

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

JULY 3, 2018

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: Dave Gough, John Sonsalla, Don Osterday, Steve Pickett, Erin Gallagher and Cindy Corley. Absent: None. Also present were: Josh and Nicky Goebel, Jim and Sue Kostohrys, Joan Thompson, Hannah Robiolio, Mike and Pat Gallagher, Jason King, Tony Ruesga, Colleen Reichling, Rhonda Wonders, Marlene Knutson, John and Kate Bausch, Bridget Schuchart, Kelly Hermanson, Lexi Hermanson, Jane Cleary, Tim McComish, Bob Hermanson, Jeff Berget, Ashley Kleiber, Bob Boyle, Kayla Barns and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under new business, a proposal presentation was provided by Jeff Berget, representing the former ambulance crew, to provide ambulance services for the City of Darlington. Mr. Berget distributed a handout to Council members at this meeting. The handout included a letter from Rural Medical Ambulance Service Volunteers, estimated start-up costs for a new ambulance service, and a proposed operating budget. The Rural Medical Ambulance Service Volunteers are recommending the City withdraw from the current Rural Medical Ambulance Service contract; and start its own ambulance service.

The estimated start-up costs include the purchase of a used ambulance, cot and defibrillator, supplies, pagers, gear and uniforms at \$62,000.00. The proposed budget shows total income of \$86,305.00, total expenses of \$80,008.00, and a net income of \$6,297.00. Several questions were asked by Council members regarding this proposal. Discussion items included the following:

- The proposed purchase of a used ambulance would be adequate, since the crew will only be responding to calls within the City limits.
- Why doesn't the proposal include a member run ambulance service? It was stated that would be great, but it may not happen.
- Funds for equipment purchase may be available from SARA funds.
- What happens to the ambulance service for the area townships?
- The City has an outstanding loan for the most recent ambulance purchase.
- An oversight committee will need to be established by the City.
- If the City starts its own ambulance service, it was suggested more volunteers will step up and join the ambulance crew.
- It was reported, based on contacts with Council members, City residents want this matter resolved.

Discussion was then held concerning the City's continued participation in the Rural Medical Ambulance Service Contract. Mayor Breunig reported the City is required to provide written notice to the Rural Medical Ambulance Board to start the clock on the 18 month time frame to withdraw. The City will still be covered by the contract during the 18 month period. It was reported a new ambulance service would not begin until after the end of the City's contract participation with Rural Medical Ambulance Service.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Gallagher to provide written notice to the Rural Medical Ambulance Board of the City's intention to withdraw from the organization. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Sonsalla, Gallagher and Gough. Nays: Osterday, Pickett and Corley. Tie Vote. Mayor Breunig voted Aye. Motion carried. Those who attended the meeting for the Rural Medical Ambulance agenda items then left the meeting.

Motion by Pickett second by Osterday to approve the payment of the following June, 2018 vouchers: City vouchers #39492 thru #39598 in the amount of \$185,984.63; Payroll vouchers #18998 thru #19000 and direct deposit vouchers #8293 thru #8428 in the amount of \$97,681.36; Water Dept. vouchers #5920 thru #5935 in the amount of \$66,093.11; Sewer Dept. vouchers #6691 thru #6707 in the amount of \$37,560.30; and Library vouchers #5454 thru #5457 in the amount of \$14,188.84. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig reported a Joint Review Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 1:30 PM. And Mayor Breunig encouraged those present to attend several upcoming community events.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Gallagher second by Sonsalla to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer