

Dawson City Council
April 21st, 2026
5:30 pm

Councilpersons present: Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, Jake Bothun and Dean Petersen. Councilpersons absent: David Hansen and Randy Stafford. Others present: Mayor JT Schacherer, City Manager Tyler Franzky, Deputy Clerk Jill Kemen, Duane Hastad, Jim Michels, Doug Peterson, and Derek Golden.

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

Councilman Petersen motioned to approve consent agenda item 4, April 7th, 2026 council minutes, second Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor Olson, Adelman, Bothun and Petersen. Absent Hansen and Stafford. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Councilman Olson stated May 13th will be city wide clean up with drop off 4pm-7pm at Olson Sanitation. Cost and further details will be advertised in the Dawson Sentinel. (This date has since changed on 4/22/23 to 5/14/26.)

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report given by City Manager Franzky

Señor Pools was in town to resume pool resurfacing this week. Tiling and acid wash are slated to finish this week with plaster to follow once overnight temperatures stay consistent.

The Road and Bridge Crew has been street sweeping, filling gravel potholes, and inspecting trees for trimming and cutting needs.

The Water Department Crew has started phosphorous testing to become compliant with the new limits set. This sensitive process is a balance of adding chemical to find perfect mixture to use for the limits. Along with that, seasonal water is reestablished at the corner restroom, softball restrooms, baseball concession stand and golf course. The swimming pool and attached bathhouse along with the campground are on hold until Voss Plumbing is able to replace the voted on and approved backflows from last fall.

City Manager Franzky stated the plow truck needing repairs is on the schedule for a less busy time at Dawson Truck Parts due to only seasonal use of the truck.

City Manager Tyler Franzky's Report

City Manager Franzky reminded council to refer to manager memo for most updates. Rep. Fischbach is rescheduled to tour the duplexes on May 7 at 12:30 pm. If councilpersons plan on participating in the tour, let Tyler know. Another occupant for a duplex has committed to renting and Franzky received the security deposit with the tenant move in date of July 1. Eight units are now full. City Manager Franzky is showing another unit on Friday of this week.

AGP reached out to Franzky regarding Diagonal Street entering into the plant. Employment changes that had occurred within AGP, lead to no current discussion. Franzky provided the last update to the Dawson Plant Manager expressing the current position of the City regarding the street.

4th and Viking Streets drain tile was inspected by the County. The County found that during Phase 1 of the City infrastructure project, grading between the city storm sewer and county drain tile did not match up and City storm structure crushed part of county tile. Lac qui Parle County is requesting the City pay for the reconnection of their tile. Kurt Collins and Tyler Franzky are reaching out to Widseth for monetary help due to a possible engineering error.

Referring to the newly drafted contract for a new city attorney, Nelson Oyen & Torvick confirmed that drive time not included in their retainer proposal. With this information provided to Council, Mayor Schacherer will sign the drafted proposal with the contract to commence May 1, 2026 for civil services.

Employee Benefit Manager for the City of Dawson was changed to reflect Carli Bothun's change of career. AT Group has agreed to represent the City of Dawson for these services. The City has previously used AT Group and is familiar with how transactions for benefits are handled on the City's behalf.

Old Business

Mayor Schacherer spoke to the recommendation from the committee meeting regarding the Dawson Bank Museum. The recommendation was to approve the \$1,000 restroom rental during Riverfest 2026 as the final contribution from the City. Councilman Olson motioned, with a second from Councilman Petersen, to approve the \$1,000 restroom rental with this being the final year. Voting in favor Olson, Adelman, Bothun and Petersen. Absent Hansen and Stafford. Motion passed.

New Business

- A. Franzky lead the discussion regarding reallocating the budgeted \$25,000 relief payment for the fire department to help with the costs relating to repair of the fire truck. With information gathered at a recent Relief meeting, Franzky feels there is enough money in the investment account on the Relief's behalf to utilize the budgeted payment to help cover costs of the repair. Franzky has spoken with fire personnel and asked for yearly updates to the status of retirement eligible volunteers so the City can stay abreast with the costs possibly associated with fire retirement. After discussion, motion from Councilman Bothun to reallocate the current budgeted \$25,000 to help cover truck repair expenses with the understanding that Fire Relief has enough funds available to cover retirements in 2026 and retirement reviews every year. Motion second by Councilman Olson. Voting in favor Olson, Adelman, Bothun and Petersen. Absent Hansen and Stafford. Motion passed.
- B. With the clarification of the contract and retainer from Nelson Oyen & Torvick for civil services, Motion by Councilman Bothun with a Second by Councilman Olson to allow Mayor Schacherer the authority to sign the new contract and retainer for Swenson Nelson and Stulz, PLLC for criminal prosecution on behalf of City of Dawson. Voting in favor Olson, Adelman, Bothun and Petersen. Absent Hansen and Stafford. Motion passed.

- C. ATV permit revocation. – Doug Peterson spoke to his City of Dawson revocation of the newly applied for ATV permit. Peterson shared he has fulfilled his court obligation and court probation and doesn't think it was fair Police Chief Andy Stock revoked the permit the same day paid for. Peterson has Stock on camera in his front porch yelling for what Peterson deemed a not good reason. Peterson has two rental houses he can't maintain with his drag and plow blade properly due to lack of a City permit. Peterson stated he has spent a lot of money for side by side sitting in garage he can't use. Councilman Petersen doesn't think the City should continue to punish Peterson. Councilman Olson commented you do your time and get license back just like anything else. Councilman Adelman doesn't agree with revoking future applications stating Peterson has paid fines and should be allowed to move on. Adelman commented you can't penalize someone forever. Councilman Bothun stands with Chief Stock but did apologize on the Chief's behalf with his deliverance of the revocation, and relook at a yearly basis but this year agrees with Chief Stock. City Manager Franzky suggested that the Council provide the Chief with a timeline they consider appropriate following a revocation, rather than leaving it indefinite, before applications would be accepted again. Councilman Adelman agreed with this suggestion. Councilman Petersen motioned to overturn the revocation this year. Motion failed with no second. Councilman Olson motioned to table until meeting with chief has occurred for a clarified timeline, Councilman Bothun seconded the motion. Voting in favor Olson, Adelman, and Bothun. Voting against Councilman Petersen. Motion passed.
- D. Fireworks display application approval for Riverfest. Councilman Olson approved the application with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Olson, Adelman, Bothun and Petersen. Absent Hansen and Stafford. Motion passed.
- E. Gambling permit request from Dawson Chamber. Motion to approve from Councilman Petersen with second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor Olson, Adelman, Bothun and Petersen. Absent Hansen and Stafford. Motion passed.
- F. No discussion on Taft Law and Tyco settlement.

Miscellaneous Announcements

The next council meeting is Tuesday, May 3rd at 5:30 pm.

A Recreation & Growth committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 22nd at 3pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Clerk, Jill Kemen

Mayor, J.T. Schacherer