

Dawson City Council
April 1st, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Dean Petersen, David Hansen, Vince Adelman, Randy Stafford, Jake Bothun 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 Superintendent Kurt Collins, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Rebecca Kurtz with Ehlers, Bob Lund, Terry Lodden, Deb & Les Sather, Jim Bakken, Jim Heinrich, David Pederson, Terry Overlander, Lee Gunderson and Dave Hickey.

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, moving the council minutes from the consent agenda to item 4, due to a change in the minutes requested from the UMRDC with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Olson, Stafford, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun and Hansen. Motion passed.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve consent agenda item 12, March 2025 Financials with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Stafford, Olson, Petersen, Bothun and Hansen. Motion passed.

Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the March 18th minutes with changes with a second from Councilman Adelman. Voting in favor, Adelman, Stafford, Olson, Petersen, Bothun and Hansen. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Schacherer opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:34 pm. Terry Overlander addressed the council in response to the ATV ordinance change that was sent to individuals who currently have a city permit. Overlander suggested not having ATV's and UTV's not be included with golf carts since they are licensed by the state. Jim Heinrich mentioned the council look at grandfathering in those who already have the permit. Jill discussed the reasonings, and why the change. Terry Lodden is not comfortable with the fee. Lee Gunderson asked if training would be provided. Councilman Bothun, who is part of the committee mentioned that Chief Stock recommended annual licensing, as it will be easier for the police department to track. With nothing more to discuss, Mayor Schacherer closed the 10-minute public forum at 5:57 pm.

Reports of officers, boards and committees

Funding committee meeting update. The committee discussed and made changes to the Peddler's and Food Truck permits. Quotes for an extended warranty for the payloader were presented. The option discussed is a premier warranty, which includes everything except the mileage to get the technician here or mileage for the machine to leave to be worked on.

Councilman Hansen made a recommendation to bring to council to purchase the 2,000 hours extended warranty through RDO for a cost of \$6,930, this was seconded by Councilman Stafford. Mayor Schacherer entertained the motion from the funding committee's recommendation from councilman Hansen, seconded by Councilman Stafford to move forward with the 2,000 hours extended warranty through RDO for \$6,930. Voting in favor, Olson, Stafford, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun and Hansen. Motion passed.

Manhole lining was discussed briefly. At the time of the meeting, the city had not received any quotes yet. The city is working with Jeff Kuhn for quotes, and if the project would qualify for PFA funding.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

Kurt has received two quotes for lining the manhole. The quotes will be discussed at an upcoming committee meeting. The media for the water plant was looked at by Municipal Services. Prior, there was a concern that the media would need to be repainted, but the inspection went well and the paint looks good. There were rusty areas that were cleaned, just on the surface. Kurt has pictures of the 9th Street drainage by the school. There are intakes close by to run a tile to. The road is flat and lower than the property, making it hard to get back to the street to the South. Ryan Contracting gave a tentative date to come back to Dawson to address warranty work the end of April. Kurt is working on getting quotes for a new pool heater as the current one is very inefficient. There are layers at the deep end of the pool that have separated. Spots were fixed before, but there are new ones that need to be fixed before opening. Street lights on the driving bridge need to be repainted. Gruwell's could help remove the poles to have Rodney paint. Kurt received a quote of \$1,000 or less to do that process. The pole that was hit on the boulevard should be replaced in July. Carmen Beninga's trees have been removed. Jeff Nyheim will be doing the stump grinding. He will also grind stumps in the campground. The phosphorus management plan is due in May. The plan needs to show the progression attempted by the city to get our levels down to meet the limits. Moore Engineering was here a few weeks ago to tour the plant. Kurt will give them history of the plant to get them up to speed.

City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

EDA update. The city received a better pricing moving the two duplexes. Tyler has been attending meetings.

Jeff Schommer will be running the concession stand this year. Summer help, applications were due last Friday. The city received two. Lifeguard applications are due this Friday. Trainings will be done the beginning of June at the pool again.

Old Business

Rebecca with Ehlers reviewed the bond sale information. The city received an A rating from Standard & Poor's, an indication of the responsibility to maintain finances and increase in the tax base the city has. There was a significant increase in tax capacity from 2024-2025. Ehler's received three bids from the bond sale for Trail's Edge Duplex project, with the low bid coming from Baird out of Milwaukee at 4.045%. It was estimated at 4.45%. The city also received a premium bid of \$50,000 more than what was issued. This can be used to start a reserve fund for extra cushion. The funds will be available to the city April 17th.

New Business

Kurt had spoken with Jeff Kuhn regarding the concerns from the resident who lives off of Locust and 9th street. Pictures provided show pooling of water, especially by the driveway. This happened last year also. Council believes the drainage issue should have been considered in the construction project. Ryan Contracting used the bare lot, owned by AGP to park equipment and pile material. This will be discussed further with Ryan Contracting.

The updated Peddler, Solicitor, Transient Merchants License/Permit was presented. Updates provide more specific dates on when parties will be in Dawson. The Peddler's permit was also changed to not include Food Trucks. That is a separate application. Councilman Stafford motioned to accept the new Peddler, Solicitor, Transient Merchants License/Permit with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Adelman, Stafford, Olson, Petersen, Bothun and Hansen. Motion passed.

Updated Food Truck Permit Application. Councilman Adelman, has concerns about the city allowing food trucks other than during Riverfest. Councilman Hansen motioned to accept the Food Truck permit as presented allowing the city office to approve one day, or multi-day permits and council to approve annual permits with a second from Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Stafford, Olson, Petersen, Bothun and Hansen. Opposed: Adelman. Motion passed.

Ordinances & Resolutions

2nd Reading of an ordinance amending the regulation of recreational vehicles within the city. Councilman Hansen would like the language changed to separate ATV, UTV from golf carts and send back to committee to reword with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Adelman, Stafford, Olson, Petersen, Bothun and Hansen. Motion passed.

The summary ordinance amending the regulation of recreational vehicles within the city was presented but not discussed as the second reading amending the regulation of recreational vehicles was not passed.

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The resolution accepting an offer on the \$1,870,000 G.O. Bond Sales series 2025 was presented. Councilman Olson motioned to accept the offer with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Stafford, Olson, Petersen and Bothun. Councilman Hansen abstained. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

The next council meeting is Tuesday, April 15th, 2025. Four committee meetings will be scheduled, please watch your email for upcoming meetings.

With nothing more to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully,

Kristin Daline, City Clerk

JT Schacherer, Mayor