

DANUBE CITY COUNCIL
Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 27, 2016 6:00 PM
Danube City Council Chambers

A special meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on April 27, 2016 at 6:00 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: Rodney Black, City Engineer Lee Elfering, Public Works Director Dan Kaufenberg, City Clerk-Treasurer Dotty Schnobrich, and media.

Approval of Agenda

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

Water Tower

Lee Elfering spoke with the Councilmembers regarding the questions from the April 13, 2016 meeting that they had. Maguire Iron, Inc stated that they would allow for the City of Danube to remove the water tower demolition on the bid for \$30,000.00. The bid is as a two tone water tower, meaning two colors. There is no specification on where the change of color will be. Lee suggested that the City stay with the blue and white like the current water tower. Lee also recommended that the darker color be used on the stand pipe up to the bottom of the bowl of the new tower and do the lighter color on top. By using the darker color on the bottom mildew won't show as easy. The logo's on the bid is currently listed as being put on twice for \$1,000.00 a piece. Lee informed the Councilmembers that the new site at Oak Street and Freedom Lane is slightly higher than the current water tower site. Lee doesn't foresee that the City will save money on this difference but did send Maguire Iron, Inc an aerial of the new site. Maguire Iron, Inc did respond and thought that the cost would be about the same depending on the soil at that site. Lee informed the Councilmembers that Maguire Iron, Inc communicated that the steel prices are going up about \$0.16 a pound. They stated that if the City waited to rebid the water tower project that there would be an increase of about \$30,000.00 just for the steel price increase. Lee recommended that the new water tower remain at the same height as the current water tower to keep the pressure the same in town. The current water pressure does have a slight variance from East to West and the new water tower will have the same slight variance in pressure. Councilmember Strunc stated that the City of Danube would have no issue with blocking off Oak Street in front of where the water tower will be built so Maguire Iron, Inc could have more room to work. Councilmember Maurice stated that they also could block off part of Freedom Lane because people could drive through the parking lot of the one story apartment buildings to go around to access the second story apartments. Councilmember Standfuss stated that one of the advantages of the new site is there isn't a concern on moving electrical lines. Councilmember Strunc asked Lee when the new water tower is finished how does the existing

water tower get emptied once the new water tower is built on put online. Lee stated that when the new water tower is put on line you could draw from both towers to lower the old water tower and any remaining water would be dumped. Mayor Alex asked about the new controls for the water tower. He asked Dan if there was an amount of time that the company that makes the controls would need for the water tower. Lee stated that the timeline for the controls would not be an issue because the company would be able to get them done in time for the water tower. Lee informed the Councilmembers that the bid only consists of building the water tower and not the inspection costs while the water tower is being built. Lee estimated that the cost would be about \$60,000.00 for water tower inspection. The inspection does include a post inspection prior to the warranty expiring. Maguire Iron, Inc would get to Danube to start building in late summer or early fall. The painting will probably not get done until 2017. Lee estimated the time frame for building a new water tower about 3 to 4 months depending on the weather.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the bid for the water tower, with two colors, with two logos and demolition of the old water tower to be removed from Maguire Iron, Inc for \$467,000.00 with the new water tower to be built at 608 Oak Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to approve Lee Elfering to get bids for inspection costs for the water tower during the building process. The motion carried unanimously.

The Councilmembers discussed some possible colors on the water tower. A choice that was mentioned was dark blue and an almond or off white. Lee suggested a dark color because of the discoloration that could happen on the stand pipe and bottom of the bowl. The Councilmembers didn't make any decision at this time on the color choices and will discuss it at a regular Council Meeting in the future. Councilmember Strunc asked if there is any reason that the old water tower needs to be removed right away, it is a landmark and is there any reason that we need to pay someone \$15,000.00 to do it right away can we leave it for a couple of years. Mayor Alex asked if the water tower will deteriorate any more if they leave it up empty. Lee stated that it will continue to deteriorate standing up empty. Councilmember Maurice voiced that he didn't think we could find anyone else to take it down for \$15,000.00 at a future time. Councilmember Strunc thought that wasn't something we need to decide right now just that we should think about it. Mayor Alex asked if there was a time frame on the \$15,000.00 price quote. Councilmember stated that no but they would get started on removing once we were finished with it. Lee said that he could ask the contractor to supply a color chart for the Councilmembers to look at to decide the colors of the new water tower. Mayor Alex asked about financing the new water tower. Lee stated that you pay for it as they go. As they incur expenses the City of Danube will pay the contractor.

Street Repairs

Councilmember Maurice asked Lee about the value to seal coating. Lee stated that if you keep up with seal coating it will extend the life of the road but if the road is too far gone then it will not benefit the road. Councilmember Strunc asked if there is a way for someone to come in with a grinder and checking the base at a cheaper cost or is it as expensive. Lee responded that the curbs are good so it would be cheaper than redoing the street and curbs completely. Councilmember Strunc had concerns about the base of the streets. Lee stated that the streets

were done in the 1970s and regardless you will get the dips in the streets over time. Lee recommended getting core samples from the streets and seeing what you have. Mayor Alex asked if the city looks at redoing the streets completely if we should look at the infrastructure should also be looked at the same time. Lee recommended that if you are going to redo the streets to look at the utilities also and do them all at the same time. The Councilmembers main concerns is should they seal coat the roads or is it a waste of money. Dan stated that to seal coat now would be a waste because the roads are to gone with cracks to benefit the streets. Dan said if seal coating would have been done every 5 years it would have helped but the streets have not been kept up. A rough estimate to have some come in and reclaim not milling the streets would be about \$7,500.00 per block. Dan met with Jeff Marlowe from the Renville County Highway Department and Jeff told him that the roads are too far gone for seal coating or even milling because the cracks would remain underneath and water would get in there and push up during the freezing and thawing process and wreck the milling that was done and overall would be a waste money. The Councilmembers discussed crack sealing. The last time crack sealing was done was over 10 years ago. Dan was asked to look at the roads and come back with some information if there is any crack sealing needed to be done on any streets along with an estimate.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Dotty Schnobrich, City Clerk

Gene Alex, Mayor

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