

DANUBE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2012 7:00 PM
Danube City Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on February 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gene Alex presiding.

The following Councilmembers were present: Ryan Bentley, Dave Maurice, Phil Standfuss, and Al Strunc.

Councilmembers absent: none

Others Present: AFLAC Representative Chuck Ridler and his district coordinator Dave, Chief of Police Les Schneider, City Clerk-Treasurer Sara Wilson, and media.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda – please see notes to agenda items below

The following items are considered routine or non-controversial by the Council and will be approved with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member, city staff or citizen so requests, in which case the item (s) will be removed from the consent agenda and be considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 11, 2012
2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 25, 2012
3. Approve door open between Community Center and Millers on Main for:
 - February 23 – Legion Annual Meeting

AFLAC

Chuck Ridler of AFLAC, and his district coordinator, Dave, were present to ask council permission to approach the City employees about purchasing supplemental insurance from AFLAC. Chuck explained that there is no cost to the City other than a small administrative expense for the City Clerk to take deductions from employee paychecks and to pay the monthly premiums to AFLAC after they've been deducted from the paychecks. The policy premiums would be deducted, pre-tax, from any enrolled employees' paychecks. AFLAC is an employee paid program.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to allow the AFLAC representatives to speak to City Employees. The motion carried.

Employee Report – Chief of Police

Chief of Police Les Schneider was present to give his monthly employee and department report. January 2012 Danube Police Department statistics were down 10 calls from January 2011 and were as follows: 45 calls, 24 reports, 26 traffic stops, 9 citations, 29 mutual assists, and 4 home security checks.

Schneider reported:

- There are activities in the school building 5-6 days each week through March.
- The Tri-Valley director will be returning mid February.
- He completed his annual POST Board policy mandates last month and updated the council on the ARMER radio project, stating the county received a \$480,000 grant to buy radios.
- He assisted with the water/waste water department while Public Works Director Dan Kaufenberg was gone for a few days.
- He recommends passing the Joint Powers Resolution requested by the BCA and signing the Joint Powers Agreement and Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment. He said the Police Department laptop can't be used without it.

Schneider requested permission to attend the annual MCPA ETI Training Conference in St. Cloud April 23-26.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to allow Chief Schneider to attend the ETI conference in St. Cloud April 23-26. The motion carried

Schneider reported that the Danube First Responders had their annual meeting and CPR recertification the end of January. Schneider was re-elected as First Response Director. Long time member Jean Voelz gave her resignation after 18 years of service, leaving 12 members with the Danube First Response.

Employee Report – Public Works Director

In the council packets, councilmembers received a monthly report for Public Works Director Dan Kaufenberg. The report is hereby attached.

Councilmember Strunc requested that when Kaufenberg attends the MN Rural Water Conference, he investigates solutions to the request water main break problem. Strunc suggested the possibility of liners rather than digging up water lines.

Councilmember Strunc also inquired about the water line break at Pump House 2 and requested a solution to that. He asked if there is an electric heater in the pump house. Kaufenberg will have to answer that question.

Community Center Updates

Review Rental Rates – At the January council meeting, Councilmember Strunc requested that the council review the rental rates for the Community Center. Strunc recommended that rental rates for City of Danube residents remain as they are at \$50 for half of the hall and \$100 for the entire hall and to double the rates for out of town residents. Discussion also took place regarding the rate per hour charged for the custodian to clean up after an event. The charge is currently \$15 per hour if the renter chooses to hire the City’s custodian.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to increase Community Center rental rates for non-city residents to \$100 for half of the hall and \$200 for the entire hall, and to increase the hourly cleaning rate charged to \$20 per hour. Rental rates for City of Danube residents will remain the same at \$50 for half of the hall and \$100 for the entire hall. The motion carried.

School Building Updates

Councilmember Strunc asked the Clerk to hold the check to West Central Roofing because part of the work was left unfinished.

Councilmember Maurice noted that some ceiling tiles in the school building need to be replaced and painting needs to be done in the cafeteria and around the exit signs in the gym.

Financial Reports

The council reviewed the actual vs. budget comparison report, the receipts list, claims list and cash balance report. Councilmember Strunc asked why there is a portion of the savings account set aside in a sewer operating portion. Clerk Wilson said she’d need to look back to find the answer, as it was set that way when she started. Strunc also asked if the garbage fund can be removed and transferred to the general fund and Wilson said she’d check with the auditor.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$37,413.76. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Employee Evaluations were given at a special meeting on January 25, 2012. The results were as follows:

<i>Les Schneider</i>	<i>increase of \$1240 per year; new salary \$47,000</i>
<i>Dan Hotovec</i>	<i>50 cent raise to \$14.21/hour</i>
<i>Marcel Krueger</i>	<i>50 cent raise to \$12.18/hour</i>
<i>Dan Kaufenberg</i>	<i>\$1.60 raise to \$19.00/hour</i>
<i>Sara Wilson</i>	<i>\$1.00 raise to \$14.40/hour</i>
<i>Randy Grunke</i>	<i>\$1.00 raise to \$11.00/hour</i>

BCA Request

In response to a letter the Clerk received from the BCA that stated that the City's Prosecuting Attorney, Aaron Walton, has requested a new service (eCharging), the council was requested to pass a Joint Powers resolution and permission for the Mayor and Clerk to sign a BCA Joint Powers Agreement and a Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment. As stated previously in the minutes, Chief of Police Les Schneider recommended cooperation with the BCA request.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the Joint Powers Resolution, Joint Powers Agreement and Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sara Wilson, City Clerk

Gene Alex, Mayor

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