

Dawson City Council
May 19th, 2026
5:30 pm

Councilpersons present: Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, Jake Bothun and Dean Petersen. Others present: Mayor JT Schacherer, City Manager Tyler Franzky, Water/Wastewater Operator Nathan Grengs, City Clerk Kristin Daline, City Attorney Chris Reisdorfer, David Pederson, Duane Hastad, Peggy Crosby and Jim Michels.

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 addition of 10F, pool heater quotes, seconded by Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Adelman, Olson, Bothun and Petersen. Absent: Hansen & Stafford. Motion passed.

Councilman Petersen motioned to approve consent agenda item 4, May 5th, 2026 council minutes with a second from Councilman Adelman. Voting in favor, Olson, Bothun, Petersen and Adelman. Absent: Hansen & Stafford. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Schacherer opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:30pm. Peggy Crosby who lives in the new duplexes had some question regarding her unit and when the contractor would be back to put up the fence between the units. Hearing nothing else, Mayor Schacherer closed the 10-minute public forum at 5:36 pm.

Reports of committees

The Recreation and Growth committee minutes were included in the packet. A discussion on biomentum solution for emerald ash borer disease will be covered later in the meeting.

The Above Ground Construction committee minutes were included in the packet. The committee talked about an ATV permit that was denied for this year (2026). This will be addressed later in the meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

Kurt has received a bid for seal coating from Bituminous, still waiting for a quote from Bargaen. Nathan has been putting in many hours at the pool to get it ready for the season. Senior Pools finished resurfacing last week. Nathan has been keeping up with the maintenance that comes after the project, keeping it clean. The irrigation on the boulevard got going today. The water is on at the campground. There has been campers in and out already. There are two spots that will be rented long term through the summer at Gnome Park. Dennis Hullstrom is back as our campground host. We want to thank him for all he does with the scheduling and maintaining some of the grounds in the campground and park.

City Manager Tyler Franzky's Report

Tyler reverted to a long manager's memo this month, which will be talked about further into the meeting tonight. The city did get the final invoice from Senior Pools. There was a homeowner complaint on Chestnut for not replacing the sidewalk during the street project. After doing some research on why the property did not get a sidewalk, the homeowner was called but they did not answer.

New City Attorney Chris Reisdorfer introduced himself. He is looking forward to serving Dawson.

Old Business

Callen's zoning permit is still ongoing. Tyler has been in contact with Callen's on the process. Callen's has spoken with an engineer about the no rise certificate that would be needed for a flood zone. He expressed that the modeling that would be prepared is not a guarantee for flooding, and the cost is \$25,000. He has also been in contact with the DNR. When the original zoning permit was approved, Tyler said that himself and Andy should have looked at zoning in a flood zone, not just residential. At this point, Callen's would still like to do some kind of fence and continue with his apple orchard. He may request a refund for the zoning permit. He is curious if there is another design approach he can take. The City Attorney is reviewing and will make a recommendation to Council.

New Business

Larson Tiling invoice for the repair on N 4th Street and Viking Street was included in the packet. The city project that has been done for five years caused the county's drain tile to be crushed. This was discovered after a landowner had called the county with concerns of backup. After the county had jetted and tv'd the line, it was determined that the tile line was crushed by the city's new stormwater line that was not put in at the correct grade, and modifications were made for correct drainage. It has been 5 years since the project. Kuechle's, who was the contractor does not want to take full responsibility of the bill, but agreed to pay half. Although the project is past the warranty date, Kuechle's felt they could have done the repair for half the cost of what was submitted by Larson's Tiling. Tyler is working with Widseth and the County to potentially divide the remaining bill by 1/3rds. The County did not give the city a chance to contact another contractor about the repair. Tyler is looking for permission to pay the bill in full before interest accrues, knowing that Kuechle's has committed to paying half. Councilman Bothun motioned to pay half of the bill covering the portion that Kuechle is paying with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Olson, Petersen and Bothun. Opposed: Adelman. Absent: Hansen and Stafford. Motion passed. Tyler will need to present the other half of the bill at a later date, and will continue discussing with Widseth and the County.

Recommendation by committee to purchase biomentum solution for emerald ash borer disease. Council discussed having a tree survey done. Duane Hastad said that he would help

guide the employee, but there may be some expense with that. The city would need to get permission from the County to spray along 6th street going south. The solution could be added to the mosquito spray as well. Since this was not a budgeted item in 2026, a mixture of funds including the capital improvement fund and chemical fund. It would be better to have it budgeted in the future. There is a risk either way, but the cost to remove trees is not cheap either. Councilman Adelman motioned to move forward with purchasing a tote of the biomentum solution for \$7,500 with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Bothun, Adelman, Petersen and Olson. Absent: Hansen and Stafford. Motion passed. Councilman Bothun would like Tyler to speak with the County to recover some of the cost.

Recommendation by committee for drone spray application of biomentum solution by Field & Fairway Autonomy, LLC. The quote enclosed is good for one application. Lund would need permission from us to fly the drone over the city. He will do mapping of the city for exact proximity. Councilman Bothun motioned to move forward with Field & Fairway Autonomy, LLC to use a drone to spray the biomentum solution on all city and county (pending approval) ash trees for emerald ash borer disease, with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Olson, Petersen, Adelman and Bothun. Absent: Hansen and Stafford. Motion passed.

The Vine has applied for a caterer's license to attend the vendors market during Riverfest using their current liquor license. Councilman Olson motioned to approve the caterer's permit with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Olson, Bothun, Adelman and Petersen. Absent: Hansen and Stafford. Motion passed.

Committee recommends upholding Police Chief's ruling of ATV permit revocation. Applicant is encouraged to reapply next year. Councilman Bothun motioned that council should stand behind the Chiefs ruling, and what the committee decided with a second from Councilman Olson. Opposed: Adelman and Petersen. Mayor Schacherer voted to pass the motion. Absent: Hansen and Stafford. Motion passed.

Pool heater quotes were made available at the meeting from Anhalt Plumbing, SCS Plumbing and Mytling's. The recreation and growth committee recommended using Liquor Store funds to purchase. Anhalt Plumbing quoted a mid-line heater for \$32,207 as well as SCS Plumbing for the same heater for \$31,750, which is a Lochnvar. SCS also quoted a Raypak heater which uses stainless steel, versus copper for \$63,500. Mitlyng's quoted a similar Raypak heater, with an estimate of \$70,792.00. After much discussion, Councilman Bothun motioned to approve the Raypak heater from SCS Plumbing for \$63,500 with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Bothun and Olson. Absent: Hansen and Stafford. Motion passed. The current heater has been there since 2007.

Ordinances & Resolutions

A resolution requesting vehicle speed feedback signs along HWY 212, installed by MNDOT, maintained by the city was presented. These signs are typically solar powered and will be installed at the 30MPH signs on Hwy 212 by the Dawson Vet Clinic and CT Sales. Councilman Olson motioned to approve the resolution for vehicle speed feedback signs with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Bothun, Olson, Adelman and Petersen. Absent: Hansen and Stafford. Motion passed.

A resolution to accept Jake Bothun's council resignation was presented. Council will be discussing at the next meeting how they want to move forward with filling his position. Councilman Bothun thanked the council for the opportunity to serve. Councilman Olson motioned to approve Councilman Bothun's resignation with a second from Councilman Adelman. Voting in favor, Adelman, Bothun, Petersen and Olson. Absent: Hansen and Stafford. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, June 2nd at 5:30 pm. As a reminder, there will only be one council meeting on the 1st Tuesday in June, July and August.

Summer hours in the office will begin Friday, May 29th. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8-4:30 pm and Fridays, 8-2 pm through Friday, September 4th.

With nothing more to discuss, Mayor Schacherer adjourned the meeting at 7:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Daline, City Clerk

JT Schacherer, Mayor