

Dawson City Council  
July 7th, 2026  
5:30 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Dean Petersen, Randy Stafford, David Hansen, Vince Adelman and Jeff Olson. Others present: Mayor JT Schacherer, City Manager Tyler Franzky, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Glenn Carlson, Pat Steinke, Dave Pederson and Miles Eddy, taking minutes for the Dawson Sentinel.

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, seconded by Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Olson, Adelman, Hansen, Petersen and Stafford. Motion passed.

Councilman Stafford motioned to approve consent agenda items 4, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 Council Minutes and item 11, June financials and quarterly reports with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Olson, Adelman, Hansen, Petersen and Stafford. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum.

Mayor Schacherer opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:31 pm. Mayor Schacherer would like to thank the Chamber, Riverfest Committee and the area businesses for an excellent weekend. Also, the city workers for keeping the restrooms cleaned and trash picked up, it came together very well. Hearing nothing else, the 10-minute public hearing was closed at 5:33 pm.

Meeting of Officers & Committees.

Funding Committee minutes from the June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting were enclosed. Councilman Hansen asked for clarification on injuries on the field if it happened during a non-school event and the benefits to the city for keeping the properties. Representatives from the school, DBBA and Softball Association will be in attendance at the August council meeting to discuss further the watering at the fields.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report.

Tyler gave Kurt's report in his absence. There was an accident on the 6th Street boulevard which damaged the underground electrical, light pole and landscaping. An insurance claim will be submitted. The pool heater is here, waiting to do the final connection until the media is replaced. The city crew had a busy Riverfest weekend picking up branches and clearing trees after the storm as well as keeping things tidy. The city crew has been busy mowing and managing the weeds at the duplexes. The crew is also assessing the alleys in town to work on patches. Electrical work happened today for the solar array at the wastewater plant.

City Manager Tyler Franzky's Report.

The city received payment from Kuechle Underground and Widseth for the stormwater drain tile repair on N 4th. Unless the County changes their mind, the city is covering the remaining 25%. A new renter has moved into the 9<sup>th</sup> duplex unit last week. The 10th unit will be occupied August 1<sup>st</sup>. The final pay estimate is on the agenda later into the meeting. A Planning & Zoning Hearing for Callen's fence permit is scheduled for tomorrow. Callen's is waiting on the final no rise certification by an engineer. He will then present that information to the city, the city then reports the engineers' findings to the DNR. The DNR says if Callen's can get no rise certificate, then he would be good to go.

Old Business.

No old business was discussed.

New Business.

Pay Est # 11, Jared Rouge Construction was presented. This is the final pay estimate. Warranty on the project will be for one year of completion date. Councilman Stafford motioned to approve pay estimate #11 for \$11,925 with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Adelman, Olson, Hansen, Petersen and Stafford. Motion passed.

The quote from Municipal Service Co for the pool filter repair was discussed. Tyler explained the quote and that the service representative quoted very high, listing possible repairs that he isn't 100% sure if they will need to be replaced. Kurt is working with the same representative he worked with at the water plant for the filter replacement. The pool is currently running on one filter. All the leaking sand has been emptied. Best practice is to replace both at the same time. Council Adelman speculated on a few possible causes of the cracked pipe. Councilman Stafford motioned to accept the quote with a second from Councilman Hansen. Following the second, more discussion was had. Voting in favor, Stafford. Opposed, Olson, Petersen, Hansen and Adelman. Motion failed. Councilman Adelman would like a more thorough quote after the media has been looked at and then pool is closed and both medias replaced at the same time.

Proposals for the demolition of a home on 134 4<sup>th</sup> Street were presented. Councilman Olson motioned to accept the Pehrson Excavating low bid contingent on the county paying a portion with a second from Councilman Hansen. City pays \$4,500, County pays \$4,500 and the property owner pays the remaining balance. Voting in favor, Adelman, Petersen, Hansen, Stafford, and Olson. Motion passed.

Ehlers potential refunding of existing bonds update was included in the packet as information only.

Census information was included in the packet as information only.

Resolution & Ordinances.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance Amending the Setback Requirements and Accessory Structure Rules in a Residential or Multiple Dwelling District within the City of Dawson was presented. Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the ordinance change, Councilman Stafford seconded. Voting in favor, Adelman, Olson, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Motion passed.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Summary Ordinance Amending the Setback Requirements and Accessory Structure Rules in a Residential or Multiple Dwelling District within the City of Dawson was presented. Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the summary with a second from Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Adelman, Olson, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Motion passed.

A resolution appointing Election Judges for the Primary and General Election for 2026 was presented. Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the summary with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Adelman, Olson, Hansen and Petersen. Abstained: Stafford. Motion passed.

Preliminary 2027 Budget Discussion.

The departments listed below were discussed to get council input for Tyler when working on the preliminary budget. Departments not discussed at this meeting will be discussed at the August meeting.

Fund 201 Fire Department

14% Increase in expenses

Dept. 730 Fire Department:

14% increase expected in expenses.

Primary causes: Increase in professional services for OSHA medical testing in 2027 (every 2 years); increase in repair & maintenance to help replenish and avoid holding back relief contribution for larger truck repairs; increase in school/lodging/meals for firefighter certificate training/classes. Brian is also looking into things.

Fund 207 Tax Increment #9: Status Quo

Dept. 731 Tax Increment

TIF payment provided by Ehlers. No change expected in 2027.

Fund 210 Library

5% increase in expenses

Dept. 480 library:

5% increase expected in expenses

Primary causes: \$2500 budget request increase from Pioneerland, increased elevator maintenance costs, and expected increase in, utility rates.

Minimal amount of support required by state was \$97,040 in 2026. TBD for 2027.

Suggestions were made to use Library Memorials to relandscape around the building.

Fund 220 Road & Bridge

8% Increase in expenses.

Dept. 631 Street & Alley Operating:

8% increase expected in expenses.

Primary causes: Increased health insurance rates, increased capital outlay savings for equipment/vehicles, chemical cost increases, increased ditch assessment and gravel/salt/pea rock increases.

Dept. 635 Street Maintenance Shop:

- <1% change expected to expenses.

Dept. 640 Bridges:

- 0% change expected to expenses.

Dept. 650 Traffic Signs:

0% change expected to expenses.

Electric pickup was brought up if grant funding becomes available.

Fund 225 Park

24% increase in expenses.

Dept. 452 Park Operating:

20% increase in expenses.

Primary cause: Increase general supplies budget for biomentum solution, chemicals/weed control costs, and increased capital outlay for equipment/vehicles.

Dept. 455 Swimming Pool

22% increase in expenses.

Primary causes: Increased repair and maintenance budget, increased chemical costs, increased capital outlay for buildings/equipment to replenish funds used in 2026, but even more so to prepare for the next required upgrades/improvements.

Dept. 463 Baseball & Softball Fields:

46% increase in expenses.

Primary cause: Potential water contributions to baseball, softball and football field.

Council should discuss this further as a whole in preparation for joint presentation next council

meeting). East field light project if deemed necessary; remains a safety hazard for people using the softball fields.

Fund 400 Capital Project Swimming Pool

4% increase in expenses.

Dept. 455 Swimming Pool:

4% increase in expenses based on principal and interest payments. final payments in 2027.

Payoff won't impact tax levy because taxpayers are charged referendum tax market levy for the pool bond, not via city tax.

Fund 406 Capital Improvement

20% Decrease in expenses.

Primary cause: No specific CIP projects currently scheduled in 2027, but still charging towards the levy to build for next crack filling, sealcoating, vehicle/equipment needs, and other potential emergencies that arise.

Fund 500 Tax Abatement Industrial Site: Status Quo.

Dept. 430 Industrial Site Infrastructure:

Tax abatement payment provided by Ehlers. No change expected in 2027

Fund 502 Canby Farmers Grain Tax Abatement: Status Quo.

Dept. 440 Warehouse/Office CFG

- Tax abatement payment provided by Ehlers. No change expected in 2027.

Please get back to Tyler with any suggestions on what was discussed tonight.

Miscellaneous Announcements.

An Above Ground Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, July 8th at 8:30 am for a Planning & Zoning Hearing for Callen's fence. The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, August 4th at 5:30 pm.

Hearing nothing else, Mayor Schacherer adjourned meeting at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kristin Daline, City Clerk

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JT Schacherer, Mayor