

## **CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 4, 2018**

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: Dave Gough, John Sonsalla, Don Osterday, Steve Pickett, Erin Gallagher and Cindy Corley. Absent: None. Also present were: Bill McDaniel, Jason King, Josh Goebel, Brian Lund and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Gough second by Gallagher 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 comments from citizens present, the following matters were discussed:

- Raze order on house on E. Louisa Street. Attorney McDaniel stated a court action will be filed soon.
- Will there be any cost to the City for the extension of the water and sewer mains to the Farm Worker Housing project? Mayor Breunig stated the cost of the water and sewer main extensions will be financed by the developer.
- It was suggested all Council members should have matching polo or dress shirts.
- And why does the City have six wards? It was reported it was a state requirement to have wards, and we have six wards to cooperate with Lafayette County and the supervisor seats.

Under unfinished business, discussion was held concerning proposed signs for Veterans Memorial Park. Jason King attended the meeting to report the proposal is now for two smaller signs without stone pillars. Two - three foot by five foot signs are being proposed, with either white vinyl posts or stainless steel posts. The signs would be placed on both sides of Main Street. At the September 18, 2018 Council meeting, the Council authorized the placement of one sign on the east side (north bound) of Veterans Memorial Park.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Gough to reconsider the action taken at the September 18, 2018, and authorize two – three foot by five foot signs with stainless steel posts, placed on each side of Main Street. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Sonsalla, Gallagher and Gough. Nays: Osterday, Pickett and Corley. Tie Vote. Mayor Breunig voted Nay. Motion fails.

After additional discussion, motion by Sonsalla to authorize one – three foot by five foot sign on the west side of the park near the eagle statue. This motion died for a lack of a second. After additional discussion, it was the consensus of those present to consider this matter further at the next Council meeting.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning an original Class “B” Retailer’s License application from Spot Partners LLC, d/b/a The Spot, Bryan C. Bredeson, Agent, 120 W. Alice Street, Darlington, WI 53530. This license is to replace the license currently held by Spot Group LLC, d/b/a Spot Tavern, James P. Boyle, Agent, at the same location.

A copy of the license application and approval letter from Chief King were included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to approve the original Class "B" Retailer's License application from Spot Partners LLC, d/b/a The Spot, Bryan C. Bredeson, Agent, 120 W. Alice Street, Darlington, WI 53530 as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the proposed 2019 Salary and Wage Rate Schedule. A copy of the proposed schedule was included in the agenda packet. The 2019 salary and wage rate amounts reflect the 2.0% wage increase authorized by Mayor Breunig and included in the 2019 City budget. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Pickett to approve the 2019 Salary and Wage Rate schedule as presented. Motion carried. Jason King then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed Ordinance 04-2018, City of Darlington Budget Adoption and Tax Levy Ordinance. A copy of the proposed ordinance was included in the agenda packet. The 2019 proposed budget shows total revenues of \$2,563,708.00 and total expenditures of \$2,549,857.00; and a tax levy of \$1,230,629.00. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Gallagher to adopt Ordinance 04-2018, City of Darlington Budget Adoption and Tax Levy Ordinance as presented. By Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a Christmas gift for full time City employees. Mayor Breunig reported in the past, \$50.00 Chamber dollars have been given to full time employees, plus Jim Polkinghorn and Jerry Douglas, as a Christmas gift. Mayor Breunig then recommended the same for this year. Phil Risseeuw then asked if Robin Steiner could still be included on the list, since she worked until November 9, 2018 this year. After discussion and consideration, motion by Corley second by Osterday to approve \$50.00 Chamber dollars Christmas gifts for all full time City employees, plus Jim Polkinghorn, Jerry Douglas and Robin Steiner. Motion carried.

Motion by Pickett second by Corley to approve the payment of the following November, 2018 vouchers: City vouchers #39942 thru #40011 in the amount of \$433,649.71; Direct deposit payroll vouchers #8813 thru #8893 in the amount of \$86,568.11; Water Dept. vouchers #6013 thru #6029 in the amount of \$16,054.45; Sewer Dept. vouchers #6778 thru #6792 in the amount of \$35,748.68; and Library vouchers #5493 thru #5499 in the amount of \$14,684.11. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Alderperson Osterday reported on the Library Board meeting held November 26, 2018. And Mayor Breunig reported on the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held November 28, 2018. At that meeting, Al Coulthard was hired for the new Public Works Employee / Wastewater Treatment Plant operator position, with a start date of January 1, 2019. Mayor Breunig also reported Amy Johnson was hired as the new Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, and she started work November 26, 2018. Mayor Breunig then encouraged those present to attend the League Regional Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 5:30 PM at Mineral Point. A copy of the Darlington Community Fire District Board meeting minutes from November 7, 2018 was distributed to Council members at this meeting. And Mayor Breunig encouraged those present to attend the Chamber/Main Street meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Don Osterday then reported he has completed and submitted his Notification of Noncandidacy for his current Alderperson, Second Aldermanic District position. Don stated he will not seek re-election to this position at the April 2, 2019, Spring Election.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Gallagher second by Corley to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseeuw, Clerk-Treasurer