

DANUBE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 13, 2012 7:00 PM
Danube City Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on June 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gene Alex presiding.

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

Councilmembers absent: Phil Standfuss

Others Present: Just For Kix Director Michelle Lippert, Public Works Director Dan Kaufenberg, Chief of Police Les Schneider, City Clerk-Treasurer Sara Wilson, and media.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of “Danube Fun Days Funding” under New Business. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Bentley 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 9, 2012
- Approve door to bar open July 13 & 14, 2012 – rain back up during Fun Days
- Approve Building Permits
 - 305 Main Street – Les Schneider, Sr.

Open Forum

The Director of the local Just For Kix program, Michelle Lippert, was present to request space in the Danube School gym one night a week for dance classes. The program runs from after Labor Day until the first week in May. She is requesting Tuesday nights from approximately 4:30 – 9:00 pm. Councilmember Maurice was concerned about scheduling with other school sports programs using the gym. Councilmember Strunc felt that if Chief Schneider could work out the scheduling, it was a doable plan. Schneider didn't see a problem with scheduling. The council agreed to let Lippert use the gym for \$30 per night.

Employee Report – Chief of Police

Chief of Police Les Schneider was present to give his monthly employee and Police Department report. Statistics for May 2012 were higher than last year at the same time with 62 calls, 41 reports, 35 traffic stops, 9 citations, 37 mutual assists and 3 home security checks. The Police Department provided extra patrol at the end of the school year to slow down traffic.

Schneider reported that some of the blight issues have been taken care of and he's still working on dealing with others. Clerk Wilson will let Schneider know the deadline that was given to property owners so he can start issuing citations.

Schneider also reported that he received his annual supply of Twins cards from the MCPA and will be handing them out to local kids. ARMER training will take place July 5. There is a new Postmaster in Danube and lobby hours may change. Wild Prairie Computers will be leasing 2 rooms in the school building.

Schneider heard lots of positive comments about the Memorial Day program held in the school gym each year. The Danube Police Department is the only Police Department in Renville County that assists with a Memorial Day program each year.

Employee Report – Public Works Director

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

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to have Glieden do street repairs for \$9,800. The motion carried unanimously.

Kaufenberg received a quote from Caldwell Asphalt to repair a 104' x 12' section of Maple Street for \$3,764. He wants to get a quote from Monson yet. The council instructed him to go with whoever is cheaper. He also received a quote for sealcoating, since the City hasn't done it in quite awhile. Do sealcoat Maple Street from 1st Street through the cul-se-sac would be almost \$20,000. Kaufenberg suggested possibly starting to budget for it in future years and do a section of the town each year.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to order supplies to calibrate the gas meter needed for manhole entry at a cost of approximately \$300. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to order Aqua-Jolt for the ponds at cost of \$900. The motion carried unanimously.

There seems to be a lot of excess water coming from 406 5th Street. Kaufenberg has been told that there is a foundation drain till around the house and he believes it is hooked into the sanitary sewer system and that 5,000 gallons of water per day are being drained into it. He plans to put a camera down their cleanout line to see where it drains and then a decision can be made on how

to proceed in order to correct the problem. He also thinks there is excess water coming from the manhole covers. He's working to correct this problem.

The council directed Kaufenberg to see if he can put an end piece on the lockers at the school that Tri-Valley wants removed. Removing the lockers would leave an eye sore.

Kaufenberg thinks the water tower was hit by lightening recently and the dialer for the alarm system was damaged and needs to be replaced. A new board, surge protector and labor will cost around \$2,000. Our insurance deductible is \$2,500.

Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to replace the board on the alarm dialer at a cost of approximately \$2,000, including a surge protector and labor. The motion carried unanimously.

The council agreed with purchasing gravel for the brush site. People have been complaining about the rocks there and the gravel is almost gone. Kaufenberg also wants a sign saying "no logs of 6 inches" from the brush pile.

Community Center Updates

no updates

School Building Updates

The benches for the school came in. One is damaged. We are working with the company for a fix for this. Councilmember Strunc received a quote from Nationwide Glass for replacing 40 more insulated panels at a cost of \$4,835 and to caulk the west side of the building would run approximately \$4,000. Both jobs will be put on hold. The cement work was completed as bid by Pennings Construction.

Insurance Renewal -Tort Liability Waiver

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded to waive the tort liability limits on the insurance renewal. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$35,690.20. The motion carried unanimously.

Payment Lock Box

In response to citizens' complaints, Wilson presented the council with two estimates on lock boxes for payments to be dropped in. The council decided as a safety issue, they will not put one up.

Board of Appeal and Equalization Training

Wilson was asked to sign up Councilmembers Maurice and Standfuss for Board of Appeal and Equalization training on August 20.

Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

The CCR/Drinking Water Report was given to the council for informational purposes and will be published according to state law.

Danube Fun Days Funding

The Danube Area Action Club (DAAC) has once again asked for a contribution towards the kids' activities during Fun Days. Money from the cable TV franchise gets used for this each year.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to pay for the ponies and petty zoo for Fun Days at a cost of \$1,150. The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Strunc abstaining from the vote due to his participation in the DAAC.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sara Wilson, City Clerk

Gene Alex, Mayor

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