

DANUBE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2013 7:00 PM
Danube City Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on January 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gene Alex presiding.

The following Councilmembers were present: Sharon Krogman, Dave Maurice, Phil Standfuss, and Al Strunc.

Councilmembers absent: none

Others Present: Chief of Police Les Schneider, Public Works Director Dan Kaufenberg, City Clerk-Treasurer Sara Wilson, and media.

Oath of Office

All councilmembers read and signed the Oath of Office.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Strunc 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 December 12, 2012
- Transfer \$570,000 from Minnwest Bank to Hometown Bank savings
- Approve door to bar open at Community Center for Fire Department on February 7, 2013

Employee Report – Chief of Police

Chief of Police Les Schneider was present to give his monthly employee and Police Department report. Statistics for December 2012 were lower than last year at the same time with 43 calls, 21 reports, 16 traffic stops, 5 citations, 18 mutual assists and 4 home security checks.

Chief Schneider briefly updated the council on some past case convictions. He also reported that he turned off the power to the Christmas lights on January 2. The school gym has been busy 7 days a week.

Schneider signed off on the on sale and off sale liquor license renewal for Miller's on Main. He updated the council on Officer Hotovec's situation and conveyed that he will not be attending to MCPA training in April due to unknown circumstances.

Schneider presented a quote to the council for a computer for his office. Renville County Sheriff's Office can provide one for \$658.14 that will work with the LETG software.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to purchase the quoted computer from the Renville County Sheriff's Department for \$658.14. 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.

Kaufenberg was present at the January meeting. He discussed the following:

- There is no heat in the lobby at the school. Kaufenberg has been trying to figure out why. He will talk to Lonny Davis for ideas. He will also contact someone to come to the school and go through it to troubleshoot the heating issues. He will check into a new efficient boiler system as well.
- Kaufenberg will be taking the plow truck to Schmoll's to repair the side mirror and replace the skid plates.
- The new overhead door was installed in the shop by Excel Overhead Door. They have been back to replace a panel that was the wrong color. There are still issues with the opener not working right and Kaufenberg is working on resolving that with the company.
- The County plans to do an overlay on County Road 1 from Railroad Avenue to Highway 212 this year.
- Christmas lights were discussed. Kaufenberg brought in some prices for new ones. The council discussed having some made. That option will be checked in to.
- Two bad floats were replaced in the lift station. Kaufenberg will get some on hand and be able to replace them himself in the future.

School Building Updates - none

Community Center Updates - none

Unfinished Business

Tabled - Abandoned Property Ordinance, Water & Sewer Rate Discussion, and City Services Outside City Limits.

Bathroom Floor Quote - Tom Clouse was in to look at the bathrooms and will be supplying a quote for replacing the floors.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$19,137.50. The motion carried unanimously.

2013 Appointments

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Appointments as assigned by Mayor Alex. The motion carried unanimously.

Employee Reviews

Employee Evaluations will take place at 6:30 on Wednesday, January 23. The council reviewed the evaluation process as outlined in a handout provided by the Clerk.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

The City of Danube and Renville County have been declared Beyond the Yellow Ribbon communities. A City presence is requested at a monthly county-wide meeting in Olivia. Councilmember Strunc will go to the January meeting and other councilmembers will sign up for future meetings.

Correspondence

Sharon Krogman was welcomed as the newest councilmember.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sara Wilson, City Clerk

Gene Alex, Mayor

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