially, with the city's Fire Department operating fund paying that back over the next year or two, or there could be a mixture of payment that comes from the city's Fire Department operating fund as well as the equipment/truck fund.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve the grant writer strictly for the Fire Department's efforts in purchasing new turnout gear with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun, Stafford and Olson. Motion passed.

No motion was made for the approval of hiring a grant writer for the training equipment for the Fire Department.

Councilman Stafford motioned to hold the first regularly scheduled Council meeting in March, with a decision on the second March meeting to be determined at the time of the first meeting, with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun, Stafford and Olson. Motion passed.

Councilman Stafford motioned to approve Manager Franzky as an authorized signer for the City of Dawson, as noted in the corresponding resolution, with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun, Stafford and Olson. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

This is the only Council meeting in February. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026. Manager Franzky will be on paternity leave until April 1st, beginning February 12th.

With nothing more to discuss, Mayor Schacherer adjourned the meeting at 6:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tyler Franzky, City Manager

JT Schacherer, Mayor