

**CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**OCTOBER 6, 2015**

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: John Sonsalla, Don Osterday, Steve Pickett, Felix Perez and Dave Gough. Excused absence: Cindy Corley. Also present were: Bill McDaniel, Jeremy Williams, Doug Lindstrom, Angie Thuli and Phil Risseuw.

Motion by Pickett second by Gough that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Pickett second by Sonsalla that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the following recommendations from the Policies, Procedures and Ordinance Committee. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet.

- Adopt Ordinance 05-2015, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11 of the Municipal Code of the City of Darlington regarding mobile homes. A copy of the proposed ordinance was also included in the agenda packet. Mayor Breunig reported Alderperson Corley asked that this matter be tabled until the full Council is available to discuss it further. Several other Council members had questions regarding some of the wording in the proposed ordinance. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to table this matter until the next meeting of the Policies, Procedures and Ordinance Committee which was then scheduled for the second Tuesday in November. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendations from the Park and Recreation Committee meeting. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet.

- Approve bid received to re-shingle the barn roof at Swimming Pool Park. Doug Lindstrom stated he contacted several area contractors requesting bids for this project. Only one bid was received from Brunkow Construction in the amount of \$6,200.00; with the work to be done in the spring, 2016. The Committee is recommending approval of the Brunkow Construction bid as presented. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Sonsalla to approve the recommendation from the Park and Recreation Committee as presented, and accept the bid from Brunkow Construction in the amount of \$6,200.00 with the work to be done in the spring, 2016. Motion carried.
- Approve bid received to paint the eight light poles at the ball park ball diamond. Doug Lindstrom reported he contacted Coplien Painting from Monroe for a bid for this work, as they have the equipment necessary to paint the light poles in place. They submitted a bid in the amount of \$2,140.00, and are available to complete the work yet this fall. The Committee is recommending approval of the Coplien Painting bid as presented. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Perez to approve the recommendation from the Park and Recreation Committee and accept the bid from Coplien Painting in the amount of \$2,140.00. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendations from the Street, Public Works and Solid Waste Committee. A copy of the meeting minutes was distributed to those present at this meeting.

- Approve contract renewal proposal from Faherty Incorporated for the City's residential recycling and solid waste disposal. Alderperson Pickett reported the proposed contract renewal would be for five years. The per unit fee for 2016 will be the same as 2015. The increases for the remaining years of the contract will be equal to the Consumer Price Index, not to exceed 3%. The Committee is recommending approval of the Faherty contract renewal as presented. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Gough to approve the contract renewal proposal from Faherty Incorporated for the City's residential recycling and solid waste disposal for five years as presented. Motion carried.
- Approve hiring of an engineering firm for the City of Darlington. Alderperson Pickett reported the committee reviewed proposals from five engineering firms, and narrowed those five firms down to the following three firms for consideration for approval: Ayres Associates, Madison, WI; MSA Professional Services, Dubuque, IA; and Delta 3 Engineering, Inc., Platteville, WI. Discussion was held concerning the three remaining firms. Jeremy Williams then stated he would like to work with Delta 3 Engineering, Inc., in Platteville, WI. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Sonsalla to approve the hiring of Delta 3 Engineering, Inc. as the City's engineering firm. By Voice Vote: Gough, Sonsalla, Pickett and Perez. Nay: Osterday. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendations from the Water and Sewer Committee. A copy of the meeting minutes was distributed to those present at this meeting.

- Approve 2016 Water Dept. budget. Alderperson Gough reported the proposed budget calls for total revenues of \$587,535.00 and total operating expenses of \$536,980.00; resulting in a net operating income of \$50,555.00. The total revenues include a 3.0% rate increase being implemented on December 1, 2015. The proposed budget provides sufficient funds to cover all operating and debt repayment expenses. The Committee is recommending approval of the 2016 Water Dept. budget as presented. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Pickett to approve the proposed 2016 Water Dept. budget as presented. Motion carried.
- Approve 2016 Sewer Dept. budget. Alderperson Gough reported the proposed budget calls for total revenues of \$1,056,015.00 and total operating expenses of \$784,358.64; resulting in a net operating income of \$271,656.36. The proposed budget provides sufficient funds to cover all operating and debt repayment expenses; and also complies with the minimum annual coverage requirement of 1.25% or more. The Committee is recommending approval of the 2016 Sewer Dept. budget as presented. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to approve the proposed 2016 Sewer Dept. budget as presented. Motion carried.
- Adopt Ordinance 05-2015, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code of the City of Darlington regarding a change in water rates. Alderperson Gough reported the proposed ordinance reflects the 3.0% water rate increase being implemented December 1, 2015. The Committee is recommending approval of the proposed ordinance as presented.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Sonsalla to approve Ordinance 05-2015, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code of the City of Darlington regarding a change in water rates as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a donation request from representatives of Darlington Canoe Festival for the 2016 Canoe Festival. A copy of a letter from the Canoe Festival Committee was included in the agenda packet. The Committee is requesting a \$4,000.00 contribution toward the 2016 Canoe Festival Weekend event; which is the same request as last years. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Sonsalla to recommend to the Finance and Personnel Committee the approval of the \$4,000.00 contribution toward the 2016 Canoe Festival Weekend event as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning Trick or Treat hours for Halloween, October 31, 2015. Mayor Breunig reported on information he received from Chief Jason King, recommending that Trick or Treat hours remain the same as previous years, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Pickett to set Trick or Treat hours from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on October 31, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to approve the payment of the following September, 2015 vouchers: City vouchers #36462 thru #36545 in the amount of \$404,525.50; Direct deposit payroll vouchers #5414 thru #5484 in the amount of \$52,924.59; Water Dept. vouchers #5235 thru #5253 in the amount of \$182,869.67; Sewer Dept. vouchers #6027 thru #6046 in the amount of \$36,034.45; and Library vouchers #5216 thru #5222 in the amount of \$10,117.09. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Alderperson Gough reported on the Police Commission meeting held September 22, 2015. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet. Alderperson Gough reported the Commission approved the promotion of Zach Keister from part-time to full-time officer status, contingent upon his passing a psychological exam. The hiring of a new officer was necessary due to the resignation of Officer Erik Longseth. Since that meeting, Officer Keister has passed his psychological exam, and has started his full time employment with the City of Darlington on October 5, 2015.

Alderperson Pickett then reported on the Library Board meeting held September 28, 2015. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet. Alderperson Pickett highlighted several items included in the meeting minutes.

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 a lot in the business park. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Gough 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 a lot in the business park; and adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried. No action was taken regarding an offer to purchase on a lot in the business park.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Perez second by Sonsalla to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer