

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

Councilpersons present: Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, David Hansen, Jake Bothun and Dean Petersen. Others present: Mayor JT Schacherer, City Manager Tyler Franzky, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, Water/Wastewater Operator Nathan Grengs, 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 Hansen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Olson, Hansen, Petersen, Bothun. Absent: Stafford. Motion passed.

Councilman Petersen motioned to approve consent agenda item 4, April 21st, 2026 council minutes and item 11, April financials and quarterly reports, seconded by Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Adelman, Olson, Hansen, Petersen, Bothun. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Schacherer opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:31 pm. Resident Doug Peterson inquired if there had been any progress made on his ATV permit that was discussed at the April 21st meeting. Franzky has set up a meeting with the Police Chief and the Above Ground committee to discuss further. Franzky to give Peterson an update after that meeting. Councilman Adelman asked about the city code that is printed on the letter. State statute does not have a time frame in the statute. Hearing nothing else, Mayor Schacherer closed the 10-minute public forum at 5:39 pm.

Reports of officers and committees

The minutes from the Recreation & Growth committee were included in the packet. There is another meeting scheduled for tomorrow regarding trees.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

Bituminous and Bargan have been in town measuring for seal coating this year. Kurt has received one quote so far. During a check today, it was discovered that one of our pumps has a bad motor and fins. Our pumps are on a 7-year rotation, but should be sooner than that. Kurt received a quote for \$19,000 for the repair. Voss Plumbing was here today installing the backflow preventors in Gnome Park. The guys will be able to turn the water on this week at the pool and campground. Colin filled in pot holes near Livestock Systems, still need to be graded. The crew got the memorial fountain in Veteran's park going today. Trees will need to be cut in Veteran's park. Colin doesn't have the help right now, but will be done. Putting up banners and weed spraying are on the to do list. Looking forward to the park help to start. Dock will also be put out for fishing opener.

City Manager Tyler Franzky's Report

Refer to manager memo. The seal coating project was budgeted for this year. The well repairs were an unexpected expense. May have to delay the permanganate system a year at the water plant. The city may have the option with Bituminous to pay part this year, part next year. Riley Kockelman was hired to replace Aaron Tufto's position. Riley is planning to start May 18th. Michelle Fischbach will be doing a duplex tour Thursday, May 7th at 12:30 pm. EDA members, Dean and David and some of Fischbach's staff/security will be there. Eight duplexes are occupied currently, will be completely filled by July.

Tyler is still researching the cost to maintain the speed signs which will be on a post in the ground. MNDOT is wanting these on a trunk highway, two will be placed on HWY 212.

New Business

The LeapForward phone system quote was enclosed in the packet. The City of Canby and Jims Clothing also use this company and have been happy with the service. The upfront cost is \$5,900, but will recover that expense in savings after 8 months. These are internet phones. The city will not be locked in for any period of time. Councilman Petersen motion to move forward with LeapForward with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Bothun, Petersen, Hansen, Adelman and Olson. Absent: Stafford. Motion passed.

Liquor store funds to cover pool expenses; recommended by recreation & growth committee was discussed. Tyler has been trying to get donations for resurfacing and repairs, a new vacuum and heater. If the city receives more donations, the funds can go back to the liquor store fund. The council has the option to zero out the check balance and also use funds from the liquor store investment account. Councilman Hansen recommends using and closing out the checking account first and taking the rest from the investment account, seconded by Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Olson, Bothun and Hansen. Absent: Stafford. Motion passed. Councilman Bothun mentioned looking at getting some sort of tarp and replacing play features in the future.

A current council member proposed flying the old MN state flag. Council discussed briefly. Councilman Hansen motioned to move forward with flying the 1983 MN state flag with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Olson, Hansen, Bothun and Petersen. Opposed: Adelman. Absent: Stafford. Motion passed.

The Johnson Memorial Health Services (JMHS) annual report was included in the packet as information only.

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Miscellaneous Announcements

The next council meeting is Tuesday, May 19th at 5:30 pm.

A Recreation & Growth committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th at 3pm, and an Above Ground committee has been scheduled for Friday, May 8th at 9am.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Daline, City Clerk

JT Schacherer, Mayor