

**DANUBE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 14, 2012 7:00 PM**  
**Danube City Council Chambers**

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on March 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gene Alex presiding.

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

Councilmembers absent: Ryan Bentley

Others Present: Don Williamson, Annie Tepfer, RCW Students, Sara Beavers, Chief of Police Les Schneider, City Clerk-Treasurer Sara Wilson, and media.

**Approval of Agenda**

*Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the Agenda. 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 February 8, 2012

**Open Forum**

Don Williamson, owner of West Central Sanitation, was present to discuss changing to automated trucks for refuse removal and renewing the contract for collection and disposal of refuse in the City of Danube.

Williamson stated that his route supervisor for the City of Danube has requested that the City be serviced by an automated truck. This would include a change in the day of the week that the garbage is picked up. It would change from Friday to Thursday and West Central would notify the Danube residents.

Williamson told the council that with the renewed contract, he would need an additional \$85/month. He's hoping to have that in place by August 1, 2012. There has not been a rate increase in his charges to the City of Danube in 17-18 years. Right now the City pays a base rate of \$1064 for the service and additional \$1/cart. The Renville County Landfill bills the City directly for the tipping charges at the landfill. The council will discuss this at the next council meeting, when all members are present.

### **RAPAD Presentation**

Annie Tepfer of the RAPAD Coalition and Jack and Chelsae from RCW TADA were present to give a presentation on the social host ordinance that has been adopted by Renville County. It has passed in 17 counties and 80 cities in Minnesota as of last fall.

### **Audit Report**

Sara Beavers of Oberloh and Associates gave the 2011 Audit Report to the councilmembers. The audit report will be put on the City of Danube website.

*Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to approve the 2011 Audit Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Employee Report – Chief of Police**

Chief of Police Les Schneider was present to give his monthly employee report. The Danube Police Department Statistics for February 2012 were 48 calls, 32 reports, 41 traffic stops, 14 citations, 33 mutual assists and 2 home security checks. The numbers were similar to February of 2011.

Schneider reported that basketball is done at the school and volleyball has started. The DAAC got their things moved from the warming house to a room in the school. Winfield Township also has some things in the school and will be using the gym lobby area for the upcoming special election.

Schneider told the council that the Drivers Awareness Program (DAP) is partially responsible for the lower attorney bills. In July, the ARMER radio system will be up and going. The laptop is getting installed in the squad car this week. After daylight saving time change, the siren got stuck. The council discussed the need for the siren. Schneider said he'd like to hear it once a day just so he knows it's still working. They decided that the noon and 10 pm whistle will be dropped and only the 5:30 pm whistle will be sounded.

Schneider reported that his license is up for the 3 year renewal. He is going to a free Pipeline Safety Class on March 22. He wants to send Officer Krueger to a Defensive Tactics Course. It's a 4 day class that costs \$350 and DAP money can be used for that. Then Krueger will be able to train other officers. Schneider was contacted about making a multi-agency ammunition purchase to save money, and gave some price examples to the council.

Chief Schneider expressed his opinion in favor of adopting the Social Host Ordinance as requested by the RAPAD Coalition. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

*Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to send Officer Krueger to the Defensive Tactics Course. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to allow Chief Schneider to purchase rifle ammunition through the multi-agency purchase. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **School Building Updates**

none

### **Community Center Updates**

none

### **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.

Strunc told the council he is getting the broken window at the school fixed. He is also going to get a price on replacing the overhead door and installing an opener.

Maurice asked why, according to the report on pump calculations, there is a big jump in usage every 2-3 days. Kaufenberg's report said the monitoring wasn't dialing in every day, but this is getting fixed.

Maurice said the pump house by the park was leaking, so he called Kaufenberg. Kaufenberg said the valve is shot.

The council discussed the need to start replacing meters now that the outside readers are no longer available.

Standfuss requested that Kaufenberg come to the next council meeting to explain what he has found out about a company that can clean the water tower without draining and shutting down the system.

### **Financial Reports**

*Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$27,922.34. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Capital Outlay Funds**

*Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to transfer the capital outlay funds budgeted for 2012 into the capital improvement fund accounts. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Correspondence**

Clerk Wilson reminded the council of the Board of Appeals meeting April 11 at 6pm and told them the Special Election Primary will be held March 27 and she's attending an ARMER meeting for clerks and administrators at the County Office Building March 15.

### **Adjournment**

*There being no further business before the council, Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted: Sara Wilson, City Clerk

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Gene Alex, Mayor

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