

DANUBE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 10, 2012 7:00 PM
Danube City Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on October 10, 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: Chief of Police Les Schneider, City Clerk-Treasurer Sara Wilson, City Attorney Aaron Walton, neighbors of Brian Gewerth, and media.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Maurice 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.

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 September 12, 2012
- Approve Bar/Community Center Door Open November 16, 2012 – Turkey Bingo
- Approve Building Permit Application – 103 Freedom Lane

Dangerous Dog Hearing

The City Animal Control Officer deemed Gewerth's pitbull, Gunner, a dangerous dog as defined by Minnesota Statutes Section 347.50. Gewerth exercised his right to a hearing regarding the ruling. Gewerth did not come to the meeting, therefore the city council agreed to the determination made by the Animal Control Officer.

In court last week, Gewerth made a plea bargain to get rid of his dogs in exchange for dropping the charges against him regarding his dogs. In the event that the dogs are still in town, Gewerth will have to comply with Chapter 347 regarding being a dangerous dog owner.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to agree with the findings of the Animal Control Officer and uphold the determination of Gunner being a dangerous dog. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Wilson will send a letter to Gewerth.

Open Forum - NONE

Employee Report – Chief of Police

Chief of Police Les Schneider was present to give his monthly employee and Police Department report. Statistics for September 2012 were lower than last year at the same time with 54 calls, 45 reports, 42 traffic stops, 15 citations, 35 mutual assists and 3 home security checks.

Chief Schneider updated the council on the following Old Business:

- There are no grants currently available for a radar sign.
- ARMER radio installation will take place soon. Installation expense is covered under the grant for the Fire Department vehicles but not for the squad cars. Squad car installation will cost approximately \$150 per vehicle.
- Men's basketball started at the school last week.
- Tri-Valley's migrant school will be done at the end of October.
- POST Board compliance review was completed online on September 26. This is the first time it's been done online.
- First Response had training on September 27.
- A blight letter will be sent to 106 3rd Street.
- After talking to Sheriff Hable about two State Troopers driving through and accident scene too fast, Schneider contacted the Lieutenant in Marshall to report them.

Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to install the mobile radios in the squad cars at a rate of approximately \$150 each. The motion carried unanimously.

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 Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to have an overhead door installed at the shop by Excel Overhead Door in the amount of \$4,177. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alex said he talked to Art Nyquist and Bob Kopel about this winter's snow removal and they both agreed to help with snow removal again. Alex spoke to Randy Grunke about helping and got a positive response as well. Alex also said Lonny Davis agreed to help with the boilers in the event of Kaufenberg's absence. Davis agreed to the same rate as last year.

School Building Updates - NONE

Community Center Updates - NONE

Abandoned Property Ordinance - NONE

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$24,628.63 in addition to paying the EDA's property tax in the amount of \$579.37. The motion carried unanimously. The EDA will pay the City back next month.

Snow Removal & Street Sweeping rate to MnDOT

The rate for snow removal and street sweeping charged to MnDOT for the county roads in town have not changed from \$100/hour for many years.

Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to charge MnDOT \$120/hour for snow removal and street sweeping. The motion carried unanimously.

Set 2013 Fees

Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to make no changes to the City fees for 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Fees are attached

Correspondence

The bandstand at the Depot will be added to City insurance.

Discussion of sewer and water rates will be on the next agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sara Wilson, City Clerk

Gene Alex, Mayor

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