

Dawson City Council Water/Wastewater Committee Minutes
March 10, 2017
8:30 AM

The City of Dawson Water/Wastewater Committee met on Friday, March 10, 2017 at 8:30 AM in the council chambers. Present were Mayor Randy Tensen, Councilman Steve Tufto, Councilman Al Tufto, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, Water/Wastewater Operator Kurt Collins, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk Jill Kemen, and Tony Ludvigson.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. Tony Ludvigson was present to address his high water usage. His toilet was running when he left for the weekend. The total cost of his sewer over two months of billing was \$90.78. Tami explained to the committee that in the past the committee has typically removed the excess sewer charges. Since his average usage is 2,000 per month, the committee agreed to remove \$69.42 in excess sewer charges. Mayor Tensen did explain to him that this is a one-time adjustment and questioned him as to whether the problem had been fixed. Tony said yes that the problem has been fixed. He then thanked the committee for their time, paid the remainder of his bill, and left the meeting.

Jim Prestholdt was on the agenda for a toilet running at his apartments. The committee agreed since he wasn't present at the meeting there would be no adjustments for his account.

Pearl Martin had previously stopped into the City office on Tuesday and spoke with Jill Kemen regarding her water bill at 333 5th. She said she is no longer concerned with the bill. She stated that she is in the process of selling the house contract for deed and the future owners are aware of the bill and will be paying it. She had to work today and wasn't going to attend the meeting and felt her needs had changed and didn't need attention by the committee.

Brent Powers then encouraged the committee to set a policy regarding the removing of excess sewer usage if a water leak does occur. The committee decided to give the City of Dawson office staff permission to forgive excess sewer usage one time per year per address to avoid the need of extra committee meetings. If there is an on-going problem, then the committee would hold a meeting to address the challenges.

Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water met with Brent Powers regarding the on-going talks about selling water to them. LPRW is very serious about purchasing water from the City of Dawson. Their next step is to present it to the committee in Dawson and have City Attorney Rick Stulz present to draw up a contract. This contract would have a minimal usage clause, or floor, in it to secure the City of Dawson's position in the contract. The City's next step would be to increase our DNR permit. Discussion. The committee also felt it is in the City's best interest to have a clause written into the contract to state the City reserved the rights to increase the price per gallon to LPRW if they increase their price to their customers. This could be set by dollar amount or percentage. Tami then informed the committee that when she has had contact with LPRW, she will set a meeting to continue the progress moving forward.

Hearing nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 AM.

Respectfully submitted.

Jill Kemen
Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk

