

Dawson City Council

July 1st, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Vince Adelman, Randy Stafford, David Hansen, Jeff Olson and Dean Petersen. Absent: Jake Bothun. Others present: Mayor JT Schacherer, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Deputy City Clerk/EDA Director Tyler Franzky, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Jim Michels, Duane Hastad, Audrey Ellefson, Nathan Martinson, David Bergeson, Jason & Valerie Olson, Doug Breberg, Matt Viessman, Gerald Harberts, Jim Kellen, Mark & Melanie Larson 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 with the additions of 10D, Trails Edge change order proposal amendment, and 9A, clarifying annexation to rescind the prior action, and 2, cease further annexation actions seconded by Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Councilman Olson, Adelman, Stafford and Petersen. Absent: Jake Bothun. Motion passed.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve consent agenda item 4, June 3rd Council Minutes and item 12, June financials, seconded by Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Councilman Olson, Adelman, Stafford and Petersen. Absent: Bothun. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Schacherer opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:32 pm. Doug Breberg from Larson Tiling mentioned a compaction issue near his building on Johnson Street. Kurt will go over tomorrow to look at, first he's heard of it. Duane Hastad, "what does the city think of how Riverfest?" Councilman Olson mentioned there are some low branches in the park that need to be trimmed. Garbage's could have been dumped sooner on Saturday. Hearing nothing else, the public forum closed at 5:38 pm.

Reports of officers, boards and committees

Above Ground Construction Minutes. The committee met with AGP to discuss the street condition leading in to the plant off of HWY 212. AGP is looking at a few options. Continued conversations to come.

Employee/Volunteer Committee. The city has changed its employee benefits manager, and discussed the 4-day work schedule for the outside crew.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

There will be seven manholes relined on diagonal street going east out of town and also some downtown manholes will get refinished.

City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

A letter from the POST Board was included in the packet as information only. The Dawson Police Department has passed their review.

A letter from the Lac qui Parle Fair Board was included in the packet to thank the city for their donation.

Old Business

Councilman Olson requested his letter on annexation be included in the council packet. A motion was made by Councilmember Olson to rescind the prior motion directing the annexation of the Larson Tiling property. The city attorney noted that the action had not yet been filed with the state. The motion was seconded by Councilman Petersen. After no discussion, Mayor Schacherer called for the vote. Voting in favor was Peterson, Olson, and Hansen. Voting against was Adelman and Stafford. Motion carried. The prior annexation was duly rescinded.

A second motion was then made by Councilmember Olson to cease any further actions to annex other properties. Said motion was seconded by Councilman Petersen. After no discussion, Mayor Schacherer called for the vote. Voting in favor was Peterson, Olson and Hansen. Voting against were Adelman and Stafford. Motion carried. It was noted that said motion would not necessarily bind future council decisions.

New Business

Pay request #4, Rouge Construction was presented. Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the pay estimate with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Councilman Olson, Adelman, Stafford and Petersen. Absent: Bothun. Motion passed.

Dennis Anderson has requested \$1,000 from the city for use of the bathrooms on main street at the Bank Museum during Riverfest. Councilman Hansen motioned to approve with a second from Councilman Olson for use of restrooms throughout Riverfest. Voting in favor, Councilman Olson, Stafford and Petersen. Against: Adelman. Absent: Bothun. Motion passed.

A letter of Notice of Violation for a missed water test was included in the packet for information only.

Two change orders for Trails Edge Duplexes were enclosed in the packet. Proposal request #1 \$13,500 for curb stops for each unit were approved already. Proposal request #2 for spray foam insulation upgrade was discussed. This is a proposed upgrade from the traditional fiberglass batt insulation. Councilman Hansen motioned to approve change order #2 with a second from Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Councilman Olson, Adelman, Stafford and Petersen. Absent: Bothun. Motion passed.

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Miscellaneous Announcements

The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, August 5th at 5:30 pm.

With nothing more to discuss, Mayor Schacherer moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 pm.

Respectfully,

Kristin Daline, City Clerk

JT Schacherer, Mayor