

DANUBE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 12, 2012 7:00 PM
Danube City Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on September 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gene Alex presiding.

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

Councilmembers absent: none

Others Present: 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. 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.

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 August 8, 2012
- Approve Bar/Community Center Door Open October 19, 2012 – Grooms Dinner

Employee Report – Chief of Police

Chief of Police Les Schneider was present to give his monthly employee and Police Department report. Statistics for August 2012 were higher than last year at the same time with 53 calls, 34 reports, 38 traffic stops, 14 citations, 43 mutual assists and 3 home security checks.

Chief Schneider reported:

- The Police Department received POST Board Continuing Education reimbursement in the amount of \$1,160.45. This is an increase from last year.
- The new ARMER system was used during the Olivia Food Shelf fire and worked as expected.
- Ammunition was purchased for the whole county through the Hector Police Department.

- A local juvenile completed his community service hours by doing some work at the park for the Maintenance Department.
- There have been updates to the LETG software recently and Schneider expects to produce a payroll report from the system.
- Depending on the power source, a radar sign can be purchased for \$3,000-\$7,000.
- One blight ticket is in court right now.

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 Strunc moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to approve repairs on the mower on the Ford tractor. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to approve Kaufenberg and Schneider to attend the Water/Wastewater conference in St. Cloud in March 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

School Building Updates

none

Community Center Updates

none

Proposed Tax Levy & Truth-in Taxation Hearing

The Danube City Council will hold a Truth-in Taxation Hearing on Wednesday, November 14th at 7pm during the regular council meeting.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to set the 2012 Proposed Tax Levy, Collectible in 2013 at \$150,644. The motion carried unanimously

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$47,715.97. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to move the City's savings account to a bank that offers a better interest rate. The motion carried unanimously

New Business

Regional Safety Group – The council decided not to participate at this time.

Update to Application for Building Permit – The council approved of the new format .

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve Resolution 02-2012, a resolution supporting the efforts of the multi-jurisdictional partnership for becoming a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Community. The motion carried unanimously.

Minnesota Water Agency Response Network (MnWARN) Mutual Aid Agreement

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to approve Resolution 03-2012, a resolution authorizing the City of Danube to be a party to MnWARN and to approve the MnWarn mutual aid agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Abandoned Property Ordinance Discussion – Councilmember Strunc is interested in getting an ordinance and action in place to force clean up or demolition of property that has been vacant for 6 months and had the utilities shut off. Clerk Wilson handed out some sample ordinances and is waiting to hear back from the League of Minnesota Cities. The rest of the council was interested in pursuing a plan.

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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