

Dawson City Council Minutes
November 13, 2018
5:30 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: Councilwoman Becky Bothun, Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Charlie Prestholdt, Councilman Steve Tufto, and Councilman Al Tufto.

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, City Clerk/Treasurer Jill Kemen, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Becky Schuelke-Kellen, Clyde Dessonville, Stacey Lee, and Glenn Carlson.

Declaring a quorum, Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order and the group repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of the agenda with the addition of 6A which is the resolution canvassing returns of city council election for November 6, 2018 election. Motion made by Councilman Lien to approve the agenda with the addition with a second from Councilman A. Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of consent agenda items number 4, Approval of the October 2, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes and the October 12, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes, and number 16, October bills paid and 3rd quarter financials. Motion made by Councilman S. Tufto to approve consent agenda items number 4 and 16 with a second by Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen opened the 10 minute public forum. Hearing nothing, Mayor Tensen closed the public forum.

Motion made by Councilman Lien to approve the resolution re-establishing the polling precinct and precinct location for the City of Dawson with a second by Councilwoman Bothun. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bothun to approve the resolution canvassing returns of city council election for November 6, 2018 with a second by Councilman A. Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman A. Tufto to accept the donation from Farmers Mutual for the Dawson Fire Department with a second by Councilman S. Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Clyde Dessonville presented the 2018/2019 insurance renewals. There is a less than one percent increase in premiums. The dividend has not yet been figured out by the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT). This dividend is based on experience from all entities insured through the LMCIT. The workers compensation premium had a considerable drop. Motion made by Councilman Lien to approve the renewal as printed with a second by Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto,

Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Mayor Tensen opened the public hearing on unpaid utility services and mowing at 5:35 pm. Hearing no comment the public hearing was closed.

Motion made by Councilman Lien to approve the resolutions to assess unpaid Utility Services and Mowing with a second by Councilman S. Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Stacey Lee explained that JMHS is opening a daycare to help fill the need for daycare in the Dawson/Boyd area. This is not to compete with the other daycares but to help fill the need. The daycare, which will be placed in the undesignated space of the care center, will be a family daycare with a C3 license. They would like to work with other local daycare families. JMHS was on the Lac qui Parle County Commissioners meeting agenda and that meeting went well. The Commissioners asked that JMHS try to get financial support from the city and bring the information back to the County for additional support with the city's help. Councilman Prestholdt asked when the facility would be open and Lee stated January 1st and they are looking to help fund the shortfall. Lee then explained the financial handout that was provided. Councilman A. Tufto asked how the Lac qui Parle County EDA funds of \$15,000 from the City of Madison went towards their daycare center and Lee explained. Councilman S. Tufto stated he had a phone call come in that this is a slippery slope with taxpayers' funds. Attorney Stulz stated that when giving funds from one government agency to another the rules are a little more flexible and that private daycares would have to go through the Dawson EDA. Becky Schuelke-Kellen reiterated the fact that it is a slippery slope with family run daycares and everyone will want something. Councilwoman Bothun stated that she knows there is a daycare need but there is no way to make it fair. Glenn Carlson stated that this daycare should be seen as a value added employee benefit and being a taxpayer there are three things he would like to see his taxpayer funds used for and those are 1) fix the streets and infrastructure, 2) proper equipment and 3) pay employees because there are good people on staff that do their jobs well. Council needs to be good stewards of our taxpayers' money. Motion made by Councilman Prestholdt to form a subcommittee of Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Mayor Tensen, City Manager Schuelke-Sampson, Stacey Lee and other representatives from JMHS with a second by Councilman A. Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Lien to approve the Dawson Senior Citizens gambling application with a second by Councilman A. Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Motion passed.

The information in the packet for the Lac qui Parle Computer Commuter is for your information only.

Motion made by Councilman Lien to approve closing the City Office on November 23rd with a second by Councilwoman Bothun. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report:

A. They are hoping to get the extended driveways yet this year at the swimming pool park campground. In the Veteran's Park Campground he is hoping to have the driveways put in and the electric in early spring.

B. The payloader is here. The City puts about 400 hours a year on the payloader. There was discussion regarding a maintenance agreement. Motion made by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the 1500 hour maintenance plan with a second by Councilman Prestholdt. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Motion passed.

C. A new mosquito sprayer was purchased and since we purchased after the season we saved \$1000. The old sprayer will be put on MNBid in the spring and hope we can get about \$1000 for it.

City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson's Report

A. The money from the Minnesota Historical Society has been received. The roof inspection was completed October 24th. The Condition Assessment report outline was submitted November 6th and is under review of the Minnesota Historical Society grant committee. The EDA has agreed to not be a source for gap financing for a business because the DDC and the RDC already have policies in place for this and funds available.

B. Shane Tappe would like to get the approval in writing to abate the street near the elementary school where the busses load and also the alley to the east of the gym for the potential building project. There will be a public hearing regarding this at the next council meeting.

C. The Truth and Taxation Council Meeting is December 4th and has a 6:00 p.m. start time

D. Chamber after hours is this Thursday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the JMHS Care Center chapel.

Hearing nothing else, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman A. Tufto with a second by Councilman Lien. Voting in favor Councilman Lien, Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman S. Tufto, Councilwoman Becky Bothun, and Councilman A. Tufto. Absent Councilman Olson. Voting against none. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor