

June 6, 2016

Mayor Jeremy Nunes convened the regularly scheduled meeting of the Dawson Village Board with the Pledge of Allegiance, at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees present were Joan Davis, Jake Byerline, Josh Blakeman, Nancy Prytherch, John Reilly and Robin Ashton-Hale. Also present were Mayor Jeremy Nunes, Clerk Pat Curry, Water Superintendent Charlie Abbott, Engineer Kevin Kuhn and Treasurer Shelly Farley.

Josh Blakeman made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Nancy Prytherch MC
 Josh Blakeman made a motion to pay the bills, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale MC

Treasurer's Report: Shelly Farley presented year to date reports to the board, detailing what each report indicated.

New Business:

- A. 311 Ledlie Tree Removal Bids: Mayor Nunes announced he would open the sealed bids for taking down the large cottonwood tree leaning over the street and power lines near 311 Ledlie Street. Sealed bids were submitted by Brown Storm Service: \$2,800.00, To the Top Tree Service: \$1,800.00 and Lawn & Tree Wurrx: \$2,600.00. John Reilly made a motion to award the contract to 'To the Top Tree Service' for \$1,800.00, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC.
- B. Firefighters Organization Donation: Mike Abbott appeared before the board to present a \$1,000.00 donation to the village toward the purchase of a new LED sign, which is used by the Fire Fighters Organization to advertise upcoming fund raisers. He went on to give information to the board regarding the benefits to the village residents provided by the firefighters, including one of the lowest ISO ratings for such a small community, which translates to lower insurance rates.

Engineer's Report:

Kevin Kuhn said the contract had been submitted for road work. Charlie said there has been some rock delivered across from the elevator.

Building Permits:

Chris Brockman submitted an application for a room addition. He was granted a building permit for \$100.00.

Old Business:

- A. Welcome sign purchase: Mayor Nunes presented information on LED signs provided by ACE Sign Co: 1'5"x8'3" - one color-\$12,000.00 and Cole Schaive (IllumenX): 4'x7'-full color-\$10,920.00. Cole Schaive appeared before the board to provide information and answer questions. John Reilly made a motion to purchase a 4'x7' full color LED sign from IllumenX for \$10,920.00, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC. Mr. Schaive explained he would supply a laptop plus apps, with software and training for using the sign. Attorney Steve Scott told Mr. Schaive to put a warranty in the contract and also information about the manufacturer in Oklahoma.
- B. Water System Improvements: Charlie said the motor in well #3 must be replace. He has a quote for \$1,029.00 from U.S. Bluebook. Nancy Prytherch made a motion to approve the purchase of a motor for \$1,029.00, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC Charlie also said he would like to put a flush hydrant at the water tower, so the town wouldn't have to be shut down to flush the line. He will provide more information later.

Trustee's Report:

- A. Reilly/Blakeman: Electronic Ordinances-John finalized the most recent electronic ordinances.
- B. Blakeman: Library Donation-Josh would like to give \$50.00 to the library, who had previously requested donations. It was noted that Dawson is the only town that didn't donate \$100.00. Josh Blakeman made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the library, with a second by John Reilly. MC
- C. Nancy Prytherch reported the document shredding has been completed.

Attorney's Report:

- A. Plat Officer: Attorney Scott presented 2016 VOD 007, which establishes the position of Plat Officer for the village. Josh Blakeman made a motion to approve 2016 VOD 007: Plat Officer Policy, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC
- B. Budget Appropriation: this will be addressed at the July 5th meeting.
- C. Identity Protection Policy: Attorney Scott distributed chapter #9 for the ordinance books. This is an ID protection policy.
- D. Attorney Scott said the village is required to renew the prevailing wage ordinance yearly, there have been no changes. Joan Davis made a motion to approve the renewal of the Prevailing Wage Ordinance, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC
- E. 101 Ledlie Ordinance Violations-Actions to Take: Attorney Scott asked what the problems are.

Mayor Nunes presented a number of photos showing, a washing machine in the yard; the improperly attached skirting; a stack of metal; weeds and brush. Attorney Scott will send a final notice letter to Mr. Jerome.

- F. Zoning Board Appointments: Attorney Scott said the village needs to have a planning commission in place. There should be 7 members who would serve 5-year terms. The Zoning Board of Appeals also has 7 members who serve for 5 years. Both the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals may be the same people. The primary function of the Zoning Board of Appeals is to review applications for zoning, then present their recommendation to the Village Board for approval. Tony McLaughlin volunteered to sit on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Charlie Abbott agreed to remain on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Nunes said he had spoken to Connie Tozer who also agreed to sit on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He asked for board approval for appointing these three members. Jake Byerline made a motion to approve the appointment of Tony McLaughlin, Charlie Abbott and Connie Tozer to serve a 5 year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC Mayor Nunes will appoint the four remaining members in July.

Mayor's Report:

- A. Electric Aggregation: The County's consultant still believes there is no guaranteed savings to switch from Ameren's price. The consultant only gets paid if we switch from Ameren's price, so I certainly believe him. There have been some phone calls and door to door solicitations for another aggregation group, but the savings are not there, although residents may sign with them if they choose.
- B. Flood Wall: The information Congressman LaHood requested has been submitted to his office. We hope for an update next month.
- C. Wandering Trails/Strawberry Lane Extension: A couple more people indicated they had no interest. The village received 8 responses to the survey that was mailed out to around 54 people, and only 3 were interested. Charlie said the village paid \$21,000.00 for a permit to Strawberry Lane several years ago. We can have the engineer renew and update that. If we put in 500 feet of pipe, it will show intent and allow us to stay eligible. Kevin will look into next steps.
- D. Recycling Bins: Waste Management has located larger bins and is cleaning them up.
- E. Tornado Sirens: The park siren is installed and does work by manual switch, but its radio controls need to be replaced as well as those at the lift station. Pricing for a pole at the lift station and the radio controls should come soon, with installation shortly thereafter.
- F. Community Watch: Sheriff Wes Barr will meet with residents to discuss a new neighborhood watch program on Thursday, June 16th at 6:30 pm in the firehouse.
- G. Security Cameras: The board approved purchase of a new security system at the park. The company originally chosen wanted a contract with irrelevant items on it which they refused to remove. Our attorney was concerned about those items, so we went with a different company. The cost will be a little less and it will be installed soon.
- H. Animal Control Contract: The annual animal control contract has been renewed. The first year Mayor Nunes was in office 13 dogs were picked up. There were 9 picked up last year. This year there have been only 3. So, our stricter ordinances with fines, and willingness to send dogs to the pound, seems to have helped alleviate the dog problem.
- I. Baseball Field Improvements: There was a miscommunication at the last meeting. The board approved \$2,125.00 for fencing but that was only the cost of the backstop. There is an additional cost of \$1,580.00 for the side lines. Dee and his crew did some work on the back stop, and he says it will be good for a couple more years. We replaced the sideline fence. Discussion ensued on how safe the backstop may truly be. Jake will look at the fencing where it is curled at the bottom. The board will revisit this next month.
- J. Comprehensive Plan: Mayor Nunes distributed booklets outlining a comprehensive plan for the Village of Dawson. Some discussion followed. The zoning board will review and vote to approve the plan. Once the zoning board approves, the village board will vote to approve.
- K. Repair & Citizen Committee Gift: Brad Rushing has done volunteer repair work at the park concession stand. Mayor Nunes asked for approval to purchase \$25.00 gift cards for Brad and the 4 members of the Citizens Committee who helped with research and attended several meetings for the Comprehensive Plan. Robin Ashton made a motion to approve purchase of \$25.00 gift cards for the 5 individuals, with a second by Joan Davis. MC
- L. Mosquito Protection Agreement: Scott planned to test for the mosquito license. I asked Dee to get licensed so he could spray before he retired, but he declined. So, I worked with Riverton to get an Intergovernmental Agreement in place to have them spray for mosquitos when we need them to, in case Scott didn't pass. After we discussed this agreement with the crew, Dee then agreed to test for the mosquito license. Dee passed his license test. Scott didn't the first time, but can retest any-time. The cost for Riverton to spray would be \$150.00 per hour and \$37.50 each quarter hour after that. That would include the chemicals, equipment and insurance. That would be used only if we don't have anyone licensed once Dee retires. Jake made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Riverton for mosquito spraying, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC
- M. Sidewalk Installation: Sidewalks that most need to be repaired are from Ross north to across from

the park on Ledlie, and Constant north from Ross. Mayor Nunes said he had two quotes. One for \$28,000.00 and a second one for \$65,000.00. He will put out new bid requests, since it appears there isn't clarity on what's being bid.

- N. Town Improvement Spirit Contest: Mayor Nunes said this would be similar to the Christmas Lighting Contest, to kind of beautify the town a little. This is a program used in many towns already. It would be judged on total improvement. Prizes would be #1. \$150.00, #2. \$100.00 and #3 \$50.00. A deadline to complete the contest would be around Labor Day 2016. Robin Ashton made a motion to conduct a Town Improvement Spirit Contest with cash prizes of \$150.00; \$100.00 and \$50.00, with a second by Josh Blakeman. Nancy Prytherch: Yes, John Reilly: Yes, Robin Ashton-Hale: Yes, Joan Davis: No, Jake Byerline: Yes, Josh Blakeman: Yes. MC Shelly said she the yellow looks good on the backstop at the baseball diamond. She would like to suggest continuing improvements with a flag pole at center field with a stone base and flower bed. Mayor Nunes said we would look into it.
- O. Review of Executive Session minutes: Steve Scott said these minutes would need reviewed in executive session. Mayor Nunes asked for a motion to go into executive session. Nancy Prytherch made a motion to go into executive session, with a second by Josh Blakeman. MC After returning to the regular meeting, Joan Davis made a motion to approve the executive session minutes, with a second by John Reilly. MC
- P. Staff Salary & Evaluation Review:
After returning to the regular meeting session John Reilly made a motion to approve what was recommended in executive session, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC

Adjourned 9:45 p.m.

