

Dawson City Council Minutes

January 3, 2017

5:30 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: Becky Bothun, Jeff Olson, Steve Tufto, Al Tufto, Dave Lien and Charlie Prestholdt.

Councilpersons absent: None.

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, Interim City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Interim City Clerk Treasurer Kristi Kvaal, Payroll/Utility Clerk Jill Kemen, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, Liquor Store Manager Garney Jager, Fire Chief Brian Hersom, Dawson Sentinel Editor Dave Hickey, Linda Tensen and Phillip Maus.

Declaring a quorum, Council President Jeff Olson called the meeting to order and the group repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Attorney Rick Stulz performed the Oath of Office for newly elected Mayor Randy Tensen, and Councilpersons Jeff Olson, Steve Tufto, Al Tufto and Charlie Prestholdt.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of the agenda with no changes. On motion by Councilman Lien seconded by Councilwoman Bothun to approve the agenda with no changes. Voting in favor: Bothun, Olson, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Olson seconded by Councilman S. Tufto to approve the Consent Agenda Items #5 and #18, Approval of the December 20th Council Meeting Minutes and the December Bills Paid. Voting in favor: Bothun, Olson, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

Mayor Tensen opened the 10 minute public forum. Phillip Maus was present to discuss the Blandin Foundation and the opportunities they provide for community leadership training sessions. Their program consists of ten sessions per year with up to 25 individuals taking part. The Dawson Community Foundation (DCF) has asked the Blandin Foundation if the sessions could include members from all of Lac qui Parle County instead of just one community. The DCF will be notified in April if they have been selected to take part in these training sessions, at which time they will need to recruit 25 members from the County. Scholarship money may also be available to potential volunteers. Maus will inform the Council if and when they are selected. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Tensen closed the public forum.

Discussion was held for nominations and appointments to the various Committee Assignments.

Water/Wastewater:	Steve Tufto, Al Tufto
Road & Bridge:	Jeff Olson, Steve Tufto
Finance:	Jeff Olson, Charlie Prestholt
Police Commission:	Jeff Olson, Dave Lien
Park:	Becky Bothun, Charlie Prestholdt
Liquor:	Dave Lien, Al Tufto
Personnel:	Dave Lien, Al Tufto
Planning/Zoning:	Steve Tufto, Charlie Prestholdt
Charter/Code:	Charlie Prestholdt, Al Tufto
Pioneerland Board:	Steve Tufto
Bond Refunding:	Jeff Olson, Dave Lien
EDA:	Jeff Olson, Randy Tensen
Library Board:	Jeff Olson, Steve Tufto
Fire Department:	Jeff Olson, Steve Tufto
Council President:	Jeff Olson

On motion by Councilman Lien seconded by Councilman A. Tufto to accept the Committee Assignments as presented. Voting in favor: Bothun, Olson, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

Discussion was held concerning the appointment of a new Zoning Official. Mayor Tensen stated that he felt the position should be held by someone currently employed by the City with knowledge of the existing zoning laws and maps. On motion by Councilman Olson seconded by Councilman Lien to appoint Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers as the new Zoning Official. Voting in favor: Bothun, Olson, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman S. Tufto seconded by Councilman Lien to designate Minnwest Bank and the Dawson Co-op Credit Union as the official depositories for the City of Dawson funds. Voting in favor: Bothun, Olson, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Olson seconded by Councilman S. Tufto to designate Ehlers Investment Partners as the agency for managing the City of Dawson investment accounts. Voting in favor: Bothun, Olson, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Prestholdt seconded by Councilman S. Tufto to designate the Dawson Sentinel as the official newspaper. Voting in favor: Bothun, Olson, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

Discussion was held concerning the Dawson Fee Schedule. Interim City Manager Schuelke-Sampson explained that the only change from the previous fee schedule was under the Research Information column, which will now require the completion of a Data Request Form. Maintenance Superintendent Powers added that he felt that the charge for lawn mowing services by the City should be changed to \$200/first time and \$100/per time after that. He explained that by the time the City is called in to mow an abandoned yard, the grass is considerably long, and the man hours required to mow it is substantial. On motion by Councilman A. Tufto seconded by Councilman Prestholdt to change the mowing fee as presented. It was suggested to have the motion include the entire Fee Schedule. On motion by Councilman A. Tufto seconded by Councilman Lien to approve the Fee Schedule with the noted change in mowing fees. Voting in favor: Bothun, Olson, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Lien seconded by Councilman A. Tufto to appoint Councilman Steve Tufto to the Board of Appeal and Equalization. Voting in favor: Bothun, Olson, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries. Councilman S. Tufto will complete the necessary training before February 2, 2017. Councilman Olson is currently a Board of Appeal and Equalization Trained Board Member.

Discussion was held concerning the collection of television sets during the Spring Clean Up. Maintenance Superintendent Powers commented that during the last Spring Clean Up several television sets were left on the curb and were not collected due to lack of payment. Councilman Olson explained that Lac qui Parle County receives a grant for the disposal of television sets. This reduces the cost to approximately \$5 per unit. Olson Sanitation must charge considerably more to cover their disposal fees, since they cannot utilize the County's collection site. Councilman Olson also informed the Council that the Lyon County Regional Landfill has increased its charge for mattresses and box frames/springs to \$30. This charge is to encourage residents to recycle them at a charge of only \$7. Councilwoman Bothun commented that she felt the City should continue to pick up everything, indicating that this service was beneficial to the City. On motion by Councilman Lien seconded by Councilwoman Bothun to raise the Spring Clean Up fee by 25 cents/month. Voting in favor: Bothun, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; abstain: Olson; absent: none. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Olson seconded by Councilman Lien to adopt the Resolution Supporting the Department of Corrections Lease and Operation of the Prairie Correctional Facility in Appleton. Voting in favor: Bothun, Olson, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Olson seconded by Councilman S. Tufto to adopt the Resolution for Bank Account Signers. Voting in favor: Bothun, Olson, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report:

1. Brent reported that the City has taken ownership of a 2007 snow plow truck. More training will be required to learn the various mechanisms, but it is working out favorably for the maintenance crew.

Interim City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson's Report:

1. Tami reported that there has been no change in the DSI report from the previous month. She was informed that one person has withdrawn their application. The program is still in need of eight residential and one commercial application.
2. There was no EDA meeting in December due to the Christmas holiday.
3. Tami will be out of the office from January 11th – 20th.

Tami welcomed the newly elected members and indicated she is excited to work with the new Council and Mayor.

On motion by Councilwoman Bothun seconded by Councilman Lien to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Interim City Clerk Treasurer Kristi Kvaal

Mayor Randy Tensen