

DANUBE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 11, 2012 7:00 PM
Danube City Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on April 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gene Alex presiding. The meeting began, as posted, at the Danube School Building.

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

Councilmembers absent: none

Others Present: West Central Sanitation Owner Don Williamson, Chief of Police Les Schneider, City Clerk-Treasurer Sara Wilson, and media.

School Building

At the Danube School Building, Councilmember Strunc presented the council with 2 (two) quotes on cement work to be considered at the school. Also discussed were the screens, windows, overhead door and panels.

The council then returned to the Council Chambers.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Strunc seconded a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Signs on 2nd & Oak Street under Old Business. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice 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 March 14, 2012
- Approve door to bar open April 20, 2012 – DAAC Steak & Shrimp Fry

Open Forum

Don Williamson, owner of West Central Sanitation, was present to answer any additional questions on changing the day of trash pickup, automated service, and renewal of the service agreement.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to renew the service contract with West Central Sanitation and switch to automated trash service with a change in pickup day from Friday to Thursday. The motion carried unanimously.

School Building Updates, Continued

Discussion took place on several repair and improvement items for the school building.

Councilmember Maurice moved, Councilmember Standfuss seconded and the motion carried with a unanimous vote to do the following repairs totaling up to \$16,983:

- Cement work around the school as quoted by Pennings Construction for
- Overhead door on the back of the school with a 3 button operator as quoted by Excel Overhead Door
- Replace broken insulated glass windows and 10 insulated panels as quoted by Nationwide Glass

At this time the screens will not be replaced by Nationwide. Screens will only be left on windows that are used and the remaining good ones will be put in storage for future use.

The benches in front of the school will be removed and not put back in. In the future, if needed, new benches or a picnic table will be put in.

Community Center - no updates

Social Host Ordinance

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to adopt the Social Host Ordinance that was presented to them at the last meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Sump Pump Fines

Fines for non-compliance of the sump-pump ordinance have been issued to 9 (nine) residents in the amount of \$50 each.

Signs on 2nd Street and Oak Street

Councilmember Maurice asked why the no parking and no truck traffic signs haven't been put up yet on 2nd Street East and Oak Street. Public Works Director Dan Kaufenberg had said last fall that he was waiting for the County to be able to come over with some equipment they have for installing signs.

Financial Reports

All financial reports produced by Clerk Wilson were reviewed.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$28,404.94. The motion carried unanimously.

City Wide Clean Up Day

The council decided that City Wide Clean Up Day will be Monday, May 14, 2012 and will be the same as last year. Clerk Wilson will put an ad in the paper.

Summer Maintenance Part-Time Help

The council directed that the summer maintenance position be offered to Community Center Custodian Randy Grunke at the rate he currently gets paid. If he doesn't want the job, it will be advertised in the paper.

Blighted Properties

Chief Schneider will begin accumulating names on a list of blighted properties that Clerk Wilson will need to send letters to.

Picnic Tables

Clerk Wilson explained to the council that there are still many requests for use of the picnic tables from the shelter. One resident asked if she could pay to rent them rather than just borrowing them. The council decided that the tables can be borrowed by residents in the city limits with a refundable deposit. Once the tables are returned in the same condition they were borrowed, the deposit will be returned. Clerk Wilson will make up a rental agreement to be signed by those borrowing the tables.

Dog Licenses

Clerk Wilson reported that letters have been sent to dog owners instructing them to purchase a 2012 dog license by May 15.

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.

Councilmember Strunc asked why the wellhouse in the park needs to be kept. Kaufenberg will be asked about it.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to approve switching from AT & T to a Verizon based system for the alarm monitoring on the Lift Station. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Strunc wanted to know why there is so much grease in the Lift Station. He said local businesses must not be properly maintaining their grease traps and/or dumping grease down drains. He wants Kaufenberg to check on who is supposed to have grease traps and check these places and ask if they clean out their traps.

Other Matters of Concern

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve a building permit application for Al Strunc. The motion carried unanimously with Strunc abstaining.

Employee Report – Chief of Police

Chief of Police Les Schneider was present to give his monthly employee report.

The Danube Police Department statistics for the month of March 2012 were as follows: 53 calls, 43 traffic stops, 17 citations, 28 mutual assists.

Schneider will be attending the Executive Training Institute April 23 – 26. He reported that the department will be training on the new radio system by July. The squad car computer was installed in March. The Civil Defense Siren is not only sounding at 5:30 pm daily. The officers will be taking a skywarn class on April 4.

Schneider also reported that he had to get a new cell phone and also got the lock on the warming house changed. He is working on a blighted property list.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sara Wilson, City Clerk

Gene Alex, Mayor

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