

Dawson City Council
August 5th, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, Jake Bothun, David Hansen, Randy Stafford and Dean Petersen. Others present: Mayor JT Schacherer, City Manager Jill Kemen, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Deputy City Clerk Tyler Franzky, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Librarian Allison Broesder, Auditor Daryl Kanthak and David Pederson.

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 changes to the order, item 7 will be before item 6 to allow Councilman Bothun to be present with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Adelman, Hansen, Stafford, Olson and Petersen. Absent: Bothun. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Councilman Petersen motioned to approve consent agenda item 4, July 1st Council Minutes and item 13, July financials and quarterly reports with a second from Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Adelman, Hansen, Stafford, Olson and Petersen. Absent: Bothun. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Mayor Schacherer opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:32 pm, hearing nothing, the 10-minute public forum was closed.

Librarian, Allison Broesder gave an update on what is happening at the library. The library received a grant from Prairieland that provided games as part of the summer reading schedule. Broesder brought some of the games that can be checked out. State Park passes are available at the library to be checked out. These can be checked out for a week at a time, with 24 available. The library will be offering a bus trip to the Fagen Air Museum in Granite Falls. There will also be various activities and Authors coming in each month until the end of the year.

2024 Audit review. Daryl Kanthak with Meulebroeck & Taubert to present.

Meulebroeck & Taubert has been doing the city's audit for over 30 years. The audit is a qualified opinion due to the Fire Relief Association not being a part of the audit. The actuary report is not included in the city audit.

Key Financial highlights for the 2024:

- Governmental Net position increased by \$1,236,238 due to grant revenue received for a capital project.

- Propriety Net (7 Enterprise Funds) position increased by \$2,081,423 due to fixed assets being contributed from Governmental funds.
- Total governmental fund revenues decreased by \$441,362 in comparison to 2023 due to decreased Special Assessments and Property Taxes on Capital Project Fund. Total governmental fund expenditures decreased by \$3,228,225 in comparison to fiscal year 2023 due to lower expenditures in Capital Project Fund.
- The city has 10.2 months of operating reserves.
- The city did not have any single audits for 2024; the threshold is \$750,000 in federal funds. Going forward, the threshold will be \$1 million in federal funding.
- A portion of funds from the liquor store sale is in a Pershing account. Those funds can be used for whatever the city sees fit. The remaining funds are sitting in the liquor store checking account.

Reports of officers, boards and committees.

Enterprise Committee Meeting update. The garbage contract with Olson Sanitation was discussed. The committee would like to see the numbers if the city did not do the billing for them anymore. Councilman Olson said he would get the committee the numbers to review. The city has received the first payment from the PFAS settlement of \$161,000. Subsequent payments after are close to around \$900,000 over 10 years, half of that amount coming within the first year. There are still other funds that could possibly come from Tyco and Dupont. The green sand has not come yet. The \$161,000 received from the PFAS settlement will cover the payment for the new media. The Picket Fence Motel has been having issues with water being dirty. SCS Plumbing installed a new filter that seems to be helping. Going forward, this will be the business owner's expense. The missed water test violation was printed on the water bill and in the paper. The city had up to a year to let people know of the missed test. The next test taken proved to be no concern and came back fine.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report.

CC Steel has been here lining manholes. They are trying to locate a manhole in a field. Repairs on 14th and 11th streets will be repaired with county projects. Larson Brothers could pour curb before tar is laid. The water service shared between two buildings on Main Street has been split. Concrete to be completed soon.

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City Manager Jill Kemen's Report.

Kemen gave an update on the SCDP. An extension was given to complete projects by September 14th. The goal was to have 18 residential projects, 15 will be completed, and a goal of 4 commercial projects with 5 being completed by the end of September.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

Pay request #5 for \$227,762.50, Rouge Construction was presented. This pay request includes change order #1 (\$41,500) individual curb stops, spray foam and swing change to bathroom doors that was approved at a prior meeting \$41,500. The remaining balance is construction materials. Councilman Petersen motioned to approve pay request #5 with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor, Adelman, Hansen, Stafford, Olson, Bothun and Petersen. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Change Order #2 for \$5,940, Rouge Construction was presented. This change order is for trimming out windows and doors. Councilman Petersen motioned to approve change order #2 with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Hansen, Stafford, Olson, Bothun and Petersen. Opposed: Adelman. Motion passed.

Change Order #1 was presented for information only.

A payment request from DBHS for AED's in the park was presented. The request is for two AED's, one being portable. Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the pay request of \$3,202 with a second from Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Hansen, Stafford, Adelman, Olson, Bothun and Petersen. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

A land use agreement between the City of Dawson and Terry Lodden was presented. Councilman Stafford motioned to approve the agreement with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Hansen, Stafford, Adelman, Olson, Bothun and Petersen. Opposed: None. Motion passed. This is FEMA property that can not be sold to a private party.

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A land use agreement between the City of Dawson and Brent Moseng Construction, LLC was presented. Councilman Bothun motioned to approve the agreement with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Hansen, Stafford, Adelman, Olson, Bothun and Petersen. Opposed: None. Motion passed. This is FEMA property that can not be sold to a private party.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve the 2024 audit as printed with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Hansen, Stafford, Adelman, Olson, Bothun and Petersen. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Councilman Hansen motioned to approve the 2024 audit adjustments as presented with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor, Hansen, Stafford, Adelman, Olson, Bothun and Petersen. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

The next council meeting is Tuesday, September 2nd at 5:30 pm. Starting in September, Council will be two meetings a month again, the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. A Funding Committee Meeting will be scheduled to review the budget. There will also be an Employee Volunteer meeting to meet with the Police Union for negotiations. The Summer Block Party is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13th from 5-8pm.

With nothing more to discuss, Mayor Schacherer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully,

Kristin Daline, City Clerk

JT Schacherer, Mayor