

**Dawson City Council Minutes**  
**January 8, 2019**  
**5:30 p.m.**

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, City Clerk Treasurer Jill Kemen, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, Liquor Store Manager Garney Jager and Dawson Sentinel Editor Dave Hickey.

Declaring a quorum, Mayor Randy Tensen 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 Councilpersons Steve Tufto, Dave Lien and Jeff Fish.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of the agenda with no changes. On motion by Councilman Lien seconded by Councilman S. Tufto to approve the agenda with no changes. Voting in favor: Fish, 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 allow two unexcused absences and then not be paid for the other unexcused absences. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Olson seconded by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the Consent Agenda Items #5 and #18, approval of the December 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes and the December Bills Paid. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

Mayor Tensen opened the 10 minute public forum. Hearing nothing, 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 Prestholdt
Police Commission:	Jeff Fish, Dave Lien
Park:	Jeff Fish, Charlie Prestholdt
Liquor:	Dave Lien, Al Tufto
Personnel:	Dave Lien, Al Tufto

Planning/Zoning: Steve Tufto, Charlie Prestholdt  
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Charter/Code: Charlie Prestholdt, Al Tufto  
Pioneerland Board: Jeff Olson  
Bond Refunding: Jeff Olson, Dave Lien  
EDA: Jeff Olson, Randy Tensen  
Library Board: Jeff Olson, Steve Tufto  
Fire Department: Jeff Olson, Jeff Fish  
Council President: Jeff Olson  
Zoning Official: Brent Powers

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

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

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

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

Discussion was held concerning the Dawson Fee Schedule. City Manager Schuelke-Sampson explained that the only change that has already been approved at a previous council meeting is to remove the monthly campground rates and only have daily and weekly rates. On motion by Councilman Olson seconded by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the Fee Schedule with the noted change in campground fees. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Prestholdt seconded by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the Casey's 3.2 beer license renewal. Voting in favor: Fish, Olson, S. Tufto, A. Tufto, Lien and Prestholdt; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carries.

Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report:

- A. The permit compliance summary about the wastewater treatment plant is for your information only. We have been in compliance throughout the year.
- B. Brent attended an informational meeting about storm water in the west side of the industrial park. Bob Olson wants a tile and is looking for willing participants. Rick Stulz explained that viewers will come in and review and give their opinion.
- C. Duane received clearance to return January 9<sup>th</sup> half days work and Brent will be on vacation for a week.
- D. Compliments were given to the City Crew for the great work with the snow removal after the recent snow fall and keeping the walking trail clear.

Interim City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson's Report:

- A. The Lac qui Parle Computer Commuter handouts are at your spots for your information and the updated check balance shows more money due to an electronic deposit that was done before year end.
- B. With the County EDA ending there was discussion regarding how Dawson EDA will help potential business owners. A couple ideas from Council on how the Dawson EDA should proceed without the County EDA is to hire Pam Lehmann, who would be willing to help out, and she would bill for her time or contract with the UMVRDC who have the staff and resources to assist Dawson with EDA items. The UMVRDC will be attending the next EDA meeting to present how they would be able to assist. Council will look at what the Dawson EDA recommends.
- C. The final report for the Conditions assessment of the Library/Apartment building is due to the Historical Society on October 1, 2019 and Collaborative Design Group has not provided any updates.
- D. Kevin and Jill Kemen are the new apartment managers for Heritage Court Apartments.
- E. The daycare subcommittee met on December 17<sup>th</sup> and no new information has been received from JMHS.
- F. Remember the special election on February 12<sup>th</sup> for the school referendum. City office staff is handling the absentee voting which takes 10 to 15 minutes each voter.

On motion by Councilman A. Tufto seconded by Councilman Olson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries and the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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City Clerk Treasurer Jill Kemen

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Mayor Randy Tensen