

## **CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

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, Erin Gallagher, Cindy Corley and Dave Gough. Excused absence: John Sonsalla. Also present were: Jeremy Williams, Kyle McCarville, Kyle, Masbruch, Angie Thuli, Dave Meister, Brian Lund and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under new business, discussion was held concerning a contribution request from representatives of the Darlington Canoe Festival. It was reported the Finance and Personnel Committee voted to not include the \$4,000.00 annual contribution to the Darlington Canoe Festival in the 2018 City budget. Kyle Masbruch and Kyle McCarville attended the meeting to answer questions and request the reinstatement of the \$4,000.00 contribution to the Darlington Canoe Festival. Discussion items included the following:

- In kind contributions by the Police Department, Public Works Department and Park and Recreation Department total approximately \$6,500.00. Those departments were then thanked for their annual contributions to Canoe Fest.
- Mr. Masbruch and Mr. McCarville stated the Darlington Canoe Festival still needs the annual contribution from the City of Darlington; even though their current checking account balance is just under \$60,000.00.
- Alderperson Gough and Alderperson Corley provided historical information regarding the Canoe Festival Committee. Through the years the Canoe Festival Committee raised sufficient money to fund the weekend events. The Committee did not carry over funds from year to year; nor did they donate funds to other entities.
- The annual Canoe Festival weekend is the City of Darlington's main community event each year. It should be supported by City tax dollars. The City's contribution is normally used for the down payment required by the fireworks provider.
- It was suggested by Kyle Masbruch and Kyle McCarville to have the City at least pay the \$850.00 sponsoring organization fee to maintain sponsoring organization status. That way the City will still have representation on the Canoe Festival Committee, and a say in future committee decisions.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Osterday to reverse the Finance and Personnel Committee decision by refunding \$4,000.00 to the Celebrations account from the Street Machinery Outlay account; agree to pay the \$850.00 sponsoring organization fee; and hold the balance of the \$4,000.00 in reserve until the end of the year. If the balance remaining is not used by year end, it will be transferred to an outlay account. Motion carried. Jeremy Williams, Dave Meister and Kyle Masbruch then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet.

- Approve 2018 City of Darlington budget advertisement. A copy of the budget advertisement was included in the agenda packet. The budget advertisement needs to be amended to include the Council decision regarding the donation to the Darlington Canoe Festival. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Gough to approve the 2018 City of Darlington budget advertisement as presented and amended. Motion carried. The City of Darlington budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 6:45 PM.

The report on final 2017 assessed values was then presented for review. The manufacturing totals have now been released by the Department of Revenue. A copy of the final 2017 Statement of Assessment was included in the agenda packet; along with a spreadsheet showing a comparison to the 2016 values. The total 2017 assessed value for the City of Darlington is \$102,882,500.00; which is \$971,000.00 lower than the 2016 total assessed value.

Motion by Pickett second by Gough to approve the payment of the following October, 2017 vouchers: City vouchers #38767 thru #38861 in the amount of \$103,620.63; Direct deposit payroll vouchers #7683 thru #7750 in the amount of \$51,653.33; Water Dept. vouchers #5739 thru #5775 in the amount of \$62,178.89; Sewer Dept. vouchers #6523 thru #6545 in the amount of \$232,432.87; and Library vouchers #5401 thru #5409 in the amount of \$11,203.59. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig encouraged those present to attend several upcoming community events.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Gallagher second by Pickett to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer