

**CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**APRIL 7, 2009**

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: John Sonsalla, Don Osterday, Bev Anderson, Cindy Corley and Dave Gough. Excused absence: Steve Pickett. Also present were: Hillary Dickerson, Bill McDaniel, Bob Salmi, Jean Kruser, Suzy Osterday, Stephanie Johnston and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Gough second by Anderson that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Anderson second by Corley to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009 and April 6, 2009 Council meetings. Motion carried.

Under comments from citizens present, Suzy Osterday and Stephanie Johnston attended the meeting to seek advice from Council members regarding an advertising problem the Johnston's are having related to their hotel business. They are seeking additional signage on the side of Main Street buildings with a directional arrow pointing to their side street hotel. They have contacted several building owners with their request. A couple building owners have turned them down, but one building owner is willing to help them out, if it's OK with the City. According to City Ordinance, only one advertising sign is allowed on the side of a Main Street building. The building owner willing to help the Johnston's, already has a sign for his business on the side of his building. Therefore, an additional sign for the hotel business is not permitted. After discussion and consideration, this matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee, and Mayor Breunig scheduled a meeting of the Ordinance Committee for Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 6:30 PM. Suzy Osterday and Stephanie Johnston then left the meeting.

Under unfinished business, Mayor Breunig reported Larry Burns has again asked to be placed on a Council agenda for reconsideration of the \$10,000 reserve license fee he paid several years ago. Mayor Breunig stated this matter will be placed on the agenda for the April 21, 2009 Council meeting.

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.

- Approve the hiring of summer employees for the Park and Recreation Departments, Swimming Pool and Ball Park Concession Stand. The Committee is recommending the following summer employees for the departments listed: Swimming Pool – Michelle Lindstrom, Manager; Kailey Hardyman, Assistant Manager; Jacob Boll, Katelyn Ruef, Ciara Wiegel, Kristi Boyle, Emily Flesher, Kali Shager, Kelsi Blosch, Mariah Gibson, Meghan Taylor and Amber Peters as Lifeguards. Parks – Jim Polkinghorn, Charlie North and Zach Keister (less than 600 hours). Recreation – Cameron Ruef, Jordan Heinberg, Jason Boll, Brett Hardyman and alternate Niklaus Geissbuhler. Concession Stand – Courtney Hackett and Brittany Langkamp. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Anderson to accept the recommendation as presented and approve the hiring of the summer employees for the Park and Recreation Departments, Swimming Pool and Ball Park Concession Stand as listed. Motion carried.

- Approve portable toilet rental bid. The Committee is recommending the acceptance of the bid submitted by Jeff Monson in the amount of \$650.00. After discussion and consideration, motion by Corley second by Sonsalla to accept the recommendation as presented and approve the portable toilet rental bid. Motion carried.
- Approve Resolution 2009-12, A Resolution Adopting Updated Outdoor Recreation Plan. A copy of the proposed resolution and updated outdoor recreation plan was included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Osterday to adopt Resolution 2009-02, A Resolution Adopting Updated Outdoor Recreation Plan as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendation from the Street, Public Works and Solid Waste Committee. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet.

- Approve alley repair project for alley on east side of 400 block of Main Street. Bob Salmi explained the repair project is for the south half of this alley, and the cost of this repair project would come from the Street Construction outlay account. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Sonsalla to accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the alley repair project as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning an application for Temporary Class "B" Retailer's license from Darlington Chamber/Main Street Inc., beginning at 8:00 AM on Saturday, May 16, 2009 to 1:00 AM on Sunday, May 17, 2009 for a fenced in area in the Darlington Festival Grounds for Cinco de Mayo. A copy of the application and approval letter from Chief King was included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Anderson to approve the Temporary Class "B" Retailer's license application from Darlington Chamber/Main Street Inc., as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning an application for Temporary Class "B" Retailer's license from Darlington Lions Club for days and times listed in the application, for a fenced in area in the Lion's Shelter House at Riverside Park for Canoe Fest Weekend. A copy of the application and approval letter from Chief King was included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Anderson to approve the Temporary Class "B" Retailer's license application from Darlington Lions Club as presented. Motion carried.

The February 28, 2009 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. were then presented for review and approval. Copies of these financial statements were included in the agenda packet. After review and consideration, motion by Corley second by Gough to approve the February 28, 2009 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

A current list of delinquent personal property tax accounts was then presented for Council review and consideration for collection of/or write off of a couple of these delinquent accounts. A copy of the list of delinquent personal property tax accounts was included in the agenda packet. Two delinquent accounts were considered for collection or write off. The first was Darlington Auto and Truck Repair in the following amounts: 2006 - \$40.27; 2007 - \$41.43; and 2008 - \$34.77. The owner of this business has closed his business in Darlington and relocated to a different location.

The second was Duane Jorgenson in the following amounts: 2006 - \$61.95; and 2008 – \$50.99. Attorney McDaniel then explained these amounts could be taken to small claims court to obtain a judgment against the individual, if cost effective. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Sonsalla to write off the three year delinquent personal property tax amounts for Darlington Auto and Truck Repair; and continue collection efforts on the remaining delinquent accounts. Motion carried.

Motion by Gough second by Anderson to approve payment of the following March, 2009 vouchers: City vouchers #28421 thru #28536 in the amount of \$307,859.83; Payroll vouchers #16955 thru #17024 in the amount of \$52,063.46; Water Dept. vouchers #3735 thru #3763 in the amount of \$146,444.72; Sewer Dept. vouchers #4455 thru #4483 in the amount of \$75,425.17; and Library vouchers #4479 thru #4495 in the amount of \$12,661.56. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig encouraged those present to attend the following League of Municipalities events:

- League Regional Dinner scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2009.
- New Officials Workshop scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2009.
- John Sonsalla then reported on a Homemakers meeting he attended regarding sharing the road with farm equipment, horses and buggies, atv's and vehicles.

Bob Salmi, Hillary Dickerson and Bill McDaniel then left the meeting.

Motion by Anderson second by Corley to go into *closed session* in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (e) Wis. Stats., to consider changes in terms and conditions of revolving loan fund loan with Steven E. Walker, d/b/a Towne Motel. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Gough second by Anderson to reconvene to *regular session* in accordance with Section 19.85 (2) Wis. Stats., to take action if necessary concerning changes in terms and conditions of revolving loan fund loan with Steven E. Walker, d/b/a Towne Motel and adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried. No action was taken regarding the Walker, Towne Motel, revolving loan fund loan.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer