

Dawson City Council

May 6th, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Vince Adelman, Jake Bothun, Randy Stafford, Dean Petersen and Jeff Olson. David Hansen was absent. Others present: Mayor JT Schacherer, City Manager Jill Kemen, Deputy City Clerk/EDA Director Tyler Franzky, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Fire Chief Brian Hersom, and David Pederson.

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

Councilman Olson motioned to approve the agenda with correction of wording for financials to be item #12 and not item #11. Seconded by Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Bothun, Adelman, Stafford, Petersen and Olson. Absent: Hansen. Motion passed.

Councilman Stafford motioned to approve the April 15th council minutes, financials, quarterly reports, and Ehlers portfolio summary with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Bothun, Stafford, Adelman, Petersen and Olson. Absent: Hansen. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Schacherer opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:34 pm, hearing nothing, the 10-minute public forum was closed.

Reports of officers, boards and committees

Above Ground Committee Minutes were reviewed by Council and referred to later on in the meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins' Report

Guys have started to street sweep, spray, and hang banners. Campgrounds have opened. Waiting on the pool company to come evaluate bumps/blisters on the bottom of the pool and can be filled after that. Will lean on expert advice for whether blisters should be repaired immediately or wait until the fall. Furnace and plumber quotes anticipated this month. Water being trenched to new development and water service lines ready to go on half of the units; potentially start footings on 5/7/25. Still waiting on quotes for street lights on the bridge to repaint and for Ryan Contracting to come start their punch list items. Shortage of green sand for media filters across the country. We're hopeful to get what we need by this fall.

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City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

Jill gave updates on the "Glow Under The Lights" fundraiser event for the youth softball program pioneered by Alisha Schindler. Pollinator Grant update: hoping to be planting along Rock Rapids very soon. Updated duplex project timeline was provided. 8th grade PE class helped clean out winter pool materials. Mrs. Mork's kindergarten class along with other elementary students, parents, and staff helped clean up parks around town and are hoping to do it again next year. 15 applicants for lifeguards so far.

Old Business

Annexation tabled per committee for further discussion at the committee level.

New Business

Fire Department liquor license for Riverfest application. Motion required. Motion made by Councilman Petersen to approve liquor license for the Fire Department, second by Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Bothun, Adelman, Stafford, Petersen and Olson. Absent: Hansen. Motion passed.

Assessor Agreement between City of Dawson and LQP County for 2026-2028. Motion made by Councilman Stafford to sign agreement with LQP county, second by Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Bothun, Adelman, Stafford, Petersen and Olson. Absent: Hansen. Motion passed.

Contract between City of Dawson and UMVRDC. Motion made by Councilman Bothun to sign contract and allow energy audit process to begin with grant money, second by Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Bothun, Adelman, Stafford, Petersen and Olson. Absent: Hansen. Motion passed.

LQP County Fair funds request. Motion made by Councilman Olson to accept fund request, second by Councilman Adelman. Voting in favor, Bothun, Adelman, Stafford, Petersen and Olson. Absent: Hansen. Motion passed.

City attorney Rick Stulz reviewed partial parcel sale to Boike, who is purchasing an adjacent home lot. Motion made by Councilman Olson to conduct the sale with all professional/legal fees being handled by Boike, second by Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Bothun, Adelman, Stafford, Petersen and Olson. Absent: Hansen. Motion passed.

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Ordinances & Resolutions

Golf Cart/ATV city ordinance amendment first reading- motion required. Motion made by Councilman Bothun to move ordinance amendment to first reading, as it was originally written, with further discussion regarding the permit fee and application at a later date, second by Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Bothun, Adelman, Stafford, Petersen and Olson. Absent: Hansen. Motion passed.


Miscellaneous Announcements

The next council meeting is Tuesday, May 20th at 5:30pm. An Above Ground Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th at 8:30 am.

With nothing more to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Tyler Franzky, Deputy City Clerk/EDA Director


JT Schacherer, Mayor