

Dawson City Council Minutes
February 6, 2018
5:00 PM

The Dawson City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 5:00 PM in the City Council Chambers.

Councilpersons present: Councilman Dave Lien, Councilman Steven Tufto, Councilman Al Tufto and Councilman Jeff Olson.

Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson, Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk Jill Kemen, Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Liquor Store Manager Garney Jager, Dave Hickey, Lee Gunderson, Morrie Schacherer, JT Schacherer, Scott Quick, Mary Quick, Tim Epeneter, Brian Hersom, Ethan Hersom, and James Weber.

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. On a motion by Councilman Lien with a second from Councilman Olson to approve the agenda. Voting in favor: Lien, S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Olson; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt and Bothun. Motion carries.

Mayor Tensen asked for approval of consent agenda items January 2nd Council Meeting minutes, January bills paid and 4th quarter financials. On a motion made by Councilman S. Tufto with a second by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the January 2nd minutes, January bills and 4th quarter financials. Voting in favor: Lien, S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Olson; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt and Bothun. Motion carries.

Mayor Tensen then opened the 10 minute public forum. Some comments made during the public forum include the following:

- Furniture left on the curb outside of citywide cleanup have to be removed within a week or Olson Sanitation will pick them up and the City will add the expense to that addresses' utility bill.
- There needs to be current registration/license plates on vehicles on your property.
- Attention needs to be brought to semis and trailers in residential areas.

Hearing nothing more, Mayor Tensen closed the public form.

On motion by Councilman Olson with a second by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the agreement for law enforcement services. Voting in favor: Lien, S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Olson; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt and Bothun. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman A. Tufto with a second by Councilman Olson to approve the changing of the work week to Saturday through Friday. Motion amended by Councilman A. Tufto with a second by Olson to add in the previous motion to approve the wage increase for the City Manager. Voting in favor: Lien, S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Olson; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt and Bothun. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Olson seconded by Councilman S. Tufto to agree with the recommendations of the Fire Department Committee to increase the rate per section that the townships pay per the minutes. Voting in favor: Lien, S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Olson; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt and Bothun. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Lien seconded by Councilman A. Tufto to approve the three liquor license renewal requests. Voting in favor: Lien, S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Olson; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt and Bothun. Motion carries.

On motion by Councilman Olson seconded by Councilman S. Tufto to approve Pioneerland first quarter budget request. Voting in favor: Lien, S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Olson; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt and Bothun. Motion carries.

Mayor Tensen explained that the Mediacom rate change letter is information only.

Mayor Tensen stated that the computer commuter update was also information only and asked Mary Quick if she had any update for Council. Mary stated with the money they have in their budget the computer commuter will be able to continue for two more years depending on the price of fuel and if the bus has any major breakdowns. Councilman Lien thanked Mary for all she does for the computer commuter.

Maintenance Superintendent Brent Powers' Report

- A. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency completed an annual compliance evaluation inspection for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This inspection was completed on January 4, 2018. A letter of warning was issued due to two effluent violations from January 2016 and February 2016. The violation and corrective action was discussed at the time of the inspection and no further correspondence is required.
- B. Included in the council packet is the quote for the 2nd clarifier at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is the exact same estimate as the previous one with the change of the delivery time.

Mayor Tensen closed the regular session and opened the public hearing for the Riverview Estates property at 5:10 pm. Rick Stulz explained that the new plat for Riverview Estates and

the reason for the change to the plat. Lee Gunderson requested a copy of the new plat when finished for the Riverview Estates investment group records. Hearing no further comment Mayor Tensen closed the public hearing at 5:12 PM.

On motion by Councilman S. Tufto with a second by Councilman Lien to approve the Riverview Estates plat resolution. Voting in favor: Lien, S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Olson; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt and Bothun. Motion carries.

City Manager Tami Schuelke-Sampson Report

- A. The house located at 340 First Street is now up for auction/sale by United Country Real Estate. Tami has been in contact with INSPC to get a quote from them to put together a scope of work and to put it out for bids to move forward on the library/apartment building since we did not get the grant from the Minnesota Historical Society.
- B. In your packet is the form from DSI from December 31, 2017 that shows the money has been spent. This will be their last update.
- C. The liquor committee met and the bank balance increased \$8,296 in 2017 for the liquor store. After the audit is received, the liquor committee and council will have to have further discussion in regards to continuing the wind down process.
- D. 5 women and 13 men have applied for the Blandin leadership program. The goal is 40 applications with 20 men and 20 women. The application deadline is February 12th. If you want further information let me know since I have packets available. Schuelke-Sampson will be applying for this opportunity.

Hearing no other news, Mayor Tensen asked for a motion to adjourn the council meeting. On a motion made by Councilman Lien with a second by Councilman Olson to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor: Lien, S. Tufto, A. Tufto and Olson; voting against: none; absent: Prestholdt and Bothun. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

