

Dawson City Council Minutes
February 1st, 2022
5:00 p.m.

The Dawson City Council met in regular session Tuesday, February 1st, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Dawson City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting was also available via Zoom.

Councilpersons present: Jeff Fish, Jeff Olson, Vince Adelman, Dean Petersen, Charlie Prestholdt and Councilman Steve Tufto. Also Present: Mayor Randy Tensen, Acting City Manager Jill Kemen, Deputy Clerk Kristin Daline, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collins, Public Works Supervisor Colin Lee, Maintenance 1 Aaron Tufto, Maintenance 1 Nick Vorvick, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Duane Hastad, Mike Cagley, Terry Anderson, Fire Chief Brian Hersom, Deb Farmen, Tanya Thesing, Peggy Crosby, Dave Pederson, Jim Prestholdt, Dave Hickey, Ben Bothun, County Engineer Sam Muntean and County Chris Pauly and Lowell and Dawn Tyler. City Engineer Jeff Kuhn and Dave Falness joined via Zoom.

Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tensen announced that the meeting will need to be done by 6:00 pm for the Republican Caucus.

Councilman Prestholdt motioned to approve the agenda with a second from Councilman Tufto. Voting in favor Councilman Petersen, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Fish, Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Tufto. Against: None. Motion Passed.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve consent agenda items, January 18th Council Meeting Minutes and January financials and 4th Quarter Reports, with a second from Councilman Petersen. Voting in favor Councilman Petersen, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Fish, Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Tufto. Against: None. Motion Passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Tensen opened the 10 minute public forum at 5:01 pm. Hearing nothing, Mayor Tensen closed the 10 minute public forum at 5:02 pm.

Mayor Tensen opened the regular meeting at 5:02 pm.

Reports of officers, boards, and committees

The Road and Bridge/SRTS Committee Meeting minutes were provided at the meeting. Kemen spoke about what was talked about at the meeting, and City Engineer Jeff Kuhn was available via Zoom for questions. Representatives from AGP, the Rail Road Authority, Dawson-Boyd School and Jeff Kuhn attended the meeting. Kuhn will continue to look at different options with possibly moving the rail or the street to accommodate the SRTS sidewalk along Lincoln Place and the cost to do so. This is an ongoing conversation as information develops.

The Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting minutes were provided at the meeting. Kuhn has been looking at different options for the sewer on Main Street. The sewer line has been televised and could be re-lined. The issue with this is the City still has an old line that is in the alley. This makes it difficult for future fixes by having to work around the utilities located above and below ground. He feels it would be in the City's best interest to move the sewer line out of the alleys and into 6th Street. On motion by Councilman Olson and a second from Councilman Adelman to move the sewer line to 6th

Street. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen and Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Tufto. Against: None. Motion passed.

Public Work Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

Collins gave a brief update on the water leak at the Library. The leak has been fixed and is no longer leaking into the basement. The skid loader will be delivered by the end of this week.

Interim City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

The EDA has renewed the contract to continue with CEDA. Sarah Weese will be here on Tuesdays. It was decided to remove the UMRDC from the administration process and listing Dawson and a designated economic developer of choice. Sarah has put together a grant that would help businesses fix up the outside of their buildings to help customers find entrances better.

Kemen said that the City is looking for Election Judges. If anyone knows of an individual who might be interested, please let Jill know.

Parallel Parking discussion

Jim Prestholdt addressed the Council about his concerns with parallel parking on 6th Street. Prestholdt said he is not convinced with the traffic number count in 2016. He feels with the population diminishing that the count today would be much less and asked what it would take to have it recounted, and if this would delay Phase 2. He feels that by going parallel parking, businesses will struggle more than they are today. Fixing the back parking lots would help a lot.

County Engineer Sam Muntean addressed the Council to explain why the City has to go parallel parking. Muntean provided a letter to the Council which was included in the packet that explained it well. Since State Aid funds would be used for a portion of the project the County is required to meet State Aid Standards. The standards for street width depends on traffic level and speed. Muntean said that traffic count has been about 3,000 vehicles a day since 2004. The lane must be 10 feet wide, and for 45 degree diagonal parking the parking stall must be 20 feet and there must be 14 foot distance between the land and the parking stall. Based on the fact that the street is only 59 feet wide, the only option that meets standard is parallel parking on both sides of the street. The city would have 3 options. 1. Change to parallel parking on both sides of the street. 2. Apply for a variance with State Aid. 3. The city could pay the full cost of the work from Spruce Street to the railroad tracks so that State Aid rules would not apply. Discussion was had about getting a variance. The application would have to be made to State Aid by early March justifying why a variance from State Aid rules is needed and how it could be done safely. The variance committee would meet the end of March and make a final decision. The city would first have to pass the resolution to go parallel parking on both sides to keep the project moving forward. Muntean said if State Aid approved the variance, it would be for parallel on one side and angled parking on the other.

Ordinances and Resolutions

A resolution for State Aid Parallel Parking was presented. The resolution states that State Aid funding will be used, and standards will be met. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Fish to approve the resolution for 6th Street to go to parallel parking to meet the standards of receiving State Aid funding. Voting in favor Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman

Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: None. Against: None. Motion Passed.

On motion Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Petersen to apply for a variance with State Aid to consider parallel parking on one side and angled parking on the other side of 6th Street. Voting in favor Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: None. Against: None. Motion Passed.

A resolution was presented regarding the right of way encroachment of the garage located at 1017 Pine Street. Kemen said that the resolution was necessary for the lender, but if the garage was ever damaged or removed the city would not allow another structure in the right of way. On motion by Councilman Olson with a second from Councilman Petersen to approve the resolution for 1017 Pine Street. Voting in favor Councilman Petersen, Councilman Fish, Councilman Adelman, Councilman Olson, Councilman Tufto and Councilman Prestholdt. Absent: None. Against: None. Motion Passed.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

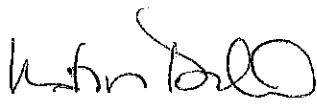
Miscellaneous Announcements

The next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, February 15th, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

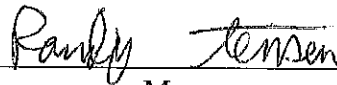
Adjourn Meeting

Hearing nothing else, on motion by Councilman Olson with a second by Councilman Tufto to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor Councilman Adelman, Councilman Fish, Councilman Olson, Councilman Petersen, Councilman Prestholdt and Councilman Tufto. Against: None. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.



Deputy City Clerk



Mayor