

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Breunig at 7:09 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited. Present at roll call were: Cindy Corley, Dave Gough, John Sonsalla, Don Osterday, Steve Pickett and Felix Perez. Absent: None. Also present were: Doug Lindstrom, Jeremy Williams, Brian Lund 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 Osterday to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under comments from citizens present, Jeremy Williams reported on a WDOT planning meeting he attended regarding the proposed Hwy. 23 construction project. Jeremy reported the following:

- The project is currently scheduled for 2020, and will take an entire construction season.
- WDOT is recommending a detour of all traffic away from the project area.
- The project includes a new deck on the bridge, and a temporary bridge is not in the plans at this time.
- Changes will need to be made to the current Main Street medians and decorative lighting.
- The roadway will be widened on Harriet Street and Washington Street.
- A public hearing on this project will be held in May, 2016.

Also under comments from citizens, it was reported additional street lighting is needed at the intersection of Center Drive and Hwy. 81 West.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the following recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee. A copy of the meeting minutes was distributed to those present at this meeting.

- Approve wage increase for Assistant Wastewater Treatment Plant operator. Mayor Breunig reported the Committee is recommending wage rates of \$20.00 per hour for the Assistant Wastewater Treatment Plant operator and \$23.00 per hour for the Wastewater Treatment Plant manager, effective at the start of the next pay period. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Corley to approve the wage rate for the Assistant Wastewater Treatment Plant operator as presented. Motion by Gough second by Corley to amend their motion to also include the new wage rate for the Wastewater Treatment Plant manager as presented. Both motions carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendations from the Water and Sewer Committee. That meeting was held just prior to this Council meeting.

- Rehab of water well number two. Alderperson Gough reported the Committee is recommending approval of this proposed project. The estimated cost of this project is \$30,000.00; and the funds for this project will come from in part from the Water Dept. budget and in part from the equipment replacement fund.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Sonsalla to accept the Committee recommendation and approve the rehab of water well number two as presented. Motion carried.

- Purchase and installation of a new ultraviolet disinfectant system at the wastewater treatment plant. Alderperson Gough reported the Committee is recommending approval of this proposed project. The estimated cost of this project is \$101,872.00 plus the cost of electrical work. The funds for this project will come from the equipment replacement fund, and the cost for the electrical work will come from the Sewer Dept. budget. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to accept the Committee recommendation and approve the purchase and installation of a new ultraviolet disinfectant system as presented. Motion carried.
- Slip line several sewer main segments throughout the City. Alderperson Gough reported the Committee is recommending approval of this proposed project. The estimated cost to slip line 3400 feet, at a cost of \$27.00 per linear foot, is \$91,800.00. The funds for this project will come from the Sewer Dept. surplus funds. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Perezza to accept the Committee recommendation and approve the sewer main slip line project as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the rehiring of Jim Polkinghorn as a part time parks employee. Doug Lindstrom explained Jim has worked for the City the past nine years, and he has applied to work for the City again in 2016. Doug stated due to the warmer weather conditions, he would like Jim to start working prior to the other parks staff. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Osterday to approve the rehiring of Jim Polkinghorn as a part time parks employee as presented. Motion carried.

The February 29, 2016 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. were then presented for review and approval. Copies of the financial statements were included in the agenda packet. After review and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Gough to approve the February 29, 2016 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, the following was reported:

- A Park and Recreation Committee meeting will be held March 30, 2016.
- The Canoe Festival Committee will receive a State Dept. of Tourism Commendation on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 1:45 PM at the Festival Grounds.
- Alderperson Pickett reported he attended the Darlington Fire Department Annual Meeting, and the recent meeting on broadband internet service.
- Mayor Breunig and Alderperson Corley encouraged those present to attend several upcoming community events.
- A Police Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Pereza second by Corley to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer