

DANUBE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 11, 2012 7:00 PM
Danube City Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on July 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gene Alex presiding.

The following Councilmembers were present: Ryan Bentley, Dave Maurice, and Phil Standfuss.

Councilmembers absent: Al Strunc

Others Present: MDH Hydrogeologist Joy Loughry, Olivia Mayor Sue Hilgert, Paul Simons & Linda Hollgenbeck, Chief of Police Les Schneider, City Clerk-Treasurer Sara Wilson, and media.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of a building permit application for 411 4th Street and the building permit application for 503 Pine Street moved out of the consent agenda and onto the regular agenda. 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 June 13, 2012
- Approve 2012 Election Judges at \$10/hour
 - Suzie Lueck, Darlene Clark, Darlene Haug, Rod Black, Marilyn Hein, LeeAnn Koford, Joyce Neyhart, Juli Kjorness
- Approve Off-Premise Liquor License for DAAC for July 15, 2012 for the Firemen's Keg Shoot

Public Informational Meeting
Wellhead Protection Plan, Part 1

Hydrogeologist Joy Loughry from the Minnesota Department of Health was present to answer questions regarding part one of the Wellhead Protection Plan for the City of Danube. She

explained that since the City's population is below 3,300, the MDH writes the plan for the City. Public Works Director Dan Kaufenberg and City Clerk Sara Wilson have met with other MDH employees to provide information needed to write the plan. Ms. Loughry said that there is a lot of clay in the area and the offers substantial protection to the water supply. The details of the plan can be viewed at the City Clerk's Office.

Ms. Loughry informed the council that the next step is to develop part 2 of the Wellhead Protection Plan which involves identifying possible contamination sources. Karen Voz from MDH will be contacting Clerk Wilson to get started on that.

Building Permits

Paul Simons and Linda Hollgenbeck were present to answer any questions about their building permit application to move in a new manufactured home at 503 Pine Street. Currently there is a trailer house on the lot that will be removed. Simons is purchasing the land from Tyson and Josie Arkell. The council would like Simons to notify the City of the date that the trailer house will be removed from the property so Public Works Director Kaufenberg can locate the water line while the lot is empty.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the building permit application for Paul Simons to put a manufactured home at 503 Pine Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the building permit application for Ben Ryan to install a patio addition on his home at 411 4th Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Blandin Group – Sue Hilgert

Sue Hilgert, Olivia Mayor and participant of the Blandin Community Leadership Program was present to invite the council to a "Renville County 10" Information Session on Monday July 30 in Olivia. A Speaker from the LMC will talk about LGA and discussion will take place on cities in the county working together.

Employee Report – Chief of Police

Chief of Police Les Schneider was present to give his monthly employee and Police Department report. Statistics for June 2012 were lower than last year at the same time with 54 calls, 36 reports, 39 traffic stops, 12 citations, 38 mutual assists and 4 home security checks.

Schneider updated the council on activity at the school building, blighted properties, mosquito spraying and training for the ARMER radio system. He will be sending training expenses to the POST Board for reimbursement and participating in an annual vehicle fair at Tri-Valley later in the month. The parking ordinance for 2nd Street East will be reviewed.

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 Bentley will talk to the fire department about finding an aluminum duck boat for Kaufenberg to use at the ponds.

The council wants Kaufenberg to talk to Glieden about the street repairs they did. It seems that it's not as good as last year and there isn't as much pearock.

School Building Updates

none

Community Center Updates

none

Electronic Utility Payment Options

Clerk Wilson gave the council rates on accepting credit cards and on offering residents the option to set up automatic payments for their utility bills. Residents have requested both methods at various times. The council didn't take action on either option.

FEMA Payment

The City received a FEMA payment in the amount of \$8,777.82 for the July 1st storm last year. This was for initial emergency debris clean up.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$20,696.07. The motion carried unanimously.

Renville County Heartland Express Contribution Request

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to contribute \$794.00 to Renville County Heartland Express. The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Standfuss abstaining from voting.

Mediacom Franchise Renewal

Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the Mediacom Franchise renewal for a period of 15 years with a 3% franchise fee. The motion carried unanimously.

Xcel Energy Franchise Renewal

The council received a copy of the proposed Xcel Energy Franchise renewal. Scott Johnson of Xcel Energy will attend the next council meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sara Wilson, City Clerk

Gene Alex, Mayor

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