

**MINUTES FOR DAWSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING****AUGUST 12 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.****114 N. MAIN ST. DAWSON, TX 76639**

- Mayor Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- Council present were Mayor Stephen Sanders, Darrell Stevenson, Doug Woods, Christian Martinez and Chuck Raines
- The employee present were Chris Foley Amber Mixon
- Citizens Present at meeting were Michelle Mills, County Commissioner Eddie Moore, Lance Dubose, Emily w/ Navarro Chronicle, Susan Seago King, Bill Bevens, Jerry Pierce and Benjamin Malone, Vicky Pierce, Brittany Ortiz and Fernando Zavala, Jerry Williams, and Thomas Prator.
- Meeting opened with prayer and pledge of allegiance
- Cafe to be open Jamie Dudik TABLED
- Brittany Ortiz discussed opening up a Donut Shop in the Old Apartment Building on 709, Christian made a motion to approve, Darrell second the motion all in favor motion passed.
- Lance Dubose discussed water drainage, debris in ditches, contamination of water, culvert issues on roadway, safety of children walking and cars driving the road not being safe for them. There has been an engineer brought in to look at this project, waiting on the engineer to survey and send in the estimate of the Project.
- Jeremy Williams spoke about road repair on 10<sup>th</sup> St in front Mrs. Faucett home, discussion has been ongoing w/ Eddie Moore for the project, 2 part process to check the roads underneath, and the cost is to be \$6800.00 Darrell made a motion to approve the project, Doug second the motion all in favor motion passed.
- No chicken issues discussed Cindy Woodard TABLED
- Susan Seago King discussed the Bicentennial & Class of 1976 and the time capsule and the opening of the time capsule at their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion in 2026, discussed the City of Dawson planning celebration, V.Pierce spoke about there are plans being in motion for this- Dawg Days has started planning for these festivities.
- Jerry Pierce spoke about the Mason Lodge and brought information of emails and all written discussions with the lawyers in Waco for the Mason Lodge and what is missing for the purchase, this is also the reason that the Laundromat is not open. Jerry Pierce also spoke about the Pavilion that he is working on and has formally invited anyone to come look at the area.
- Mayor Sanders said that Sykora is getting better and on track to come back- no set date at this time.
- Chris Foley gave the Water Sewer Report, 130 Radio Read Meters have been installed

- The new Water Rates are going into effect October 1, 2025, Corsicana is going up Darrell made a motion to approve, Chuck second all in favor motion passed.
- Council discussed the contract for Post Oak Sud and that Section 4.03C page 6, Christian made a motion to keep the verbiage and to counter the terms from 5 yr to 3yr contract, Doug second the motion all in favor motion passed.
- Mayor read the Court Collections \$4,761.20, City \$3,109.81 and State \$1,651.39
- Council discussed and acted upon approving the minutes for July 8, 2025. Darrell made motion to approve the minutes, Doug second the motion, all in favor motion passed
- Council discussed and Acted on Approving the General Fund, discussed the 6570. MC Technology Fund paying back the General Fund 4020.46 the annual bill was paid out of the wrong Acct in July...won't reflect the July P/L but will reflect in August, spoke about the 6070. TML insurance property being paid in July and the TML health insurance being paid for JUNE & JULY, discussed the 6095. Quarterly fee of Municipal Court Fines to the State, and discussed the 6566. MC Payroll that had David in that category and it has been fixed 6120. Professional fees Anderson for audit, and Blackwell paying monthly fee for training. Darrell made motion to approve July 2025 General Fund Financial Report, Christian second, all in favor motion passed
- Council discussed the Water/ Sewer Financial Report, the transfer of 9247.93 into the WSS fund acct from the Bank Drafts that were put in the wrong acct and paperwork to back this transfer up, Gross Profit would 36268.93, Net Income -2603.29, 6071. Health insurance was paid for 2 months normal 2327 a month, 6095. Lab Sample Fees was for 2 months also, 1004 on the new P/L sheet, 6120. Professional Fees Anderson Marx-audit fees and 2200.00 for the sewer plant study, 6130. 3055 B.Mitchell working on the leak at the creek. Darrell made motion to approve, Doug second, All in favor motion passed
- Council discussed Paying the Bills on time, Christian made a motion, Darrell second, All in favor motion passed

**Council discussed to Leave Old Business at this time: Will address it at next meeting in September 2025.**

#### OLD BUSINESS

- DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT UPON THE CITY PAYING THE MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY AND WATER FOR SCHOOL SIGN ON HIGHWAY 31. (CHRIS FOLEY)
- DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT UPON APPROVING \$7,140.50 FOR A 96" X 50' CULVERT TO REPAIR CREEK ON S. 1<sup>ST</sup> WEST.
- DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT UPON JILL DURAM INSTALLING A BLESSING BOX DOWNTOWN. (JILL DURAM)

- DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT UPON APPROVING BUSINESS ON HIGHWAY 31 NEXT TO DOLLAR STORE. (SHARON SEETON)
- DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT UPON GOING TO QUICKBOOKS ONLINE FROM QUICKBOOKS DESKTOP (CHRIS)
- DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT UPON DOING AWAY WITH WATER PAYMENT BANK DRAFTS AS IT IS NOW OFFERED THRU NEXBILL.

Before Executive Session: Comments from Citizens:

Bill Bevins Real Estate Broker in Dawson spoke about Short Term Rental Ordinance that could bring in Revenue for the City of Dawson, was directed to call the City and be put on the Agenda for September 2025.

Vicki Pierce spoke about the Dawg Days for July 4, 2026, Halloween movie in the Park, and Christmas in the Park 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in December, annual Park days in October and reserving the park for this, City using the Website for the Bond Money for the Balance for public knowledge- possibility, Could we get a volunteer to get a grant writer for bonds for the sewer lines to be moved


Eddie Moore, got up to give an update for the Box Culvert on W/N/S 1<sup>st</sup> st, and getting asphalt from companies that aren't backed up, his team knows what needs to be done, will be getting w/ the engineer to get the info to E.Moore.... 10<sup>th</sup> st wanting some of the gravel to be brought back up, his suggestion is to FLAG anything you see and call 811 for them to come out.

Executive Session at 7:26p Came out at 7:43p, No Action Taken

Comments from Council: City in the PHI membership \$65 for the entire household, give the city the money and 1 ck will be written from the General Fund Acct, Mayor and Darrell have paid

Doug Discussed: Fire Dept on the Water Bill \$2.00 about 250-800 people that opt into, that is the gas and they operate on what is given to them from the city, this was set in place 25 years ago, will be putting it on the agenda to increase it by \$5.00, put on the agenda to be voted

Mayor Stephen Sanders



City Secretary Amber Mixon

