

**CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**NOVEMBER 29, 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, Cindy Corley, Dave Gough and John Sonsalla. Excused absence: Felix Perez. Also present were: Bill McDaniel, Jeremy Williams, Robert Martin, Brian Lund, Julie Hanson of American Transmission Company, and Phil Risseuw.

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

Mayor Breunig then suggested going out of agenda order, and take up agenda item 8 (a). It was the consensus of those present to go out of agenda order as requested.

Discussion was then held concerning a proposed easement purchase by ATC for an easement to run electrical lines along the west side of Lot 24 of the Darlington Business Park. Julie Hanson of American Transmission Company attended the meeting to present information and answer questions. Copies of several documents from ATC were included in the agenda packet. Ms. Hanson stated ATC plans on running electrical transmission lines from their power lines on Hwy. 81 south to the new Wisconsin Power and Light Company Redbird Substation. They are requesting a thirty foot easement along the west side of Lot 24, to construct, maintain and operate overhead and underground electrical transmission lines.

Included in the agenda packet were copies of the following:

- Request letter with a signed Petition to the City Council for the City of Darlington.
- Two proposed resolutions.
- Electric Transmission Line Easement.
- Compensation Summary showing total compensation for the easement of \$8,100.00.
- Map showing the proposed location of the wood poles.
- Appraisal Report.

Several questions were then asked by those present and answered by Julie Hanson.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed Resolution 2016-09, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Council to Execute an Easement Grant to American Transmission Company LLC, A Wisconsin Corporation. A copy of the proposed resolution was included in the agenda packet. Attorney McDaniel has reviewed and approved the proposed resolution. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to approve Resolution 2016-09 as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed Resolution 2016-10, A Resolution to Waiver of a Second Appraisal. A copy of the proposed resolution was included in the agenda packet. Attorney McDaniel has reviewed and approved the proposed resolution. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to approve Resolution 2016-10 as presented. Motion carried. Julie Hanson then left the meeting.

Mayor Breunig then returned the meeting to normal agenda order.

Under unfinished business, discussion was held concerning a request from representatives of WDOT for the City to decide if they want pedestrian and bicycle accommodations included in the Hwy. 23 reconstruction project. Mayor Breunig then reported on a Public Involvement Meeting held November 15, 2016. He stated there was very good public turnout for the meeting. At the meeting, representatives of WDOT presented several street design options for consideration, along with estimates of costs to the City of Darlington for each option. WDOT is recommending the City Council choose alternative A for this project due to the design options and lower cost to the City. Mayor Breunig reported he took a voice poll at the public meeting, and a majority of those present chose alternative A.

Several questions were asked by those present concerning information discussed at the public meeting. Alderperson Pickett asked about possible ATV use on Galena Street. It was reported an application has been filed with the WDOT by Chief King; however we have not received a response yet. It was also reported the proposed bicycle lane would be a multi-use area of the street. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Gough to approve alternative A for the design of Galena Street reconstruction project. Motion carried. Jeremy Williams then stated a formal resolution needs to be approved and forwarded to WDOT. The proposed resolution will be included on a future Council agenda.

Returning then to new business, the Notice of Spring Election was presented for review. The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. A copy of the notice was included in the agenda packet. The following municipal offices will be on the ballot: Alderperson, First Aldermanic District – David Gough, Incumbent; Alderperson, Second Aldermanic District – Donald Osterday, Incumbent; and Alderperson, Third Aldermanic District – Felix Perez, Incumbent. If necessary, a primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

A report on final 2016 assessed values including manufacturing totals was then presented for review. A copy of the report was included in the agenda packet. The 2016 total assessed value is \$103,853,500.00 which is \$1,455,000.00 higher than the 2015 total assessed value.

The October 31, 2016 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. were then presented for approval. Copies of those financial statements were included in the agenda packet. After review and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Gough to approve the October 31, 2016 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig encouraged those present to attend the Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. He also reported a Park and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on November 30, 2016. And a Water and Sewer Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Corley second by Pickett to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer