

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Breunig at 7:00 PM. Present at roll call were: John Sonsalla, Don Osterday, Felix Perez and Cindy Corley. Excused absence: Steve Pickett and Dave Gough. Also present were: Bill McDaniel, Jeremy Williams, Tallitha Reese, Craig and Kendall Sander and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under comments from citizens present, Craig and Kendall Sander attended the meeting to discuss the Alliant Energy plan to cut down all the trees on Washington Street and move the power lines from the west side of the houses to along Washington Street. The Sanders stated the two trees on their property provide shade to their house, and cover from residents looking out the windows in the Lafayette County Jail. They stated they were not contacted ahead of time by Alliant Energy, but were recently sent a letter by Jeremy Williams informing them of Alliant's plans. They stated they realized the trees are within the street right-of-way and they don't have any authority to change Alliant's plans. They are asking for help from City representatives to contact representatives of Alliant Energy, and encourage them to change their tree cutting plans. Jason King arrived at the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Jeremy Williams then stated Alliant representatives stated they may give the City a gift certificate to purchase replacement trees. However, they won't want trees purchased that will grow into the new power lines. The Sanders want Alliant Energy representatives to consider underground installation of the new power lines. If that isn't possible, they want the trees in front of their house replaced, and they want to be kept informed of the schedule of the proposed work. After discussion and consideration, Mayor Breunig instructed Jeremy Williams and Attorney McDaniel to work with the Sanders on this request. Craig and Kendall Sander then left the meeting.

Under unfinished business, Jeremy Williams updated those present on the E. Louisa Street wall project. He stated the wall is poured and they are waiting for the concrete to cure before they install the railing on the top of the wall, and stain the stone blocks within the wall. They have started doing the final landscaping around the wall and the street. The City gets final approval of the final shade of stone stain color. Several questions were asked by Council members concerning staining the stone: will the stain fade since the wall faces the south? will the stain be affected by road salt during the winter months? how long will the stain last? After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Perez to table this matter until Jeremy Williams obtains more information from representatives of WDOT. Motion carried.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the following recommendation from the Plan Commission.

- Conditional use permit request to operate a retail sales operation at 121 Pelco Drive. Mayor Breunig reported the Plan Commission recommends approval of the conditional use permit request from Jim and Judy Mathys to operate a retail sales operation at 121 Pelco Drive. The Mathys family plans on moving their Ace Hardware business to this location. The recommendation includes automatic continuation of the conditional use permit for as long as they operate the proposed business; and also continue if the property is transferred to any of their immediate family members or to a business entity primarily owned by themselves or a member of their immediate family. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Sonsalla to approve the conditional use permit request to operate a retail sales operation at 121 Pelco Drive to Jim and Judy Mathys as presented. By Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sonsalla second by Pereza to approve the payment of the following July, 2015 vouchers: City vouchers #36245 thru #36344 in the amount of \$178,069.84; Direct deposit payroll vouchers #5150 thru #5308 in the amount of \$101,128.25; Water Dept. vouchers #5208 thru #5219 in the amount of \$12,819.58; Sewer Dept. vouchers #5997 thru #6009 in the amount of \$18,364.63; and Library vouchers #5201 thru #5207 in the amount of \$14,042.01. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig reported a Park and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 6:30 PM; and a Library Board meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 6:30 PM. Mayor Breunig then encouraged those present to attend several upcoming community events. Alderperson Corley then asked if Council members would like a representative of Mediacom to attend a future Council meeting. It was the consensus of those present to invite the Mediacom representative to a meeting of the Cable Television Committee. Alderperson Corley also asked if the Personnel Policy could be updated soon. It was reported the recommended changes were given to Attorney McDaniel for his review some time ago. And Mayor Breunig reported on preliminary equalized property values for the City. The report states the City of Darlington will have a 3.83% increase over 2014 values.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Pereza second by Corley to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer