

Dawson City Council  
September 16th, 2025  
5:30 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Dean Petersen, Randy Stafford, Jake Bothun, Vince Adelman, Jeff Olson and David Hansen. Other present: City Manager Jill Kemen, City Clerk Kristin Daline, Deputy Clerk/EDA Director Tyler Franzky, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, City Attorney Rick Stulz and Melissa Streich. Absent is Mayor Schacherer.

Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the agenda with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Olson, Adelman, Bothun, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Motion passed.

Councilman Hansen motioned to approve consent agenda item 4, September 2<sup>nd</sup> council minutes and item 12, August financials with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor, Olson, Adelman, Bothun, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Motion passed.

Council President Olson opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:31 pm. Hearing nothing, the 10-minute public forum was closed.

Melissa Streich was present to talk about what Western Minnesota Prairie Waters has to offer. They have been focusing on the recruitment program to get people out to our rural area driven by local employers. There are 50 different online job boards which can be searched by city or key words. Prairie Waters receives a grant every year from Explore MN to advertise. Other information on the website includes a housing toolkit for new builds and empty buildings advertised for sale. \$4,500 is the annual request. No motion needed as this was approved with the 2026 budget.

#### Reports of officers, boards and committees

The Recreation & Growth committee met to talk about the summer season. Water/Wastewater operator Nathan spoke about the repairs the pool is needing. There are bubbles on the bottom of the shallow and deep end that need to be addressed before start of year next year. One of the backflow preventors did not pass inspection and will need to be replaced. The crew has been busy mowing with the wet season. They will be working on tree trimming and stump grinding this fall.

The Enterprise committee met, no discussion about the meeting was had. Committee minutes were included in the packet.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

Dunnick's are in the area and will be paving patches on 14<sup>th</sup> and Walnut and 11<sup>th</sup> and Locust in the next couple weeks. The city crew removed a lot of branches from the trail; more trimming is planned before winter comes. The BMX track will get removed this fall. CC Steel will be coming back to line the manhole that was located in the ditch. Out of all the manholes repaired, this one was in the worst condition. Nathan and Kurt are getting quotes for the repairs on the bottom of the pool. The old payloader (2018), warranty ends in October. A service call was completed fix what is covered on the current warranty. Quotes to purchase an extended warranty for the loader are further in meeting. Three quotes were provided for a plow on the new loader. Kurt mentioned that when he priced for a plow last fall that the pricing hadn't changed much. The three quotes were from:

1. RDO-John Deere \$24,550 16' total with foldable wings, 3' a piece, two weeks out.
2. RDO-John Deere \$35,550, one month out.
3. Dealer out of Minneapolis \$39,000.

The plow could be interchangeable with the old payloader, moving the hydraulics around. Councilman Olson motioned to move forward. Councilman Bothun asked if there was enough in the budget for this year. Councilman Hansen motioned to take out of discussion and move to open for motion for approval with a second from Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Olson, Adelman, Bothun, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Motion passed. Councilman Hansen motioned to move forward with the RDO-John Deere \$24,550 with a second from Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Olson, Adelman, Bothun, Stafford, Hansen and Petersen. Motion passed.

Kurt has been getting quotes for mowers. \$15,000 was included in the 2025 budget, and there may be some left over from the prior year. A 2016 Scag is what is potentially being replaced.

1. Scag, \$14,000. Salesman said he would offer \$3,000 for the city's Scag and sell for \$5,000. Dealer in Prinsburg. Mower is on hand.
2. Grasshopper, \$14,650 suspension not as good as the Scag. Not readily available.
3. Ferris, \$16,500 coil spring on each wheel nicer ride. Titan Machinery, Dawson. Mower is on hand. Titan Machinery offered to put our current Scag on the lot and try and sell for the city.
4. Ferris, \$16,900. Same mower as option 3. Ziegler, Madison. Mower is on hand.

Kurt would prefer to go with the Ferris. Councilman Stafford motioned to move forward with the purchase of the Ferris, \$16,500 from Titan Machinery with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor, Hansen, Petersen and Stafford. Against: Bothun, Olson and Adelman. Motion did not pass. Councilman Stafford motioned to table until the next meeting with a second from

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

#### City Manager Jill Kemen and Tyler Franzky Report

Minnesota Housing Grant award for HVAC at SWMHP Prairie West & East Brooke duplexes was granted. The city is the pass-through agent from the state to SWMHP. Tyler will follow up with the city's role with the grant. Jill is getting quotes for window treatments for Trails Edge duplexes as these were not included in the project. Quotes will go to EDA first. Nathan and Jill are working together on the lead service line reporting. Jill has billed Ryan Contracting for \$20,000 for city crew hours and equipment usage. This is the second time a bill has been sent. If no word in a week from Ryan Contracting, the city will move forward with City Attorney Rick Stulz. Jill and Tyler met with David Bergeson to discuss working on an agreement for street upkeep which the city currently covers. Jill and Tyler will attend the next township meeting to discuss further. Councilman Hansen asked if there is a plan for seal coating/crack filling. The streets that were done in the 2012 project (22 blocks) will be done first. Councilman Adelman if there has been any update on the alligator cracking on Memorial Place. At a meeting with Ryan Contracting, they said they would be giving \$10,000 towards the repair. This amount was taken off the final pay estimate. Kristin has completed the schooling to become a Minnesota Certified Municipal Clerk. Congratulations to her. Jill mentioned that her City Manager contract is up at the end of the year.

#### New Business

A quote from Voss Plumbing & Heating to replace the backflow preventor for the swimming pool was presented. One of the backflow preventors did not pass inspection. The quote is giving a price break for replacing both. Discussion on using a local contractor to do the work at the pool. Kurt said not all contractors are certified inspectors. AGP, PURIS and the school were mentioned using the same company for their inspections. The city gets a copy of those reports. Councilman Stafford motioned to move forward with Voss Plumbing & Heating to replace the two backflow preventors at the pool with a second from Hansen. Voting in favor, Olson, Adelman, Hansen, Bothun, Stafford, and Petersen. Motion passed.

The 2018 payloader extended warranty ends in October. The extended warranty was discussed at the enterprise committee meeting. The committee discussion was leaning towards the Power Train and Hydraulics for 4 years. Councilman Stafford motioned to move forward with the purchase of the Power Train & Hydraulics warranty for four years at \$12,234 with a second from

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

A copy of the voting operations, technology, and election resources account agreement with LqP County to allocate funds was presented. \$5,231.10 was approved by the legislature and given to the County to help defray election costs. Of these funds, Dawson will receive \$518.40. The city has the option to retain the funds or have the County distribute them as they see fit. If Dawson were to retain the funds, there is extensive paperwork that is involved. If the County retains these funds, they would be responsible. On motion from Councilman Hansen for the county to retain the city's portion with a second from Councilman Stafford. Voting in favor, Olson, Stafford, Bothun, Adelman, Petersen and Hansen. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Announcements

The next council meeting is Tuesday, October 7th at 5:30 pm

With nothing more to discuss, Council President Olson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kristin Daline, City Clerk

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Council President, Jeff Olson