

**CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 7, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Breunig at 7:07 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited. Present at roll call were: Dave Gough, John Sonsalla, Don Osterday, Steve Pickett, Bev Anderson and Cindy Corley. Absent: None. Also present were: Doug Lindstrom, Jeremy Williams, Felix Perez and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under unfinished business, Jeremy Williams updated those present on the sewer main replacement project. Jeremy stated he feels the project is 90% done. The sewer main is all installed; concrete work should be completed this week; and the landscaping work should start this week. Final blacktopping of city streets and individual driveways will be done yet this season. Jeremy stated he felt the contractor for this project did an excellent job, and we should hire them for all our utility projects in the future.

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

- Response from Delta 3 Engineering. Alderperson Osterday reported the Committee took no action regarding this matter, since it was the City Council that asked for payment from Delta 3 Engineering, not the Park and Recreation Committee. Representatives of Delta 3 Engineering rejected the request from the City Council to pay \$245.29 for Change Order #1; and stated several reasons for doing so. No action was taken by the Council regarding this response.
- Approve computer purchase from Johnson Software fund. Alderperson Osterday explained the Committee is recommending approval to purchase a computer to operate the Wellness Center software, from the Johnson Software fund. The proposed cost of this computer purchase is \$780.00. The Johnson Software fund is currently used to pay the annual software cost, and it made sense to the Committee to pay for the computer from that fund as well. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Sonsalla to approve the computer purchase from the Johnson Software fund in the amount of \$780.00 as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a contract renewal with Gardiner Appraisal Service, LLC for assessment services for 2015 and 2016. A copy of the proposed contract was included in the agenda packet. The base fee for assessment services is \$10,500.00 per year; with additional fees added for property sale reviews, annual report to Wis. Dept. of Revenue, a onetime fee of \$3,900.00 for putting all building drawings on Market Drive Software, which is a Wis. Dept. of Revenue requirement in 2015; and a software licensing fee of \$0.42 per improved parcel.

Mayor Breunig reported he feels the representatives of Gardiner Appraisal Service, LLC are good to work with, and have provided very good service to the City the last few years. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Pickett to accept and approve the contract renewal with Gardiner Appraisal Service, LLC as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a donation request from representatives of Darlington Canoe Festival for the 2015 Canoe Festival. A copy of a letter from Cindy Corley, Darlington Canoe Festival Committee was included in the agenda packet. They are requesting a \$4,000.00 contribution toward the 2015 Canoe Festival, the same amount as last year's request. Cindy then reported on the previous year's fundraising activities, and that the event did a little better than break even. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Sonsalla to approve the \$4,000.00 contribution to toward the 2015 Canoe Festival event as requested. By Voice Vote: Ayes: Osterday, Pickett, Anderson, Gough and Sonsalla. Nays: None. Abstained: Corley. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendations from the Street, Public Works and Solid Waste Committee. Their meeting was held prior to this Council meeting.

- Approve rate adjustment for garbage and recycling fees on utility bills. Mayor Breunig reported Mr. Ed Faherty of Faherty, Inc. has requested a 1.6% increase in residential waste hauling and recycling fees for 2015. Including the administrative fee, the garbage and recycling fee will now be \$32.00 per quarter for each residential parcel in the City. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Anderson to approve the contract extension with Faherty, Inc., for waste hauling and recycling fees for 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendations from the Water and Sewer Committee. This meeting was held just prior to this Council meeting.

- Request from representatives of Darlington Rifle Club to install a wastewater holding tank on their property. Mayor Breunig reported the committee recommends approval of this request, with a requirement of a legal agreement between the Darlington Rifle Club and City of Darlington requiring hookup to City sewer in the future when it becomes available. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Pickett to approve the request from representatives of Darlington Rifle Club to install a wastewater holding tank on their property as presented. Motion carried.
- Approve 2015 Water Dept. budget. Mayor Breunig reported the committee reviewed and approved the 2015 Water Dept. budget at their meeting. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Anderson to approve the 2015 Water Dept. budget as presented. Motion carried.
- Approve 2015 Sewer Dept. budget. Mayor Breunig reported the committee reviewed and approved the 2015 Sewer Dept. budget at their meeting. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Anderson to approve the 2015 Sewer Dept. budget as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning Trick or Treat hours for Halloween, October 31, 2014. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to keep the same hours as previous years, and set Trick or Treat hours from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM for Halloween, October 31, 2014. Motion carried.

Motion by Pickett second by Sonsalla to approve the payment of the following September, 2014 vouchers: City vouchers #35222 thru #35317 in the amount of \$162,184.58; Direct deposit payroll vouchers #4242 thru #4318 in the amount of \$56,338.34; Water Dept. vouchers #5001 thru #5026 in the amount of \$233,958.48; Sewer Dept. vouchers #5793 thru #5818 in the amount of \$33,863.03; and Library vouchers #5127 thru #5131 in the amount of \$10,229.37. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Alderperson Anderson reported on the Library Board meeting held September 29, 2014. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet. Alderperson Anderson highlighted several items included in the meeting minutes. Alderperson Gough then reported on the Police Commission meeting held September 30, 2014. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet. Alderperson Gough highlighted several items included in the meeting minutes. And Alderperson Osterday reported on additional information discussed at the Park and Recreation Committee meeting, also held September 30, 2014.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseeuw, Clerk-Treasurer