

DANUBE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 9, 2011 7:00 PM
Danube City Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on November 9, 2011 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, Wayne Trager from Local 369G Grainmillers Union, and media.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of "Floor Buffer for Community Center" under Old Business. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 26, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum

Wayne Trager was present representing the Local 369G Grainmillers Union. The Union will be using space in the school building for meetings and storage. Mr. Trager asked when they could start moving things in. They would like to get in there by December 1. Councilmember Strunc suggested that the Union could do improvements to their space such as painting and carpeting, and forgo rent for awhile. Strunc said insurance allowed \$1,900 for the water damage done to that office. Mr. Trager would like the combination for the safe in the space. The Union would also like to rent the gym from time to time during contract time. They'd like 4 keys to their space and 4 keys to the outside door.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to allow the Grainmillers Union free use of the superintendent's office in the school building for one year in exchange for them supplying materials and labor to paint and carpet the area. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Les Schneider

Chief of Police Les Schneider was present to give his monthly employee report. The Danube Police Department Statistics for October 2011 were as follows: 57 calls, 34 reports, 31 traffic stops, 11 citations, 37 mutual assists, and 5 home security checks.

Chief Schneider reported on the following:

- School Building – he did some cleaning before and after the Halloween Dance. The calendar has been filling up for winter activities. Tri-Valley will be done November 18.
- All of the street lights have been repaired except for the one on Oak Street and Freedom Lane
- The problem rental property in town may no longer be an issue due to one of the tenants being arrested and the other potentially moving out.
- Direct Radar did the radar certification on October 21.
- The First Response is looking for grants on a defibrillator. Sullivan Electric will be putting in a remote for the First Response Rig door and also a plug on the rig.
- Schneider has been checking the well and lift station while Kaufenberg is on vacation and also patrolling the brush site.

Storm Repairs at School

Councilmember Strunc looked at the damage at the school compared to the claims adjuster's report. Strunc feels that the adjuster missed some things and wants to go through the school with the adjuster. Strunc asked the council for authority to hire people to repair damages at the school and oversee that things are getting done.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to authorize Councilmember Strunc to hire contractors and oversee the storm repairs at the school building, not to exceed the total amount of the insurance check of \$37,462.32. The motion carried unanimously.

Snow Removal Contracts

Councilmember Maurice spoke to other locals about what they are being paid for snow removal in the area. The City of Danube is getting a good deal from Bob Kopel and Art Nyquist and appreciates the job they do. Maurice got a copy of Nyquist's insurance certificate with \$500,000 coverage on his tractor and would like him to have \$1,000,000 for the winter. The council feels they should each be paid more for the service they provide.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to pay Bob Kopel \$60/hour for snow removal with his truck and driver and Art Nyquist \$75/hour for snow removal with his tractor and driver with the blower being provided by the City of Danube. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Meeting Frequency

Discussion resumed regarding the frequency of council meetings. The meetings seem to go quickly and are well organized and for this reason the council would like to try meeting once per month rather than twice per month. In 1992 the council switched to 2 meetings per month due to extra activity.

Regular council meeting salary is based on a per month basis, not a per meeting basis, therefore the council salary would remain unchanged. There was also discussion of changing the day of the week to Monday and changing the time to 6pm, but one person had a conflict with each of those ideas.

Clerk Wilson suggested using a “consent agenda” for routine agenda items in an effort to speed up the meeting process. Councilmember Strunc was in favor of trying that.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to have once council meeting per month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Floor Buffer for Community Center

Councilmember Strunc wondered if a new floor buffer needed to be purchased for Randy to use at the Community Center. It seems the old one stopped working while being used at the school building by Tri-Valley and the repairs would be too expensive. Mayor Alex said a floor buffer isn't necessary and he would talk to Randy. Mayor Alex would also like Perry Henke's phone number to call him about the unsatisfactory job that was done on the Community Center floor last summer.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$19,588.25. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Center Inspection – FYI

The council was given a copy of the latest Community Center Food and Beverage Inspection results as performed by Dave Distad of Redwood-Renville County Health Services. Mr. Distad suggested removing the sponges from the kitchen and mixing up a water/chlorine solution in a spray bottle for cleaning tables. He commented that the City of Danube has a very nice Community Center.

Approve Raffle Permit for Smelt Fry March 17, 2012

Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Strunc seconded a motion to approve a raffle permit for the Danube Firemen's Relief Association Smelt Fry on March 17, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

Approve Door open between bar and Community Center on November 18

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Strunc seconded a motion to approve the door being open between the Community Center and Miller's on Main Bar & Grill on Friday, November 18 for Turkey Bingo. The motion carried unanimously.

GASB 54 Compliance – Fund Balance Policy

At the recommendation of Oberloh and Associates, the City of Danube's City Auditor, Clerk Wilson presented a Fund Balance Policy to the council that will put the City of Danube in compliance with GASB 54. The purpose of the policy is to help the City maintain an adequate level of fund balances to provide for cash flow requirements and to classify fund balances into categories assigning the use of said funds to specific purposes.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Strunc seconded a motion to adopt the Fund Balance Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

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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