

Dawson City Council

March 4th, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Public Hearing on Tax Abatement properties @ 5:35 pm.

Councilpersons present: Dean Petersen, Randy Stafford, David Hansen, Jake Bothun, Vince Adelman and Jeff Olson. Others present: Mayor JT Schacherer, City Manager Jill Kemen, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Deputy City Clerk/EDA Director Tyler Franzky, Public Works Supervisor Colin Lee, City Attorney Rick Stulz and Keith Dahl, Ehlers.

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

Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the agenda with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Olson, Adelman, Bothun, Hansen, Stafford and Petersen. Motion passed.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve consent agenda items 4, Council Minutes from February 18th, 2025, 11B, DBBA Liquor License Renewal 11C, JMHS Raffle Permit 11D, Jack Attack Basketball Booster Raffle Permit and 13, February Financials with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Olson, Adelman, Bothun, Hansen, Stafford and Petersen. Motion passed.

Jim Roth asked to be included on the agenda to discuss his utility bill at 1137 Oak Street but was not present at the meeting. Per office staff, he is concerned about the amount of his bill. Roth pays an industrial storm sewer charge which is a significant portion of his bill. Industrial charge is based off how his property is taxed according to the county. No further discussion.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Schacherer opened the 10 Minute Public Forum at 5:33 pm. Hearing nothing, the 10 Minute Public Forum was closed.

Reports of officers, boards and committees

Minutes from the Funding Meeting and Above Ground Construction Meeting were provided in the packet. No discussion on either meeting. Councilman Olson would like to go into the city shop and look around. An employee will accompany any councilman that would like to tour the facility, call city office first to set up a time.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins' Report

Colin Lee was present to give Kurt's report. The crew has hauled out three pickup loads of cut trees along the riverbank. There are eight or nine dead trees in campground, the crew has removed five and others have been marked to come down. The city will be replacing the trees

using the pollinator grant. The payloader that was purchased arrived last Monday. The city should be receiving quotes to line the man holes the week of March 24th. Colin found a significant crack on 7th street between the Dawson Sentinel and the Funeral Home.

Mayor Schacherer closed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing on Tax Abatement properties at 5:37 pm.

Keith Dahl with Ehlers discussed the summary of proposed debt that was included in the packet. April 17th bond closing date. With nothing more to discuss, the public hearing was closed at 5:48 pm.

City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

Jill introduced Tyler Franzky. Tyler started on Monday and has attended EDA, Prairie Waters and Riverfest meetings. Tyler introduced himself and is looking forward to being back in his hometown and serving the community.

After review of the condition of the north lot where two duplexes were to be constructed, it was decided that it would be more economical to move the two duplexes to the two open lots to the north side of Hickory Street. All five duplexes will share a back yard, and that space will be filled. This was decided after surveying the north lot needing more dirt fill and the addition of a private drive, additional water line etc. which will be a significant cost savings to the city. The change has been approved by Minnesota Housing Representative, Sara Bunn, in accordance with the deferred forgivable loan documentation.

EDA February Minutes were included, no further discussion was had.

Old Business

A Peddler's Permit Reconsideration Request was included on the agenda, but the requestor was unable to make the meeting. This will be brought to the next meeting.

Special Vehicle Ordinance update with a recommendation from committee was presented. A motion is needed to move forward with changes and properly updating the ordinance. Changes to the ordinance will be the permit length, changing from a lifetime permit to an annual permit, a slow-moving sign on all golf carts and rear-view mirrors. Law enforcement will be enforcing the slow-moving sign and mirrors on all vehicles. Changes to the permit application will include all family members operating the vehicle will need to be listed. The permit will be \$25 a year. Councilman Stafford motioned to update the ordinance with the changes recommended from the committee, with a second from Councilman Adelman. Voting in favor, Bothun, Olson, Adelman, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Motion passed. There will be a 1st and 2nd reading of the ordinance change at Council and will also be posted in the paper.

The annexation discussion was tabled from Committee until the city meets with Riverside Township and more discussion is had.

New Business

The G.O Tax Abatement Bond, Series 2025A Resolution was presented. Keith Dahl, Ehlers mentioned a \$200,000 contingency amount set aside construction costs. This money could be used towards debt service if not used for construction.

Ordinances & Resolutions

A Resolution approving property tax abatements for Trail's Edge Duplex Development was presented. Councilman Olson motioned to approve the Resolution approving the property tax abatements for Trail's Edge Duplex Development with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Bothun, Adelman, Olson, Stafford, Petersen and Hansen. Motion passed.

A Resolution providing for the sale of \$1,870,000 general obligation abatement bonds, series 2025A was presented. Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the resolution for the sale of \$1,870,000 general obligation abatement bonds, series 2025A with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Stafford, Olson, Adelman, Bothun, Petersen and Hansen. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, March 18th.

With nothing more discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.

Respectfully,

Kristin Daline, City Clerk

JT Schacherer