

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

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

The following Councilmembers were present: Phil Standfuss, and Al Strunc.

Councilmembers absent: Ryan Bentley and Dave Maurice

Others Present: Chief of Police Les Schneider, City Clerk-Treasurer Sara Wilson, Sharon Krogman and media.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Strunc seconded a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of 'Christmas lights' under New Business. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Strunc 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 November 14, 2012
- Approve bar door open for Simons/Hollenbeck wedding December 31, 2012
- Approve Building Permit for addition to Danube Auto at 204 East Hwy 212
- Approve Gambling Permit for Smelt Fry on March 15 & 16, 2013

Truth In Taxation (TNT) Public Hearing

With no residents present, Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Strunc seconded a motion to close the TNT Public Hearing at 7:10 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

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 November 2012 were lower than last year at the same time with 37 calls, 25 reports, 18 traffic stops, 8 citations, 22 mutual assists and 3 home security checks.

Chief Schneider reported on the following:

- Repairs were done on the squad car radios
- The battery was replaced in the old squad car
- The school gym is being used almost daily
- Schneider helped Kaufenberg put up Christmas lights on the poles on Main Street. He commented that the garland on the lights is shot and the lights cannot be restrung.
- Schneider recommended a 50 cent per hour pay increase in 2013 for the active part-time officer
- Schneider is still looking for grant money for a new defibrillator for the First Response. Councilmember Standfuss suggested the possibility of placing a donation request box at upcoming community events. First Response payroll for 2012 was \$2380, up \$200 from last year due to increased call volume and extra training.

Employee Report – Public Works Director

There was not a Public Works report available. Public Works Director Dan Kaufenberg will be at the next monthly meeting.

School Building Updates - none

Community Center Updates - none

Final Property Tax Levy

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to pass resolution 05-2012 adopting the final 2012 tax levy collectible in 2013 in the amount of \$150,644. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$36,943.78. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Mowing Charges to Certify to Property Taxes

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to pass resolution 06-2012 to certify unpaid city fees to the respective property owner. The motion carried unanimously.

2013 Attorney Fees

The council received a letter from City Attorney Aaron Walton with his proposed rates for 2013. The letter will be reviewed at the next council meeting.

2013 Plastic Garbage Bag Agreement with ACTS, Inc.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to pass the 2013 Plastic Garbage Bag Agreement with ACTS, Inc as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

City Office Bathroom Floors

The floors in the bathrooms at the City Office Building are in bad shape. The council agreed that it was ok to replace the floors and paint the walls in the bathrooms. Councilmember Strunc suggested ceramic tile.

Special Assessments on 2nd Street Paid to Date

The council was given a report on who has paid special assessments on the 2nd Street East street project.

Christmas Lights

Mayor Alex wanted to discuss the Christmas lights put on the street poles on Main Street. They are very old and falling apart and the lights on them can't be restrung. Councilmember Strunc suggested asking the local community organizations to get involved in replacing the decorations. Perhaps the Historical Society or Lions would like to take on the project.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sara Wilson, City Clerk

Gene Alex, Mayor

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