

DANUBE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 08, 2025 7:00 PM
Danube City Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on October 08, 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, Sharon Krogman, Chris Schneider and Travis Schneider

Councilmembers absent: Carrie Garza

Others Present: Public Works Director Dan Kaufenberg, Ryan Odden – Moore Engineering and City Clerk-Treasurer Dotty Schnobrich.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Travis Schneider seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed below with the tabling of Right-Of-Way – TDS until the October meeting.

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 September 10, 2025
- Right-Of-Way – TDS
- Right of Way Permit – 410 Main Street

Open Forum - None

Employee Report – Public Works Director

Public Works Director Dan Kaufenberg was not present and no report was in the packets for the Councilmembers to review.

- School – Boilers have been inspected and will be putting them back together so they are ready for the upcoming winter season. I would like to have Chappell Central come and tune the burners so they are burning optimally. This has not been done for the last two years. Its usually done every other.
- Water – The wells averaged 31,000 gal/day for the month of September. No other issues to report.
- Wastewater – A pond discharge was done and completed. Will be hoping to do another partial discharge later in the year to make more room for potential I&I problems in the spring. The lift station averaged 44,000 gal/day for the month of September.
- Storm – Bonnema Excavating was here to fix the collapsed storm line on E. Maple ST. The line was repaired and the hole filled back in with granite.
- Mower quote – I received quote from Warrens Sales in Prinsburg for a new Scag Cheetah II for \$15,699. This is the newer model of what the city has now. We have had good luck this the old mower in terms of reliability quality. The Councilmembers decided to wait on this for now.
- Community Center Door – Dotty mentioned that there was an issue with the front door at the Community Center. Mayor Chris Schneider mentioned the bar was missing and asked Dan to get this issue addressed.
- Community Center Air Conditioner – The Councilmembers reviewed the quote from Bremseth Heating and Cooling. The Councilmembers decided to hold off at this time on an air conditioner.
- Street Sweeping – Councilmember Bentley asked Dan if he would be doing street sweeping soon. Dan said he was out yesterday but he is doing it alone so it takes more time and the leaves are falling just as quick as he sweeps them up, so it looks like he hasn't swept. Dan is trying to get out twice a week to sweep the streets. Dotty made door knockers for grass being mowed in the streets and leaves being raked into the streets if any Councilmember wants some to distribute as they see needed.

Employee Report - Moore Engineering

Ryan Odden was present from Moore Engineering. Ryan Odden reviewed Pay Application #12 from Eagle Construction with the Councilmembers. Dotty did inform the Councilmembers that with the government shut down that no checks will be issued until Rural Development is back up and running to approve the bills.

Councilmember Travis Schneider moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to approve Eagle Construction Company Inc Pay application #12 for \$238,901.81 pending RD approval. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Odden reviewed invoice SIN004966 from Moore Engineering with the Councilmembers for the months of December and January.

Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Travis Schneider seconded a motion to approve Moore Engineering Invoice SIN004966 for \$28,274.25 pending RD approval. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Odden gave an update on the progress of the Water Treatment Plant. Ryan also presented the Invoice SIN004839 for the month of September for Moore Engineering for the water meter replacement project.

Councilmember Trais Schneider moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to approve Moore Engineering Invoice SIN004839 for \$7,100.00 pending RD approval. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan reviewed the quotes for water meters with the Councilmembers for consideration. Ryan gave his opinion on both companies. He has worked with both companies and both did good work. The Councilmembers discussed the quotes.

Councilmember Chris Schneider moved and Councilmember Travis Schneider seconded a motion to approve/disapprove the quote from Winwater for \$140,209.33 contingent on Rural Development concurrence. The motion carried unanimously.

Employee Report – Renville Chief of Police – Aaron Slagter

Renville Chief of Police Aaron Slagter was not present but the monthly employee and Police Department report was in the Councilmembers packets for them to review.

Employee Report – City Clerk

- *Land Update* – Nothing new to report.
- *Employee Evaluation Date* -The Councilmembers discussed this and decided to have employee evaluations on Wednesday, November 12th at 6:30pm with the regular Council meeting to follow.
- *Completed Items* – Dotty has filed PERA, payroll taxes, quarterly payroll reports and quarterly sales tax.
- *Office Closed & Vacation* – None at this time.

School Building Updates - None

Community Center & Park Building Updates - None

Unfinished Business - None

Financial Reports

The Councilmembers reviewed the claims list from September 11, 2025 thru October 08, 2025. *Councilmember Krogman moved and Councilmember Bentley a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$145,964.74 (checks) and \$6,830.54 (electronic fund transfers) with any checks related to the water treatment plant held pending RD approval first.* The motion carried unanimously.

The Councilmembers reviewed the Receipts List from September 09, 2025 thru October 11, 2025. The Councilmembers reviewed the Actual versus Budget Comparison for 2025. The Councilmembers did not review the September Bank Reconciliation – Next meeting.

New Business

ACTS Garbage Bag Agreement – The Councilmembers reviewed the agreement with ACTS. *Councilmember Krogman moved and Councilmember Bentley seconded a motion to approve signing the garbage bag agreement with ACTS.* The motion carried unanimously.

Fee Schedule – The Councilmembers received a fee schedule in their packets and reviewed the fees. *Councilmember Schneider moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to approve the fees from 2025 for 2026 with one (1) change to the building permits increasing to \$30.00.* The motion carried unanimously.

Garbage Rates – The Councilmembers reviewed the garbage rates for both residents and businesses and discussed the rates and weights. *Councilmember Schneider moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to leave the garbage rates the same from 2025 to 2026.* The motion carried unanimously.

Address Changes – The Councilmembers reviewed the address changes suggested by Sherriff Scott Hable. *Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to approve/disapprove the address changes for parcel 30-00012-00 of 428 Railroad Avenue; parcel 30-00645-00 of 442 Railroad Avenue; parcel 30-00480-00 308 Main Street; parcel 30-00475-00 304 Main Street and parcel 30-04000-00 201 Pine Street.* The motion carried unanimously.

Hockey Rink – Councilmember Bentley mentioned that the City of Danube is now responsible for the Hockey Rink as the land now belongs to the City of Danube. The Councilmembers discussed this and asked Dotty to reach out to Brad Johnson from Renville County West to see if they had a contract or agreement with the Danube Area Athletic Club that they could get a copy of to use as a guideline.

Future Business - None

Correspondence – None

There being no further business before the council, Councilmember Bentley moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Dotty Schnobrich, City Clerk

Chris Schneider, Mayor

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