

**CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**MARCH 17, 2015**

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: Steve Pickett, Bev Anderson, Cindy Corley, Dave Gough, John Sonsalla and Don Osterday. Absent: None. Also present were: Bill McDaniel, Jeremy Williams, Doug Lindstrom, Dale Wiegel and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under comments from citizens present, Dale Wiegel reported on a recent Rifle Club fundraising event, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Under unfinished business, discussion was held concerning the final change order for the sewer main replacement project on Galena Street. Copies of the change order and supporting documentation were included in the agenda packet. The final change order reduces the total contract price from \$1,715,111.50 to \$1,596,268.90; a reduction of \$118,842.60. Jeremy Williams attended the meeting to present this information and answer questions. Jeremy stated he was very happy with this contractor and the completed project. After this change order is acted upon, the final pay request will then be processed. Dale Wiegel asked if the contractor will come back this spring, if the new seeding does not take hold along Galena Street, and Jeremy stated they would. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Sonsalla to approve the final change order for the sewer main replacement project on Galena Street as presented. Motion carried.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning a proposed Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement with The Housing Authority of the County of Lafayette. A copy of the proposed agreement was included in the agenda packet. The agreement calls for an annual payment from The Housing Authority of the County of Lafayette to the City of Darlington in the amount of \$935.00. That payment amount is the same amount included in the previous agreement. This agreement shall be in force for a five year term. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Anderson to approve the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement with The Housing Authority of the County of Lafayette as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the rehiring of Jim Polkinghorn and Charles North as part time parks employees for the 2015 season. Doug Lindstrom attended the meeting to explain this request and answer questions. Doug stated he would like to hire Jim and Charlie earlier than the rest of the summer employees, so they can help get the parks cleaned up and ready for use. Since the weather has turned warmer, and the snow is all gone, there are things they could be working on as early as next week. The rest of the summer employees will be presented for approval at the April 7, 2015 Council meeting.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Sonsalla to approve the rehiring of Jim Polkinghorn and Charles North as part time parks employees for the 2015 season as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendations from the Finance and Personnel Committee:

- Approve proposed capital improvement projects for completion in 2015. Mayor Breunig reported the following projects have been recommended for approval by the Committee: Replacement of three Municipal Building rooftop units by Reilly Plumbing & Heating at a cost of \$60,760.00; Street blacktopping for several street segments by Iverson Construction at a cost of \$138,998.00; Siding of large storage building in Pecatonica River Trails Park by Brunkow Construction at a cost of \$41,450.00; and campground road blacktopping by Iverson Construction in the amount of \$76,122.00. These four projects will be funded by loan funds. The total cost of these four projects is \$317,320.00. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Anderson to accept the committee's recommendations and approve all four capital improvement projects for completion in 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

The January 31, 2015 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. After review and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Corley to approve the January 31, 2015 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Alderperson Gough reported on the Police Commission meeting held March 16, 2015. A copy of the meeting minutes was distributed to Council members at this meeting. Alderperson Osterday reminded Mayor Breunig he will be gone for the next Park and Recreation Committee meeting. An Ordinance Committee meeting was scheduled for 6:30 PM, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 prior to the next Council meeting to discuss a request from members of the ATV Club. And Mayor Breunig encouraged Council members to let him know if they want any changes in their committee assignments for next year.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer