

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 7, 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: Bev Anderson, Cindy Corley, Dave Gough, John Sonsalla, Don Osterday and Steve Pickett. Absent: None. Also present were: Bill McDaniel, Doug Lindstrom, Jeremy Williams, Jason King, Louis Lopez, Dale Wiegel, Bridget Schuchart and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under reports, comments from citizens present, Mayor Breunig introduced Louis Lopez as the new employee of Lafayette Development Corporation. Mr. Lopez started his employment with Lafayette County April 6, 2015. Mayor Breunig then encouraged Council members to contact Mr. Lopez with any economic development matters. Mr. Lopez stated he was looking forward to working with the City Council in the future.

Jeremy Williams then updated those present on the Louisa Street wall replacement project. He stated the project is scheduled to start on April 8th, weather depending. The contractor is working to obtain approval for the erosion control plan from the DNR. Traffic will remain open on Louisa Street during the project. The dump site for this project will be at the Davis farm north of town. The project is scheduled to be complete by August 17, 2015. The total cost of the WDOT project is approximately \$1.6 million.

Discussion was then held concerning an update/report from representatives of Rural Medical Ambulance Service. Bridget Schuchart and Cindy Corley presented information regarding Rural Medical Ambulance Service. The main purpose of their report was a request for the City of Darlington to assist with the purchase of a new ambulance. At the last Rural Medical Board meeting it was proposed to implement a \$50.00 per capita assessment over 5 years to fund this project. The per capita of the entire Rural Medical service area is 5800 people; therefore this proposal will create \$290,000.00. The City's per capita share is 2451 people. The estimated cost of a new ambulance is \$175,000.00 to \$200,000.00. Any remaining funds will be held in an outlay account to replace the second ambulance. This matter will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and consideration.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning an application for temporary Class "B" Retailer's License from Darlington Chamber/Main Street Program from 8:00 AM May 9, 2015 to 1:00 AM May 10, 2015; for a fenced in area in the Festival Grounds for Cinco de Mayo. A copy of the license application and approval letter from Chief King were included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Anderson to approve the temporary Class "B" Retailer's License from Darlington Chamber/Main Street Program as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a request from representatives of Darlington Police Department to solicit donations toward the following upcoming events: Heroes Camp, Shop with a Cop and Rural Traffic Safety Day. Chief King attended the meeting to present this request and answer questions. He stated the Police Department will not be soliciting all the funds; however a special events outlay account will be created by the City to handle the income and expenses of these projects. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Gough to approve the creation of a special events outlay account and the solicitation of funds for the projects presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendations from the Park and Recreation Committee. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet. Doug Lindstrom and Don Osterday presented this information and answered questions.

- Approve list of Wellness Center policies and procedures. A copy of the list was attached to the meeting minutes. The Committee recommended approval of an updated list of policies and procedures for the Wellness Center. After review and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Anderson to approve the list of Wellness Center policies and procedures as presented. Motion carried.
- Approve hiring of Vierbicher Associates to update the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Four consulting proposals were reviewed by Committee members. After their review, they recommended the hiring of Vierbicher Associates for this project at the proposed cost of \$4,500.00. Doug Lindstrom then reported he contacted Gary Becker of Vierbicher Associates and asked for a cost for them to provide hard copies of the final approval plan. Mr. Becker told Doug the cost would be \$10.00 per copy. After discussion and consideration, motion Pickett second by Osterday to accept the proposal from Vierbicher Associates for the update of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan as presented, including the cost per hard copy of the final approved plan. Motion carried.
- Approve the hiring of summer employees for the Pool, Parks, Recreation Program and Concession Stand. The list of recommended summer employees was included in the meeting minutes. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to approve the list of recommended summer employees as presented. Motion carried.

The March, 2015 vouchers were then presented for review and approval. Copies of a list of the March, 2015 vouchers was included in the agenda packet. After review and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Sonsalla to approve the payment of the following March, 2015 vouchers: City vouchers #35842 thru #35939 in the amount of \$133,002.92; Direct deposit payroll vouchers #4753 thru #4820 in the amount of \$49,616.50; Water Dept. vouchers #5125 thru #5150 in the amount of \$40,573.97; Sewer Dept. vouchers #5912 thru #5934 in the amount of \$54,991.42; and Library vouchers #5170 thru #5176 in the amount of \$11,868.76. Motion carried.

The February 28, 2015 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 Anderson to approve the February 28, 2015 financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Alderperson Anderson reported on the Library Board meeting held March 30, 2015. She reported on several items, including the retirement of Library employees Janis Schlappi and Margaret Hardyman. And the Library Board approved the creation of a small café area in the library.

Mayor Breunig then reported this meeting marks the retirement of Bev Anderson from the City Council. Mayor Breunig thanked Bev for her many years of service, and Mrs. Anderson received a standing ovation from those present.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Anderson second by Sonsalla to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer