

DANUBE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2013 7:00 PM
Danube City Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on May 8, 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: Public Works Director Dan Kaufenberg, City Clerk-Treasurer Sara Wilson, and media.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Standfuss 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.

- Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 10, 2013
- Minutes of Board of Appeals & Equalization Meeting of April 10, 2013

Open Forum - none

Employee Report – Public Works Director

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

Kaufenberg received a quote from Minnesota Welding & Boiler Services to replace the boilers with a smaller, more efficient boiler. Repairs that need to be done right now would be approximately \$10,000. Burner units run \$20,000 for the old boiler. The boiler isn't being made anymore and parts are getting harder to find. The quote for a new boiler is just under \$50,000.

Kaufenberg will get more information on the proposed new boiler and also a second quote from another company.

Kaufenberg cannot get a hold of H & H Contracting regarding their earlier water tower inspection report and suggested repairs. The council would like to have Dan or Sara contact the League of MN Cities regarding KLM Engineering to see if there is anything known about their quality of work. They also want quotes from another company or two. The council wants a dry tank inspection done.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to have a dry tank inspection done by KLM Engineering at a cost of \$2,800, upon a good word from LMC. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to purchase new sand spreader equipment for the snowplow from Crysteel Truck Equipment at a cost of \$3,83.59, installed. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Maurice suggested contacting neighboring cities to possibly join together to get a better price on seal coating on the streets. Kaufenberg said the streets really got beat up over the winter and need air patching if that procedure is going to be used again.

Randy Grunke will help with extra summer maintenance again this summer.

Kaufenberg is getting quotes to take care of the weeds at the ponds that are getting worse every year.

Tour of City

Downtown sidewalks Dan will get quotes for the areas needing replacing.

204 Main Street Dan thinks the curb/gutter is a county responsibility because that is a county road.

West facing windows on school building The caulk around the west facing window was looked at. Nothing new will be done right now.

Community Center tables and chairs Randy Grunke provided a count of tables and chairs in the Community Center and the condition they are in. Strunc thinks the council should replace about 25 tables, keep the two big serving tables and take the ones that are still decent down to the school. Also, they need more chairs so they have 200 total chairs. Councilmembers Krogman and Strunc will take on the project.

Picnic tables Councilmember Strunc will get information on new picnic tables.

Employee Report – Chief of Police

Chief of Police Les Schneider was present to give his monthly employee and Police Department report. Statistics for April 2013 were higher than last year at the same time with 48 calls, 28 reports, 36 traffic stops, 10 citations, 30 mutual assists and 4 home security checks. Schneider's report is hereby attached.

Unfinished Business

Community Center Loan Last month the Community Center loan was paid off in the amount of \$66,976.40.

Financial Reports

The council reviewed the financial reports including actual vs. budget comparison, receipts list, claims list for approval and cash balance report.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$30,901.36. The motion carried unanimously.

Great Plains Natural Gas Franchise Agreement

The original franchise agreement was passed in 1987 with an initial term of 25 years. The council received a draft copy of a proposed ordinance to use to grant the franchise from the City of Danube to Great Plains Natural Gas.

The council would like LMC to look at the franchise agreement.

Insurance Renewal

It is the past practice of the Danube City Council to waive the monetary limits on tort liability established by Minnesota Statute 466.04.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to waive the monetary limits on tort liability established by Minnesota Statute 466.04, to the extent of the limits of the liability coverage obtained from LMCIT. The motion carried unanimously.

Renville County 10 Meeting

The City of Danube is tentatively scheduled to host the September 30, 2013 Renville County 10 Meeting at the Danube Community Center.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Signs

The City of Danube is now a Yellow Ribbon City and therefore has the opportunity to purchase Yellow Ribbon City signs to display at both ends of town on Highway 212. The cost of the digitally printed 30" x 18" signs is \$62.95 each and they have a life expectancy of 7 years.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Strunc seconded a motion to purchase 2 Yellow Ribbon City signs at a cost of \$62.95 each. The motion carried unanimously.

Wellhead Protection Plan

Dan and Sara have been working with MN Rural Water and the Department of Health to continue to develop the state mandated Wellhead Protection Plan. The plan will be written by MN Rural Water with input from Dan and Sara and any other interested parties. The council must officially appoint Dan and Sara as co-managers of the Wellhead Protection Plan in order to meet state requirements.

Councilmember Standfuss moved and Krogman seconded a motion to appoint Dan and Sara as co-managers of the Wellhead Protection Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondance

Councilmember Standfuss and Mayor Alex attended the last Renville County 10 Meeting and shared a little about the meeting with the rest of the council.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sara Wilson, City Clerk

Gene Alex, Mayor

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