

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MAY 17, 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: Cindy Corley, Dave Gough, John Sonsalla, Don Osterday, Steve Pickett and Felix Perez. Absent: None. Also present were: Brian and Diane Lund, Dale Wiegel, Jeremy Williams, Riley Fitzsimons, Mark Wilson and Phil Risseuw.

Motion by Sonsalla 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 unfinished business, discussion was held concerning proposed Waterworks System Revenue Bond Refunding; proposed Sewerage System Revenue Bond Refunding; and proposed 2017 infrastructure improvements for Madison Street, E. Lucy Street and Arthur Street. Several items of supporting documentation were included in the agenda packet. Those items included an updated packet from Jim Mann of Ehlers Associates, and an analysis of what effect the cost of the proposed projects would have on the City's debt limit. The analysis also included proposed costs of future projects such as the remodeling of the second floor of the Municipal Building, and the City's share of the Hwy. 23 street improvement project now scheduled for 2021. Discussion items included the following:

- In the past, the City's guideline for maximum total debt was 50% of the City's debt limit. At this time the City's debt limit is \$5,355,245.00; and the City owes \$2,488,414.00 in debt, or 46.5%.
- If all of the proposed projects are approved, in 2021 the City would be at 65.8% of their debt limit. Not all Council members were comfortable with that amount.
- If all of the proposed projects are approved, what happens if an emergency happens, and we need to borrow more money? The possibility of a state requirement to replace lead water lines within the City was cited as an example.
- The street segments under consideration for repair will continue to deteriorate; and the cost of the infrastructure improvements may continue to rise.
- Interest rates are low right now, and they may increase later this year.
- Should we consider doing less infrastructure improvements in 2017, maybe two street segments instead of three?

After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Gough to approve the proposed refunding of the Waterworks System Revenue Bond and Sewerage System Revenue Bond, and authorize 2017 infrastructure improvements for street segments on Madison Street and E. Lucy Street. By Voice Vote: Ayes: Pickett, Perez, Gough and Osterday. Nay: Corley. Abstained: Sonsalla. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed Resolution 2016-03, A Resolution Providing for the Sale of \$905,000.00 Waterworks System Revenue Bonds. A copy of the proposed resolution was included in the agenda packet. Based on earlier discussions, the dollar amount of this resolution will be adjusted to the appropriate lower amount.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Osterday to approve Resolution 2016-03, A Resolution Providing for the Sale of \$905,000.00 Waterworks System Revenue Bonds as amended. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed Resolution 2016-04, A Resolution Providing for the Sale of \$760,000.00 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds. A copy of the proposed resolution was included in the agenda packet. Based on earlier discussions, the dollar amount of this resolution will also be adjusted to the appropriate lower amount. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Sonsalla to approve Resolution 2016-04, A Resolution Providing for the Sale of \$760,000.00 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds as amended. Motion carried. Jeremy Williams then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning the proposed remodeling of the second floor of the Municipal Building. One of the ideas for this area is to convert the second floor into senior apartments. At a recent meeting of the Property and Insurance Committee, they requested the area be examined by Steve Brunkow, to see if the conversion to apartments was even possible. A report was prepared based on conversations with Steve Brunkow, and a copy of the report was included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Gough to table this matter for now, to allow for additional discussion and investigation by the Property and Insurance Committee. Motion carried.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning an application for Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License from Darlington Lions Club for a fenced in area near the Lions Shelter House in Riverside Park for dates and times listed in the application. A copy of the license application and approval letter from Chief King were included in the agenda packet. It was reported this application is for Canoe Fest Weekend. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Osterday to approve the Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License from Darlington Lions Club as presented. By Voice Vote: Ayes: Perez, Corley, Gough, Sonsalla and Osterday. Nays: None. Abstained: Pickett. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning an application for Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License from Driver Opera House Restoration Inc., for a fenced in area on W. Ann Street from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM on June 11, 2016. A copy of the license application and approval letter from Chief King were included in the agenda packet. It was reported this application is also for Canoe Fest Weekend. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to approve the Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License from Driver Opera House Restoration Inc., as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning an application for Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License from Wiegel Strong Foundation for a fenced in area in the Festival Grounds from 8:00 AM, August 20, 2016 thru 1:00 AM, August 21, 2016. Mark Wilson and Riley Fitzsimons attended the meeting to present their request and answer questions. A copy of the license application and approval letter from Chief King were included in the agenda packet. Several questions were asked of Mark and Riley. They are hoping this will turn into an annual event; and net proceeds from their events will be used to support local organizations. After discussion and consideration, motion by Corley second by Perez to approve the Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License from Wiegel Strong Foundation as presented. Motion carried. Mark Wilson and Riley Fitzsimons then left the meeting.

The April 30, 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 April 30, 2016 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig reported the first meeting of the Board of Review will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 10:00 AM. Alderperson Corley encouraged those present to attend Rural Medical's Open House and Picnic on May 18th, and the Canoe Festival meeting next Tuesday. And Alderperson Pickett reported Laf. County has allocated funds to apply for grant money for the expansion of broadband internet in the area.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Osterday second by Perez to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer