

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 20, 2018

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: Erin Gallagher, Cindy Corley, Dave Gough, John Sonsalla, Don Osterday and Steve Pickett. Absent: None. Also present were: Bill McDaniel, Dick North, Mark and Angie McGowan, Steve and Kristine Brunkow, Joe and Judy Boll, Jason King, Bob Jones, Kriss Marion, Brian Lund and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under comments from citizens present, representatives of the ATV / UTV group attended the meeting expecting to provide input on the proposed changes to the City's ATV / UTV route ordinance. Mayor Breunig apologized to those present because the matter was not listed on the agenda for this meeting. Mayor Breunig informed those present that Attorney McDaniel did not have time to prepare the proposed ordinance revision, therefore there is nothing to review and discuss at this meeting. Joe Boll and Dick North informed the Council that if the proposed changes are approved, it takes time to order and receive trail signs, and get new ATV / UTV route maps printed. They suggested this matter be placed on the March 6, 2018 Council agenda for discussion and action. Attorney McDaniel stated he would have the proposed ordinance ready for the March 6, 2018 meeting; and Mayor Breunig stated it would be listed for discussion and action. Dick North, Mark and Angie McGowan, Steve and Kristine Brunkow, Joe and Judy Boll and Jason King then left the meeting.

Under new business, Bob Jones of Lafayette Development Corporation attended the meeting to present information regarding Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions plan to participate in the Prosperity SW Wisconsin Regional Housing Study. Bob stated a grant has been obtained from Alliant Energy for a portion of the study costs. Mr. Jones stated for Lafayette County, he has obtained participation approval from Belmont, Benton, Blanchardville, Shullsburg and Gratiot. They are seeking participation approval from Darlington and Argyle. If all selected communities participate, their share of the study cost will be approximately \$800.00.

Several questions were asked by those present regarding this information. Bob Jones reported in total six counties will be participating in the housing study. The study will be completed this fall; and each participating community will receive an individual report specific to their community. Kriss Marion, Lafayette County Board Member, then expressed her support for participation in this study. After discussion and consideration, it was the consensus of those present to place this matter on the agenda for the March 6, 2018 Council meeting.

Bob Jones then updated those present on other Lafayette Development Corporation activities. He stated work continues on broadband expansion grant applications. They are also working with representatives of Bugtussel Inc., on their expansion of wireless internet into this area. Mr. Jones then reported on Lafayette County's new website, which will be released soon; and recent developments on the relocation of the Lafayette County Fairgrounds. After the presentation, Bob Jones and Kriss Marion left the meeting.

The December 31, 2017 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. were then presented for review and approval. Copies of these financial statements were included in the agenda packet. These are draft reports pending audit review. It was reported auditors from Johnson Block and Co. will be in the City office beginning February 28, 2018. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Corley to approve the December 31, 2017 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Gough second by Gallagher to go into closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (g) Wis. Stats., to confer with legal counsel regarding two raze orders previously approved by the City Council. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Osterday second by Gallagher to reconvene to regular session in accordance with Section 19.85 (2) Wis. Stats., to take action if necessary concerning two raze orders previously approved by the City Council, and adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Sonsalla to authorize Attorney McDaniel to follow through with court action on the Fabian Ortiz raze order regarding the building on his property located at 816 E. Louisa Street. By Voice Vote: Ayes: Gough, Sonsalla, Pickett, Gallagher and Corley. Nay: Osterday. Motion carried. No other action was taken.

Aldersperson Sonsalla then reported on the Library Board meeting held just prior to this Council meeting. He reported on several donations to the Library; and that the library building is now 18 years old, and some maintenance needs to be completed.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Gallagher second by Sonsalla to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseeuw, Clerk-Treasurer