

**DANUBE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 10, 2018 7:00 PM**  
**Danube City Council Chambers**

A regular meeting of the Danube City Council was conducted on October 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Alex presiding.

The following Councilmembers were present: Sharon Krogman, Cathy Malvin, Dave Maurice and Phil Standfuss

Councilmembers absent: None

Others Present: Scott Tedrick, Jess Gorman, Nancy Standfuss, Diane Pfarr, Wendy Kluver, Ron Kluver, Police Chief Les Schneider, City Clerk-Treasurer Dotty Schnobrich, and media.

**Approval of Agenda**

*Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of ReneSola Power Holdings -- Solar Garden and Blighted Property under Old/Unfinished Business. 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.*

- Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 12, 2018
- Building Permit -- 102 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street -- Joining Two (2) Shop Buildings
- Building Permit -- 101 4<sup>th</sup> Street -- Widening Curb/Driveway

**Potentially Dangerous Dog Hearing – Bryan Beckendorf**

Potentially Dangerous or Dangerous Dog Designation Appeal – Bryan Beckendorf did not attend the hearing or ask for a continuance. City Attorney Aaron Walton recommended that the Councilmembers still go through the process of the hearing. After much discussion about the incident Aaron recommended that the Councilmembers enforce Ordinance #74 and tell Bryan to keep Diesel from coming into Danube.

*Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to affirm the process and the letter that was already submitted to Bryan and leave it stand that the dog not be allowed in town anymore. The motion carried unanimously.*

Aaron will send Bryan a letter regarding the outcome of the hearing informing him that Diesel is not allowed in Danube anymore.

### Open Forum

Yellowstone Trail Alliance of Western Minnesota – Scott Tedrick, Jess Gorman and Nancy Standfuss – Scott gave a presentation about the Yellowstone Trail Alliance of Western Minnesota. They are holding an event on November 9<sup>th</sup> called Designing Destination Communities. The group is looking for the City to become a member of their group. The cost for the City of Danube would be \$50.00 for a membership because the population is under 500. Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Malvin seconded a motion to approve becoming a member of the Yellowstone Trail alliance of Western Minnesota for \$50.00. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor. Mayor Alex, Councilmember Krogman, Councilmember Malvin and Councilmember Maurice voting in favor and Councilmember Standfuss abstaining from the vote.

Ron and Wendy Kliver – Ron and Wendy voiced concerns about a couple of properties located in the City of Danube and the parking on Main Street. After a lengthy discussion about the properties and parking the Councilmembers decided to have Police Chief Schneider go and deal with the complaints and take the appropriate action needed to deal with the issues that were discussed.

### Employee Report – Chief of Police

Chief of Police Les Schneider was present to give his monthly employee and Police Department report. Statistics for September 2018 were slightly higher compared to last year at the same time with 56 calls, 34 reports, 32 traffic stops, 11 citations, 33 mutual assists and 2 home security checks. Additional business discussed:

- School Building Updates – Schneider reported that RCW play used the school September 29<sup>th</sup> thru October 10<sup>th</sup>. Things getting scheduled are sporting events, meetings and other things. The insurance inspector from the League of MN Cities was recently down and went through the buildings.
- POST Policy Compliance Update – Schneider reported that he sent in the information on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- FEMA Meeting Update – Schneider reported that the last meeting he went to was on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Both radars were certified for a cost of \$64.00. This is done annually. They covered information from the flooding event that occurred and information will be filled out online now.
- Mosquito Spraying Completed – Schneider reported that the last time he sprayed was on September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Ordinance Violation Updates – Schneider reported that reported on a couple of places that have made improvements and he is waiting on a court date for some of them. The Councilmembers brought up concerns on some properties that have not been addressed. Schneider reported that he will be issuing more citations to some of those properties.

- Golf Cart Ordinance – Ordinance #107 – Schneider reported that City Attorney Aaron Walton reviewed the Ordinance and made a few changes to it. The Councilmembers received a copy of the Ordinance in their packets.  
*Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance #107 An Ordinance Regulating the Use of Motorized Golf Carts.* The motion carried unanimously.
- Mental Health Crisis Class – Schneider reported that he attended the class on September 26<sup>th</sup> in Paynesville. The class was 9 hours of credit.
- Police State Aid -- Schneider reported that the City received \$8,700.10 from the State. This is up by \$302.80 from last year.
- First Response Training -- Schneider reported that the First Responders will be on October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Use of Force and Firearms Training -- Schneider reported that it was scheduled for Friday but the paperwork needed to be turned into the State 10 days prior to the class so it will be scheduled in November.
- Mutual Aid Agreement for the Use of Law Enforcement Personnel and Equipment -- Schneider reported that he received a call from Karla Koplin regarding the Mutual Aid Agreement through Renville County.  
*Councilmember Krogman moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement for the Use of Law Enforcement Personnel and Equipment.* The motion carried unanimously.
- Police Squad Car – Councilmember Maurice brought up concerns that Schneider is not using the squad car when he is going on calls.
- Chickens in Town – Councilmember Malvin brought up about the chickens that are in town if they are not allowed in town. Schneider will talk to the homeowner about the chickens.
- Parking on County Road #1 – Councilmember Krogman asked about the follow up on parking on County Road #1. Schneider reported that he spoke with Renville County Highway department regarding the parking and as of currently they haven't said no but he will check with them again.

### Employee Report – Public Works Director

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

- Wastewater – The lift station averaged 75,000 gal/day for the month of September. The amount is higher than normal due to the recent heavy rainfall. The department needs to reorder bacteria/enzymes for the ponds. This is a every other year purchase the city has been making. The bacteria/enzymes help with sludge, weed, and algae control in the Ponds. The price is around \$900.00.  
*Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to approve purchasing bacteria/enzymes for approximately \$900.00 for the ponds.* The motion carried unanimously.
- Water -- The wells averaged 40,000 gal/day for the month of September. The chlorine regulator in well #3 stopped working and was replaced by Hawkins Chemical.

- Streets – The 4-way stop is in place on 6<sup>th</sup> and Pine ST. The yields have been changed to Stop signs on Oak and 4<sup>th</sup>. I also received some free yield signs from the County and in the process of changing out old faded signs with newer ones. Still waiting for Midwest asphalt to come in and do air patching on city streets.
- School – I'm waiting for the inspector to check boilers yet before they can be put back together. Would like to have Chappell Central come tune the boilers once they are up and running to maximize their efficiency. It has been two years since it was done last.
- Community Center – I had Forcier Roofing look at C. Center roof. They quoted \$2000.00 to seal the roof. They would be sealing the seam where the two roofs are joined. This has been a perennial problem for years. Every time a patch has been put on the water finds a new leak. I believe its time to do the whole length of the roof. They were also going to do some horizontal short seams that have been patched before also. *Councilmember Maurice moved and Councilmember Malvin seconded a motion to approve hiring Forcier Roofing to seal the roof at the Community Center for \$2,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.*
- Vacation – I am planning on using vacation in December from the 20<sup>th</sup> to Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. The same as every year. Will also be taking some time off for Deer Hunting in November.

### Employee Report – City Clerk

- Land Update -- Nothing new to report.
- CD Interest Rates – Rates from Edward Jones are as follows: 6 Month - 2.25%; 9 Month 2.40%; 12 Month (1 year) 2.50%; 18 Month 2.65%; 24 month (2 years) 2.65%. The Edward Jones Money Market account has \$301,307.18 funds in it. The Councilmembers discussed the City's funds and options of CDs. *Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Malvin seconded a motion to approve investing into three (3) CDs at Edward Jones each for \$100,000.00 at the terms of one (1) for 9 months; one (1) for 12 months and one (1) for 18 months. The motion carried unanimously.*
- Completed Items -- Dotty has filed the monthly payroll taxes, quarterly reports and sales tax.
- Office Closed -- The Danube City Office will be closed Thursday, October 25, 2018 and Monday, November 12, 2018 for Veterans Day.

### School Building Updates - None

### Community Center Updates

Councilmember Krogman reported that Rick Vogt completed fixing the corner at the Community Center and the bullard was installed. Councilmember Krogman also brought up about purchasing a sleeve for over the bullard that is bright yellow so that it stands out and prevents people from hitting it. The Councilmembers agreed and asked Dotty to talk to Dan about purchasing one for the Community Center.

### Unfinished Business

Vacant Lot - Dotty had nothing new to report on the lot.

Golf Cart Ordinance #107 - The Councilmembers discussed this under the Employee Report Chief of Police.

ReneSola Power Holdings - Solar Garden - The Councilmembers reviewed the new information provided by Eric Jensen from ReneSola Power Holdings and decided not to pursue a solar garden at this time.

Blighted Property - The Councilmembers discussed this under the Employee Report - Chief of Police.

### Financial Reports

The Councilmembers reviewed the claims list from September 17, 2018 thru October 9, 2018. *Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$37,722.43 (checks) and \$10,723.57 (electronic fund transfers).* The motion carried unanimously.

The Councilmembers reviewed the Receipts List from September 7, 2018 thru October 7, 2018. The Councilmembers reviewed the Actual versus Budget Comparison for 2018. The Councilmembers reviewed the Bank Reconciliations for September 2018.

### New Business

Fee Schedule - The Councilmembers received a fee schedule in their packets and reviewed the fees.

*Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Maurice seconded a motion to approve the fees from 2018 for 2019 with the addition of Golf Cart Permits \$30.00 for three (3) years.* The motion carried unanimously.

Utility Schedule - The Councilmembers reviewed the break down the rates and usage of resident and business water and sewer accounts. After some discussion the Councilmembers made a motion regarding 2019 utility rates.

*Councilmember Malvin moved and Councilmember Standfuss seconded a motion to increase the following utilities: water base rate \$2.00 per quarter; sewer base rate \$2.00 per quarter.* The motion carried unanimously.

*Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Malvin seconded a motion to increase the following utilities: water usage over 5,000 gallons rate \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons per quarter to \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons; sewer usage rate over 5,000 gallons rate \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons per quarter to \$2.21 per 1,000 gallons.* The motion carried unanimously.

Garbage Rates - Dotty informed the Councilmembers that she did not receive the weights from West Central Sanitation yet so it will be put on the November meeting.

Lutheran Social Services - The Councilmembers reviewed the information from Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.

**Future Business** - None

*Employee Evaluation Date* – The Councilmembers discussed a date and decided to do the employee evaluations on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6pm prior to the regular Council meeting.

**Correspondence**

Safe Avenues

*There being no further business before the council, Councilmember Standfuss moved and Councilmember Krogman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted: Dotty Schnobrich, City Clerk

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Gene Alex, Mayor

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