

## **CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Breunig at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited. Present at roll call were: Don Osterday, Steve Pickett, Felix Perez, Cindy Corley and Dave Gough. Excused absence: John Sonsalla. Also present were: Bill McDaniel, Tony Ruesga, Dale Wiegel, Jeremy Williams, Doug Lindstrom and Phil Risseuw.

Motion by Pickett second by Gough that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Pickett second by Perez to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under comments from citizens present, Jeremy Williams reported Dennis McGuire has decided to retire from his employment with the City. Denny has worked for the City for 39 years. His last working day will be March 4, 2016. Denny was then thanked for his many years of service to the City of Darlington.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the following recommendations from the Park and Recreation Committee. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet. Alderperson Osterday reported the following:

- Approve allocation of the Bunny Hop Run funds net proceeds. Based on the recommendation from Amy Prine, the Committee recommends a 50-50 split of the net proceeds between the Wellness Center and Deanna Soper, who is battling cancer. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Corley to approve the 50-50 split of the net proceeds of the 2016 Bunny Hop Run as recommended. By Voice Vote: Ayes: Pickett, Perez, Corley and Osterday. Nays: Gough. Motion carried.
- Approve 2016 fee schedule. A copy of the proposed fee schedule was included in the agenda packet. Alderperson Osterday and Doug Lindstrom reported the fee schedule is the same as 2015, and the Committee is recommending approval of the schedule as presented. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Pickett to approve the 2016 fee schedule as presented. Motion carried.
- Approve 2016 wage schedule. A copy of the proposed wage schedule was included in the agenda packet. Alderperson Osterday and Doug Lindstrom reported the wage schedule includes a 2.0% wage increase over the 2015 wage amounts, and the Committee is recommending approval of the wage schedule as presented. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Perez to approve the 2016 wage schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendation from the Plan Commission. The Plan Commission meeting was held just prior to this Council meeting.

- Plat approval request from Alliant Energy. Mayor Breunig reported the Plan Commission recommends approval of the proposed plat from Alliant Energy. The plat approval falls under the extra territorial zoning law.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to accept the recommendation from the Plan Commission and approve the proposed plat from Alliant Energy as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Gough second by Osterday to approve the payment of the following January, 2016 vouchers: City vouchers #36855 thru #36931 in the amount of \$873,891.04; Direct deposit payroll vouchers #5695 thru #5814 in the amount of \$80,683.54; Water Dept. vouchers #5326 thru #5338 in the amount of \$32,699.29; Sewer Dept. vouchers #6130 thru #6141 in the amount of \$40,785.35; and Library vouchers #5253 thru #5261 in the amount of \$14,871.30. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Alderperson Gough reported on the Police Commission meeting held January 26, 2016. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet. Alderperson Gough stated Officer Steve Messner is resigning his position, and they will be advertising for a replacement officer. Mayor Breunig then encouraged those present to attend several upcoming community events.

A Finance and Personnel Committee meeting was then scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM to begin the hiring process to replace the retiring Dennis McGuire from the Public Works Department. And a Cable Television Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 6:00 PM to meet again with representatives of Mediacom.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Perez second by Osterday to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer