

Dawson City Council
February 21st, 2023
5:30 pm

Councilpersons present: Charlie Prestholdt, Jake Bothun, David Hansen and Jeff Olson.
Absent: JT Schacherer, Vince Adelman joined via Zoom. Others present: Mayor Randy Tensen, City Manager Jill Kemen, City Clerk Kristin Daline, City Attorney Rick Stulz, Kevin Lindblad Dan with Ehlers via Teams, Burt Faehn, Randy and Jody Moseng with Livestock Systems, Corey Reiffenberger with LQP Co-op, Tony Aafedt, Ben Bothun, Adam Lund, Public Works Superintendent Colin Lee and Lee Gunderson.

Mayor Tensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Prestholdt motioned to approve the agenda with a second from Councilman Olson. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Olson. Absent: Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Against: none. Motion passed.

Councilman Olson motioned to approve consent agenda item 4, February 7th Council Meeting Minutes with a second from Councilman Bothun. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Bothun, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Olson. Absent: Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Against: none. Motion passed.

10 Minute Public Forum

Mayor Tensen opened the 10-minute public forum at 5:31 pm. Hearing nothing, Mayor Tensen closed the 10-minute public forum at 5:31 pm.

Reports of officers, boards and committees

The Arts & Education committee met in the library mezzanine to discuss the lighting situation. As it gets darker in the evening, the poor lighting makes it difficult to hold classes or discussions. Otter Tail will be contacted to see what there is for options and rebates to improve the lighting. Deb Lanthier, Librarian showed the committee extra shelving units/furniture she would like gone. Jill said the part-time help can help arrange the furniture so it can be numbered. Deb will put an ad in the paper for a sealed bid auction. The library has a surplus of books that will be sold to thrift books. Councilman David Hansen is the new City of Dawson representative for the Pioneerland Library Board. Deb will come up with a proposal for new books she would like to purchase. New books will be purchased with Library memorial funds.

Public Works Superintendent Kurt Collin's Report

Colin Lee said the city crew is preparing for the snow storm getting equipment ready.

City Manager Jill Kemen's Report

Community Coffee was held this morning with a handful of people in attendance asking questions as a round table forum. Topics included the new development off of Ash Street, housing and utility rate increases. The city office got set up with new computers today.

Old Business

Discussion on street vacation on N. 6th St. East between Oak Street and Johnson Street. Corey Reiffenberger from the LqP Co-op presented a generic footprint of the layout for a visual which showed potentially moving the diesel pumps to the West side of the building to open up the gas

pumps and make it easier for semis to get around. Corey said the Co-op has been in business for 98 years, and the improvements would be an investment in the community. Tony Aafedt was present representing the school and said the school is ok with vacating the street. Maintaining the street will be the responsibility of the Co-op and Livestock Systems. Councilman Prestholdt mentioned that the Co-op does not have to build at their current location. They could look outside city limits, which they have done. This would not be good for the city. Councilman Hansen moved to bring the discussion to a motion, with a second from Councilman Bothun. Councilman Prestholdt motioned to vacate N. 6th St. East between Oak Street and Johnson St. with a second from Councilman Hansen. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Bothun and Councilman Hansen. Against: Councilman Olson due to the public's interest of the street. Absent: Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Motion passed.

New Business

Dan with Ehlers joined Council via Teams to present sale day results for Bond 2023A, water meters. The bid was sent to five banks, United Prairie, Old National, Dawson Co-op Credit Union, Minnwest Bank and FM Bank. The city received one bid from United Prairie Bank with an interest rate of 3.58%. Dan mentioned the rate was consistent to what has been seen in the marketplace recently. There is no penalty for an early payoff. Mayor Tensen said he is impressed with the interest rate. Councilman Adelman agreed and said to go ahead with it after contacting multiple agencies. On motion from Councilman Prestholdt with a second from Councilman Olson to accept the bid from United Prairie Bank. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Bothun and Councilman Olson. Councilman Hansen abstained. Against: none. Absent: Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Motion passed.

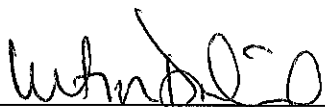
Miscellaneous Announcements

The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, March 7th at 5:30 pm.

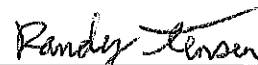
Upcoming committee meetings: Above Ground Construction has been rescheduled to March 2nd at 4pm, Funding Friday, February 24th, Enterprise Monday, February 27th to review W/WW rates. There will be a Council Work Session Thursday, March 2nd at 5:30 pm. Full Council will hear the new utility rates. No action will be taken at that meeting.

Hearing nothing else, on motion by Councilman Bothun with a second from Councilman Hansen to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor Councilman Prestholdt, Councilman Olson, Councilman Hansen and Councilman Bothun. Absent: Councilman Schacherer and Councilman Adelman. Against: None. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.



Kristin Daline, City Clerk



Randy Tensen, Mayor