

**DANUBE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 12, 2025 7:00 PM**  
**Danube City Council Chambers**

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on March 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Chris Schneider opening the meeting. The meeting then was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

The following Councilmembers were present: Ryan Bentley, Carrie Garza, Chris Schneider and Travis Schneider

Councilmembers absent: Sharon Krogman

Others Present: Phillip Makela, Ryan Odden – Moore Engineering, Public Works Director Dan Kaufenberg, Police Chief Aaron Slagter and City Clerk-Treasurer Dotty Schnobrich.

**Approval of Agenda**

*Councilmember Garza moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting with the correction of Sharon Krogman was absent in the February 12, 2025 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

*Councilmember Travis Schneider moved and Councilmember Garza 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 February 12, 2025

**Open Forum**

*Summit Capital – Phillip Makela – Apartment – Phillip spoke with the Councilmembers about turning a building he bought into rental property. The property is located on Main Street in Danube. The Councilmembers reviewed the information that Dotty and Phillip did research on and they decided that there was no need to do any reclassification or rezoning for him to turn it into a rental property.*

### **Employee Report – Public Works Director**

In the council packets, Councilmembers received a monthly report for Public Works Director Dan Kaufenberg. The report is below

- School – Still trying to get in contact with Lloyd securities about the bill for the cellular communicator for fire alarm. Only have cafeteria wall yet to finish for Tri-Valley fix it list. Chappell Central was here to help replace the bearings on the motor for boiler #1. *Councilmember Garza moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to approve disconnecting the TDS pone line at the School.* The motion carried unanimously
- Water – The fluoride pump in well #5 keeps losing prime. Hawkins Chemical was here to look at it and got it pumping again. It needed a new foot valve and suction line. The chlorine booster pump is not working again. A new has been ordered. The cost will be around \$1300. The wells averaged 27,000 gal/day for the month of February. Dan also spoke with the Councilmembers about a stormwater line that is froze up down by the park and asked to have Johnson Jet-line come jet it out to get it unfrozen. *Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Travis Schneider seconded a motion to approve having Johnson Jet-line come jet the stormwater line on Maple down by the park.* The motion carried unanimous  
*Councilmember Garza moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to approve purchasing a new chlorine booster pump.* The motion carried unanimous
- Wastewater – There are no known issues with wastewater dept. The lift station averaged 30,000 gal/day for the month February.
- Pickup – The 2018 Ram 2500 from Morris West End Lincoln was purchased for a total of \$32,500. Will get in touch with Creative Details to get signage put on it.
- Community Center – Lee Julson was in to look at replacing furnaces and AC units in Community Center. Will Be sending a quote
- Flow Weighted Average Agreement Violation – Dan spoke with the Councilmembers about a letter that was received stating that they violated the agreement from 2023 with the MN Department of Health. Due to the Flow-Weighted Average the annual average remained slightly below the MCL had this not been the case Daube would have been issued an additional violation. The MN Department of Health gave a list of actions that are required to be followed until the completion of the water treatment plant.
- Lead/Copper Service Inventory Grant – Dan informed that Councilmembers that both him and Dotty were recently informed about a grant for continuing on getting the inventory of the service lines of all the residents is due on Friday, March 14, 2025. Ryan Odden was asked who would be doing the work on obtaining the information. Ryan Odden informed the Councilmembers Moore Engineering would be doing all the work and no City employee would be needed. The grant is 100% grant and no City funds would be used according to Ryan Odden.  
*Councilmember Garza moved and Councilmember Travis Schneider seconded a motion to have Dan Kaufenberg apply for the lead/copper service inventory grant.* The motion carried unanimous

### **Employee Report - Moore Engineering**

Ryan Odden was present from Moore Engineering. Ryan Odden briefly discussed the grant pause with Federal Funding is now un-paused. He reviewed the Eagle Construction pay application No. 5 with the Councilmembers. He also reviewed the Change Order No 1. The water treatment Plant construction will start when we have consistent non-freezing weather. There was no update on Phase 2 at this time. Also, Ryan discussed if there were no changes needed to the 2024 Storm Water Resilience Study then the report will be considered complete. The Councilmembers had no changes on the report. Dotty asked if the if the grant with the State has been addressed on fixing the amount submitted for her time. Ryan Odden said he would follow up on it with the State. Ryan Odden will also look into where the brick face samples are as the City still has not received those samples to pick from.

*Councilmember Travis Schneider moved and Councilmember Garza seconded a motion to approve Pay Application #5 for \$33,012.50 to Eagle Construction pending RD approval. The motion carried unanimous*

*Councilmember Travis Schneider moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to approve Change Order No 1 for \$50,417.68. The motion carried unanimous*

### **Employee Report – Renville Chief of Police – Aaron Slagter**

Renville Chief of Police Aaron Slagter was present to give his monthly employee and Police Department report. He reviewed the 2 pages that were in the Councilmembers packet. The Councilmembers also discussed permitting golf carts at Dotty's request to cut down on the time needed for renewing previously permitted carts. Another item was that Aaron could plan on attending quarterly instead of monthly. The next times the Councilmembers would like Aaron to attend is June, August, possibly September and December meetings. They are asking for August to get a summary of how Danube Fun Days went for them.

*Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Garza seconded a motion to approve previously licensed carts to receive a sticker without having the Police review the cart again and to have them inspect only newly licensed carts. The motion carried unanimous*

### **Employee Report – City Clerk**

- *Land Update* – Nothing new to report.
- *Completed Items* – Dotty has filed PERA and payroll taxes for February.
- *Office Closed & Vacation* – The Danube City Office will be closing early on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> for OSHA training.
- *Fire Department Quote* – Dotty presented a quote for the Fire Chief Brian Block. The Councilmembers discussed the quote.

*Councilmember Garza moved and Councilmember Travis Schneider seconded a motion to approve the Fire Department to look at updating the headers and the garage doors if they decide to pursue it. The motion carried with Mayor Chris Scheider, Councilmember Garza and Councilmember Travis Schneider voting in favor and Councilmember Ryan Bentley abstaining*

- Renville-Sibley Postage - Dotty informed the Councilmembers that she was recently informed that Renville-Sibley will be ending their contract on the postage meter they have and the City will need to go to stamps or find a different way to get the postage on the water bills that go out quarterly. Councilmember Garza said she would look into this for the City.
- Dog Letters – Dotty informed the Councilmembers that the dog letters have gone out to the residents.

### **School Building Updates**

The Councilmembers reviewed an email from Sandy Whited along with the Facility Usage Contract with some slight changes.

*Councilmember Garza moved and Councilmember Travis Schneider seconded a motion to approve signing the Facility Usage Contract with Tri-Valley for April 1, 2025 to April 1, 2030. The motion carried unanimous*

### **Community Center Updates** - None

### **Unfinished Business** - None

### **Financial Reports** - None

### **New Business**

MN Joint Powers Agreement; Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment and Resolution #2 MN Joint Powers Agreement – The Councilmembers reviewed all of the documents.

*Councilmember Garza moved and Councilmember Travis Schneider seconded a motion to approve the Joint Powers of Agreement with the State of Minnesota for the City of Danube; approve the Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment Agreement for the City of Danube and approve the Resolution 2-2025 MN Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Danube and the City Attorney. The motion carried unanimous*

### **Future Business**

Cannabis Business Zoning Regulations – Email Aaron Walton – The Councilmembers reviewed the email from Aaron Walton and directed Dotty accordingly.

*Councilmember Travis Schneider moved and Councilmember Garza seconded a motion to approve Dotty to ask City Attorney Aaron Walton to amend the Ordinance to include a Cannabis Business Zoning Regulation for the City of Danube. The motion carried unanimous*

### **Correspondence** - None

*There being no further business before the council, Councilmember Travis Schneider moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted: Dotty Schnobrich, City Clerk

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Chris Schneider, Mayor

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