

**DANUBE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 12, 2013 7:00 PM**  
**Danube City Council Chambers**

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on June 12, 2013 at 7:10 p.m. with Mayor Gene Alex presiding.

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

Councilmembers absent: Al Strunc

Others Present: CCFE President and CEO Craig Hebrink, Chief of Police Les Schneider, Part-Time Officer Matt Vatsaas, City Clerk-Treasurer Sara Wilson, and media.

**Approval of Agenda**

*Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to approve the Agenda, with the addition of “dog complaints and blighted property” under police business. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

*Councilmember Maurice 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 May 8, 2013
- Approve Liquor License for Firemen’s Keg Shoot on July 14, 2013
- Approve building permit for 205 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Approve building permit for 311 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

**CCFE Building Permit**

Craig Hebrink, President and CEO of Coop Country Farmers Elevator was present to answer any questions regarding the building permit application to build a crop nutrient storage and blending facility on the existing CCFE property on the east edge of Danube.

*Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the building permit application for CCFE. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Open Forum** – none

**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.

The council would like Kaufenberg to go ahead and have Danube Auto do a transmission flushed and filter changed in the plow truck.

*Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to approve the purchase of about 30 light covers for some rooms at the school for \$35 each. The motion carried unanimously.*

The council received 2 quotes to replace some sidewalks in town as outlined at the last meeting.

*Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to accept the estimate from RMK Construction to replace sidewalk. The motion carried unanimously.*

The council received a request to replace a drive over curb at a residence. This will be tabled until the next meeting so the council can look at the property. Randy Krueger came back with pictures later in the council meeting.

The council wants Maurice or Standfuss to go around with Kaufenberg to see what needs to be done on the streets so a definite plan can be put into action. They would like him to come to the next meeting.

The council wants Kaufenberg to go ahead and get the windows replaced in the shop and police department.

**Employee Report – Chief of Police**

Chief of Police Les Schneider was present to give his monthly employee and Police Department report. Statistics for May 2013 were higher than last year at the same time with 64 calls, 35 reports, 23 traffic stops, 8 citations, 34 mutual assists and 2 home security checks.

- The activity in the gym is minimal. Tri-Valley is starting June 17.
- Schneider received the annual MCPA Twins cards
- Schneider assisted with the Memorial Day Program and Parade
- Danube Fun Days planning is in the works
- Schneider started spraying for mosquitos last night
- The civil defense siren quit working. It was found to be an electrical problem and that's been resolved.

- The officers took Use of Force training on June 8
- Schneider introduced his new part-time officer, Matt Vatsass.
- Schneider brought in a quote for body armor. There is a first time officer matching grant available and is looking for additional grant.

*Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to purchase under armor vests for the 3 officers at a cost of \$2,079. The motion carried unanimously.*

Maurice brought up a concern to Schneider about pitbulls. Schneider has issued a citation and more will be issued as needed.

Blighted properties were discussed. A list was put together. Letters and copies of the ordinance will be hand delivered by the police department.

**School Building Updates** - none

**Community Center Updates** - none

**Unfinished Business**

*GPNG Franchise Agreement* – The City Clerk contacted the League of Minnesota Cities to review the proposed Franchise Agreement with Great Plains Natural Gas. The LMC suggested adding an insurance section to state that GPNG has insurance to back up its defense and indemnification obligations and lists the City of Danube as an additional insured to GPNG liability coverage.

**Approval of Bills**

*Councilmember Krogman moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$33,826.77. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Transfer Capital Outlay Funds**

*Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to pass Resolutions 1-2013, 2-2013 and 3-2013. The motion carried unanimously.*

**OSHA Inspection**

On May 7, a surprise OSHA inspection was conducted. The City of Danube was issued \$5,800 in fines. This was a 70% reduction in what the fines could have been. The City Clerk has contested all but \$600 of those fines for various reasons and all employees are working on fixing the violations.

**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 9:10 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted: Sara Wilson, City Clerk

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Gene Alex, Mayor

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