

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS MARCH 16, 2010

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: Bev Anderson, Cindy Corley, Dave Gough, John Sonsalla and Steve Pickett. Excused absence: Don Osterday. Also present were: Ken Staver, Mark Nelson, Bob Salmi, Jeremy Williams, Jason King 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 Sonsalla to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under unfinished business, discussion was held concerning proposed participation in the Mississippi River Initiative project. Mayor Breunig stated this matter has been discussed at the previous two Council meetings, with no action being taken. He asked Alderperson Anderson to explain project again. She stated the Mississippi River Initiative project could be a county wide project, or a city project. Grant funds were allocated at the state level for communities adjacent to the Pecatonica River and Sugar River for development projects. This project would fit well with the City's Comprehensive Plan. The City of Freeport, Il is interested in working together on this project. A \$25,000 match is required for the planning grant application. After discussion and consideration, it was the consensus of those present to send this proposal to representatives of the Lafayette Development Corporation to encourage other communities to get involved in this project. Mayor Breunig volunteered to take the matter to the Laf. Development Corporation.

Discussion was then held concerning a proposed change in the Municipal Sewer Department loan request to the Department of Natural Resources to add an amount for contingency. Copies of a letter of explanation, and two project budget summary sheets were included in the agenda packet. It was reported since sewer main replacement project is a remodeling project; changes may become necessary during construction, based on what is found underground. Therefore it would be a good idea to have contingency funds available to fund possible change orders. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Anderson to approve an increase in the DNR loan amount from \$400,000.00 to \$420,000.00 to include a \$20,000.00 contingency amount. Motion carried.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning a proposed truck purchase for the street department. A copy of a price quote from Virtue Motors was included in the agenda packet. Mayor Breunig then explained why this truck purchase was included as an agenda item. He stated once the City Council approves budget amounts for the outlay accounts, such as the street machinery outlay; city department heads have the authority to spend those funds. Bob does have sufficient funds in the street machinery outlay to fund this truck purchase. In addition, other vehicles have been purchased without Council review or approval. However in this case, based on citizen's comments regarding previous vehicle purchases; Mayor Breunig stated he felt this vehicle purchase decision should be made by the City Council.

The truck being considered for purchase is a 2011 Ford F350 with a list price of \$34,170.00; and a municipal discount price of \$24,650.00. Bob Salmi and Jeremy Williams answered questions about the truck, and reported a snow plow will be added to the truck for snow removal work in the winter. Because of the large municipal discount, the purchase of a new vehicle is a better deal than the purchase of a good used vehicle. Plus with the purchase of a new vehicle, a better warranty is received. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Gough to approve the purchase of the 2011 Ford F350 truck from Virtue Motors at a purchase price of \$24,650.00. Motion carried. It was also the consensus of the Council members to continue to bring vehicle purchases to them for approval.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig encouraged those present to attend the Connecting Southwest Wisconsin conference On April 22, 2010 at the Belmont Travel Center. This conference is regarding the expansion of broadband service to our area. He also reported the Municipal Water Department will be receiving an award on Wednesday, March 24th from representatives of UW-Extension.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer