

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 6, 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: Don Osterday, Steve Pickett, Felix Pereza, Cindy Corley, Dave Gough and John Sonsalla. Absent: None. Also present were: Bill McDaniel, Larry Burns, Rhonda Pehl, Brian Lund, Wade Berget and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Sonsalla second by Gough that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Pickett second by Corley to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2016 regular Council meeting and August 23, 2016 special Council meeting. Motion carried.

Under comments from citizens present, Larry Burns attended the meeting to voice concern with how he is being treated by representatives of the Darlington Fire Department. They billed him for service calls at two of his properties, and Larry feels he was overcharged for the services that were provided. Mayor Breunig told Mr. Burns he needs to present his concerns at the Fire Board meeting, which will be held Wednesday, September 7, 2016.

Mayor Breunig then introduced Wade Berget to those present. Mr. Berget was offered and accepted the City's Park and Recreation Director Position. His first day of employment will be September 12, 2016. Wade stated he was looking forward to working for the City. He was then welcomed by those present. Mr. Berget then left the meeting.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the proposed 2017 budget approval schedule. A copy of the proposed schedule was included in the agenda packet. The 2017 budget will be approved at the December 6, 2016 Council meeting. The schedule includes several milestones to be completed over the next three months. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to approve the 2017 budget approval schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a proposed listing contract with Rhonda Pehl regarding the lease of the second floor of the Municipal Building. A copy of the proposed listing contract was included in the agenda packet. Rhonda Pehl attended the meeting to present the information and answer questions. The following is a list of discussion items:

- Rhonda Pehl works for Century 21 Zwygart Real Estate.
- The proposed listing contract is an exclusive listing contract; however the rental property will be listed on multiple listing sites.
- The proposed rental fee is \$10.00 per square foot per month. Rhonda stated she felt this rental fee was high for our area. Considerable discussion was held regarding rental fees; what the fee includes; and how the fee compares to rental amounts charged on Main Street.

- The commission under this contract is two months' rent per lease agreement.
- Southwest Wisconsin Technical College needs to be listed as an exclusion to this contract.
- The rental fee includes heat, lights, parking, interior and exterior maintenance such as snow removal, office cleaning and trash removal.
- The listing contract is for one year; or it can be terminated earlier upon mutual agreement between owner and agent for broker.
- Rhonda was also asked if she felt there was a need for more rental units in Darlington, like the units on Main Street. She said she felt there was a need for more 55 and older rental units in Darlington.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Corley to approve the \$10.00 per square foot per month rental amount; with the understand the amount is negotiable. Motion carried. After further discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Sonsalla to approve the proposed listing contract with Century 21 Zwygart Real Estate, Rhonda Pehl, Agent as presented and amended by the above discussions. Motion carried. Larry Burns and Rhonda Pehl then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed Resolution 2016-08, #JustFixItWI Transportation Funding Resolution. A copy of the proposed resolution was included in the agenda packet. Mayor Breunig stated this proposed resolution came from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities; and they are asking City Councils and Village Boards to pass this resolution and forward copies of the approved resolution to Governor Walker and State Representatives. Discussion was held concerning the final paragraph of the resolution, and whether it included all possible solutions to fix Wisconsin's transportation system funding problems. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Corley to approve Resolution 2016-08, #JustFixItWI Transportation Funding Resolution as presented. By Voice Vote: Ayes: Gough, Sonsalla, Osterday, Perez and Corley. Nays: Pickett. Motion carried.

Motion by Gough second by Pickett to approve the payment of the following August, 2016 vouchers: City vouchers #37476 thru #37579 in the amount of \$479,733.43; Direct deposit payroll vouchers #6366 thru #6481 in the amount of \$63,452.31; Water Dept. vouchers #5456 thru #5481 in the amount of \$777,005.97; Sewer Dept. vouchers #6251 thru #6279 in the amount of \$307,104.35; and Library vouchers #5303 thru #5308 in the amount of \$10,065.01. Motion carried.

Motion by Gough second by Sonsalla to go into closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (e) Wis. Stats., to consider an offer to purchase on two lots in the business park. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to reconvene to regular session in accordance with Section 19.85 (2) Wis. Stats., to take action if necessary concerning an offer to purchase on two lots in the business park; and continue with agenda items. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried. No action was taken regarding the offer to purchase on two lots in the business park.

Under reports of committees, Alderperson Sonsalla reported on the Library Board meeting held August 23, 2016. Mayor Breunig then reported on the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting and Special Council meeting also held August 23, 2016. At those meetings, directions were given to Mayor Breunig regarding the hiring of a new Park and Recreation Director. As was reported earlier, Wade Berget was hired as the City's Park and Recreation Director, effective September 12, 2016.

Mayor Breunig then encouraged those present to attend the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Annual Conference scheduled for October 19th thru 21st at the Holiday Inn, Stevens Point. And Mayor Breunig encouraged those present to attend several upcoming community events.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Pereza second by Pickett to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseeuw, Clerk-Treasurer