

DANUBE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 10, 2013 7:00 PM
Danube City Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on July 10, 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.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of a building permit application for 108 1st Street and sump pump . The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Krogman 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.

- Approve Minutes from the June 12, 2013 Regular Meeting
 - Note action taken after last meeting regarding the drive over curb request

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 June 2013 were higher than last year at the same time with 62 calls, 39 reports, 43 traffic stops, 17 citations, 43 mutual assists and 3 home security checks.

- Schneider briefly updated the council on some police activity
- The school gym has been quiet, but will now be used during Fun Days

- Blight letters were not hand delivered due to people not being home in the summer so the Clerk sent them out this week
- Schneider received the POST Board reimbursement form and will be turning that in
- Schneider assisted with a Tri-Valley 4th of July parade and with lockdown training
- Schneider is requesting vacation later this summer

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 Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to hire Glieden to do \$10,420 worth of air patching. The motion carried unanimously.

Kaufenberg will have Sam Smith take a look at the sink drain in the music room at school.

School Building Updates

TVOC asked if the City of Danube would pay \$500 to put lock boxes on the building for ease of law enforcement entry.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion pay for two lockboxes at the school for a cost of \$500. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Center Updates

Tables may still be purchased when a good deal is found.

Unfinished Business

GPNG Franchise Agreement – Changes have been made to the GPNG Franchise Agreement to include the City of Danube as a named insured.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the GPNG Franchise Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

OSHA

- *Informal Conference* – There will be an informal conference with an OSHA representative in Hutchinson on July 24. Violations and items contested will be discussed at the conference. Gene, Dave, Dan and Sara will be attending.
- *Regional Safety Group* – The League of Minnesota Cities suggested joining a Regional Safety Group to stay on top of OSHA regulations and required training.

Strunc wants it on record that he is not in favor of paying any fines to OSHA and wants state representatives to help fight the violations. He feels it's unjustified.

Sump Pumps – Councilmember Strunc feels that sump pumps are still draining into sanitary sewer. Kaufenberg said all the houses with sump pumps have been checked and are hard plumbed. He said houses that supposedly don't have sump pumps can be checked but it will take a long time because it's hard to find people at home and willing to let him in. Schneider and Kaufenberg think that leaky manholes are a big part of the problem. Kaufenberg would like to get some smoke testing done to see where water is leaking into the sanitary sewer. There are approximately 53-54 sanitary sewer manholes, but only some of them are in vulnerable areas. Strunc wants the problem fixed. Maurice suggested each councilmember takes a section of town and checks each house for a sump pump hose and then send Kaufenberg and/or Schneider into the houses that have sump pumps. The council suggested sending Randy Grunke to each house. Strunc wants to know who is in charge of enforcement. The council feels Kaufenberg should be in charge of enforcement.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$24,272.93. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Auditor RFP – Every 3 years, the City releases a Request for Proposal (RFP) for auditing services. The last contract with Oberloh and Associates has expired.

New Employee PERA – New employee, Matt Vatsaas, has passed the required earnings threshold of \$425 in a month in order to qualify for PERA.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to add new employee, Matthew Vatsaas, to PERA. The motion carried unanimously.

Renville County Heartland Express Donation Request – In recent years, the City of Danube has been donating \$794 annually to Renville County Heartland Express for area bus service. Another donation has been requested.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Strunc seconded a motion to donate \$794 to Renville County Heartland Express. The motion carried unanimously with Standfuss abstaining

Danube Fun Days Donation Request – Annually, the City contributes to an event during Danube Fun Days. In the last 5 years, donations have ranged from \$500-\$1150.

Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to donate \$1,200 for the Petting Zoo and Pony Rides for Danube Fun Days. The motion carried unanimously.

Renville County 10 Meeting – The Mayor of Olivia has asked if the City of Danube will host the next Renville County 10 Meeting on July 29.

Councilmember Strunc moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to approve a building permit application for Darrell Mattson. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted: Sara Wilson, City Clerk

Gene Alex, Mayor

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