

DANUBE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2013 7:00 PM
Danube City Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on April 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gene Alex presiding.

The following Councilmembers were present: Sharon Krogman, Dave Maurice, Phil Standfuss, and Al Strunc.

Councilmembers absent: none

Others Present: Auditor Sara Beavers, Chief of Police Les Schneider, City Clerk-Treasurer Sara Wilson, and media.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of County Recycling Grant and check from Tri-City Visionaries under new business. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Standfuss 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.

Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 13, 2013

Building Permit Application – 406 6th Street

2012 Audit Report

City Auditor Sara Beavers from Oberloh and Associates was present to go over the 2012 audit report and answer any questions. The audit report is available for viewing in the City-Clerk's Office.

Discussion took place on paying off the Community Center loan.

Councilmember Dave Maurice moved and Councilmember Phil Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the 2012 audit report as presented by Sara Beavers of Oberloh & Associates. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum - none

Employee Report – Chief of Police

Chief of Police Les Schneider was present to give his monthly employee and Police Department report. Statistics for March 2013 were higher than last year at the same time with 57 calls, 29 reports, 25 traffic stops, 12 citations, 22 mutual assists and 3 home security checks.

This is the first month in 2013 that calls have increased from the previous year.

Police Department Office Computer - A new printer was installed in the police department. A different monitor may be purchased in the future because the current one is small.

School Building – The ice is pretty much gone on the school roof and the building is being watched for leaks. Dance and Volleyball is still taking place at the school.

Police Department window got broke from a falling ice chunk. It's boarded up and secure right now and will be replaced.

Continuing Education – everyone on the department will be trained in use of force.

Dog Confiscated - upon answering a daytime dog complaint, Les found that a dog wasn't being fed or taken care of so he took the dog to the pound. The dog has been returned and the owner has been spoken to about the condition of the dog and advised that the dog will be taken if it's not cared for.

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 moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to authorize Kaufenberg to do necessary maintenance on boiler system. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to have Kaufenberg get a quote from H & H Contracting and another company to do all recommended repairs on the watertower. The motion carried unanimously. They would like the quote broke out into sections so they can defer parts of the repairs to future years if needed.

Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to have Lauritsen jet the storm lines.

The council requests that Kaufenberg comes to the next meeting with a suggestion on what spots on the streets need patching the worst and with quotes on those repairs. They'd like Kaufenberg to go around with Glieden to determine what needs to be done and how much it will cost. They would also like a quote on seal coating the streets that need it the most. The thought is that in

light of the money that will need to be spent on the water tower, the streets may have to take a back seat.

School Building Updates

The council will look at west facing windows on the school at the next council meeting.

The Tri-Valley lease increases annually in April by the CPI each year. The new lease payment amount was received this month.

Community Center Updates

The tables at the Community Center have been beat up and broken over the years. Mayor Allex suggested talking to the council about replacing some of them and then taking the older tables down to the school building for use there.

City of Renville replaced their tables a few years ago with plastic tables from Sam's Club at a cost of just under \$50 each.

At the next meeting the council will look at the tables and chairs at the Community Center. The Clerk will talk to Randy about the needs also.

Unfinished Business

The bathroom floors are done and look great!

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$23,628.44. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Center Loan payoff

The loan balance on the Community Center is \$66,000.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to pay off the Community Center Loan with the money from the debt service fund. The motion carried unanimously.

Estimate to clean & paint inside of City Office Building

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to accept the estimate from Mary Agre to paint and clean the inside of the City Office Building for an estimated price of \$1,000 for labor. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution to support legislation authorizing the establishment of municipal improvement districts

The resolution failed due to lack of interest.

Redwood County Environmental Office

The City received a letter from the Redwood County Environmental Office asking for participation in a 'Keep American Beautiful' recycling opportunity in our City Parks. They would like to apply for a grant to purchase recycling containers and need to know if the City of Danube is interested and how many containers would be placed. The council is interested and Clerk Wilson will contact the proper person.

Check from Tri-City Visionaries

The City of Danube received a check for \$114.57 from Tri-City Visionaries. There was a note stating that the organization is no longer active and the original intent was to promote local business.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to put a check in the amount of \$114.57 from Tri-City Visionaries in the EDA Checking Account. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sara Wilson, City Clerk

Gene Alex, Mayor

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