

**CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**JUNE 19, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Breunig at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited. Present at roll call were: John Sonsalla, Don Osterday, Steve Pickett, Erin Gallagher, Cindy Corley and Dave Gough. Absent: None. Also present were: Bill McDaniel, Kurt Muchow of Vierbicher Associates, Inc., Shawn Roelli of Johnson Block and Co., Jeremy Williams, Dale Wiegel, Dan Prine, Jeff Berget, Kayla Ruf, Rhonda Wonders, Josh and Nicki Goebel, Dennis and Amy Prine, Jim and Sue Kostohrys, Tim McComish, Colleen Reichling, Dave Ohnstad, Fritz and Tonya Crosby, Lexi Hermanson, Bridget Schuchart, Bob Hermanson, Mike and Pat Gallagher, John and Kate Bausch, Marlene Knuteson, Joan Thompson, Brian Lund and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Gallagher second by Pickett that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Gough second by Pickett to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2018 regular Council meeting and June 13, 2018 special Council meeting. Motion carried.

Under unfinished business, Alderperson Sonsalla reported two bird statues have been placed in City parks. These statues should now be covered by City property insurance.

Under new business, discussion was then held concerning the following resolutions related to TID #6 and TID #7. Copies of the proposed resolutions were included in the agenda packet; along with TID #6 and TID #7 Three Year Extension Summary. Kurt Muchow of Vierbicher Associates, Inc. attended the meeting to present this information and answer questions. Kurt stated TID #6 and TID #7 are not expected to generate sufficient revenue to complete eligible costs within its maximum life due to the negative impact of 2013 Wisconsin Act 145. Based on this information, a three year extension of each TID is allowed by the Department of Revenue after City Council and Joint Review Board approval.

- Proposed Resolution 2018-02, A Resolution Approving a Three Year Extension to TID #6. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Gough to approve Resolution 2018-02, A Resolution Approving a Three Year Extension to TID #6 as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.
- Proposed Resolution 2018-03, A Resolution Approving a Three Year Extension to TID #7. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Sonsalla to approve Resolution 2018-03, A Resolution Approving a Three Year Extension to TID #7 as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Kurt Muchow then left the meeting.

The 2017 Audit Report was then presented to the Council by Shawn Roelli of Johnson Block and Co. A copy of the 2017 Audit Report was included in the agenda packet, along with a presentation handout prepared by Mr. Roelli.

Shawn provided an audit overview; 2017 financial highlights; trends in general fund balance; 2017 revenues and expenditures breakdown; and 2017 revenues and expenditures of the water and sewer utilities. Several questions were asked by those present. Mr. Roelli then stated overall the City is in good financial condition. Shawn Roelli was thanked for all they do for the City of Darlington, and Shawn thanked The City of Darlington's staff for all their assistance in preparation of the 2017 audit report. Mr. Roelli then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning Rural Medical Ambulance Service. Mayor Breunig stated he included this agenda item to allow comments on the current Rural Medical Ambulance Service situation. At present, ambulance service is being provided by Paramount Ambulance Service out of Dubuque, IA. The previous ambulance crew want things to change, so they can resume providing ambulance service to our area. The following comments were made at this meeting:

- There will be no talk about the contents of the closed session topic at the previously held Rural Medical Board Meeting.
- The evaluation process of what to do next is taking too long.
- Rural Medical Board just recently received an invoice from Paramount for the beginning service period.
- The current Rural Medical Board is not against the former crew.
- The next Rural Medical Board meeting will be held June 27, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Rural Medical ambulance garage.
- Bob Hermanson is the current Service Director.
- What will Paramount Service cost the service area for entire year?
- Should the City give its notice of intent to withdraw from Rural Medical Ambulance Service, to start the clock on the eighteen month withdraw period?
- The former ambulance crew is willing to come back and operate an ambulance service for the City of Darlington.

Several comments were made by Council members and others present at this meeting. Mayor Breunig then encouraged those present to attend the next Rural Medical Board meeting. Mayor Breunig also encouraged the current Rural Medical Board to strongly consider working again with the former ambulance crew. Those who attended the meeting for this agenda item then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning an original Class "B" combination alcohol beverage license application from Darlington Family Restaurant, Inc., Ahmet Eljezi, Agent, 128 Main Street, Darlington, WI 53530. This license is to replace the license formerly held by Hernandez Brothers, Inc., d/b/a Charlie's Place at the same location. A copy of the license application and approval letter from Chief King were included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Sonsalla to approve the original Class "B" combination alcohol beverage license application from Darlington Family Restaurant, Inc., as presented.

Discussion was then held concerning an application for Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License from Lafayette County Fair Committee for a tent in the Lafayette County Fairgrounds for dates and times listed on the application. A copy of the license application and approval letter from Chief King was included in the agenda packet. This license is for the Lafayette County Fair scheduled for July 11, 2018 thru July 15, 2018. After discussion and consideration, motion by Corley second by Pickett to approve the Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License application from Lafayette County Fair Committee as presented. Motion carried.

The May 31, 2018 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 Gallagher to approve the May 31, 2018 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig reported the Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission will be holding its annual meeting on June 26, 2018. He also stated he felt the 2018 Canoe Fest Weekend was a success. And he stated a Policies, Procedures and Ordinance Committee meeting will be held on July 3, 2018 prior to the Council meeting.

Motion by Sonsalla second by Gough to go into closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (e) Wis. Stats., to consider the proposed purchase of additional land to expand the business park. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Gallagher second by Osterday to reconvene to regular session in accordance with Section 19.85 (2) Wis. Stats., to take action if necessary concerning the proposed purchase of additional land to expand the business park, and adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Gallagher to approve a vacant land offer to purchase between the City of Darlington and Bahr Family Lands LLC, for 47.57 acres of land adjacent to the Darlington Business Park for \$1,000,000.00 as presented in closed session; along with a seven year option to purchase on the adjacent 47.57 acres of land to the west. Motion carried.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Gallagher second by Pickett to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseeuw, Clerk-Treasurer