

**CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 16, 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: Felix Perez, Cindy Corley, Dave Gough, John Sonsalla and Don Osterday. Excused absence: Steve Pickett. Also present were: Doug Lindstrom, Dale Wiegel, Jeremy Williams, Brian Lund, Jason from Alliant Energy and Phil Risseuw.

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

Under unfinished business, Doug Lindstrom, Jeremy Williams and Don Osterday reported on a meeting they had with Jason from Alliant Energy regarding the Washington Street power lines relocation project. The meeting was held on site on Monday, February 15, 2016. Jason from Alliant Energy attended this meeting to present information and answer questions. He stated they have been considering various options to replace older power lines in the Washington Street area to improve power reliability in that area. Those lines provide power to the City's Municipal Building, Laf. Co. Courthouse and Darlington Firehouse. Jason explained the options available to them which included the following:

- Improve the poles and lines in their current location. Alderperson Osterday stated this option was recommended by Rick King.
- Wait until the plans for the WDOT Hwy. 23 rehab project are available, and work off those plans.
- Relocate the lines north of the campground area along the walking trail and the Pecatonica River.

Several questions were asked about the information Jason provided. The pros and cons for each of these options were discussed. Each option will require some tree trimming or removal. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Osterday to recommend the re-build of the poles and lines using the current route through the Washington Street area. Motion carried.

Under new business, the December 31, 2015 financial reports for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. were presented for review and approval. Copies of these financial statements were included in the agenda packet. After review and consideration, motion by Gough second by Corley to approve the December 31, 2015 financial reports for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig reported on the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held February 8, 2016. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet.

The meeting concerned the retirement of Dennis McGuire from his Public Works position. Applications will be accepted for this position until February 25, 2016. Another committee meeting will be held after that date, to review the applications and select applicants to interview.

It was also reported a Cable Television meeting will be held Wednesday, February 17, 2016; a Library Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 2016; and a Park and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016. Mayor Breunig then encouraged those present to attend several upcoming community events.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Pereza second by Corley to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer