

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 27, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Breunig at 6:00 PM. Present at roll call were: Steve Pickett, Bev Anderson, Cindy Corley and Dave Gough. Excused absence: Don Osterday and John Sonsalla. Also present were: Bob Salmi, Dale Marsh and Nicole LaPlant of Robert E. Lee & Associates, Inc., and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Pickett second by Anderson that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning street blacktop quotes received for entire street paving; on streets where the water main and sewer main replacement work was/will be done. A copy of the blacktop quotes was included in the agenda packet. The following street sections are being proposed for entire street paving, with the related additional cost to the previously approved contract:

- Hill Street from Galena Street south through the first curve in the street, at a proposed cost of \$14,400.00.
- Clay Street from E. Louisa Street to Laf. Memorial Hospital, at the proposed cost of \$59,400.00.
- Legion Street including Keep Street intersection, at the proposed cost of \$8,200.40.
- Ann Street from approximately forty feet into W. Ann Street through the east end of E. Ann Street, at the proposed cost of \$46,902.25.

The total cost of all these projects is \$128,902.65. Currently the City has \$47,913.62 in the Street Construction Outlay account.

Discussion items included the following:

- Should we stick with the current construction contract and pave only the portions of the street that were excavated during the main replacement and service lines hook up work, or should the entire street blacktop be replaced?
- How long will the patch work hold up on these streets, if that is the option selected now?
- Should we use all of the street construction outlay account funds? Bob Salmi stated he would like to reserve \$5000 for scheduled street crack filling work; and \$20,000 for repair of the east alley behind the 300 block of Main Street.
- Some of these costs may be reimbursable by grant funds and loan funds through the DNR. The DNR project engineer has been contacted, and he requested a project change order be submitted for his review and consideration. Bob Salmi and Dale Marsh pointed out a contingency amount was included in both the water main replacement project and sewer main replacement project.
- Bob Salmi stated he has been in contact with representatives of the Town of Darlington regarding the paving costs for Legion Road. A formal request for township funds for a portion of those costs will be made if approved.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Gough to approve the entire street paving proposal for the street segments listed above for Hill Street, Clay Street, Legion Street and Ann Street as presented; using approximately \$22,902.65 from the street construction outlay account, and authorizing borrowing in the amount of \$106,000.00 to fund the remainder of the blacktop costs; at the end of the project. Hopefully the entire project will come in under budget, or additional funds will be available through DNR. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning change order process for the water main and sewer main replacement project. Currently, approval for project change orders remains with the City Council. Bob Salmi and Dale Marsh explained during a main replacement project, they are dealing with water and sewer mains that have been in the ground for 30 to 50 + years. Sometimes during excavation, surprises are found and change orders need to be made at that time. If they have to wait for Council approval on every change order, that may hold up the project. To date, changes have been made in this project by eliminating expenses in one area, and increasing them in another area. To date, Bob and Dale don't feel they have exceeded the original contract price. The change orders are also being communicated to the DNR engineer for this project.

Mr. Marsh presented a couple proposals he has seen used in other communities. One proposal was to authorize the Director of Public Works to approve project change orders up to \$5,000 limit; create a three person committee to approve change orders from \$5,000 to \$10,000; and anything above \$10,000 would require Council approval. However, at the Council meeting, they are brought up to date on the overall project costs. And once the change order paperwork is completed, the City Council would need to approve all the project change orders. Dave Williams arrived at the meeting at 6:50 PM, and Doug Lindstrom arrived at the meeting at 6:55 PM.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Corley to establish the following process for review and approval of project change orders: \$0 to \$5000 can be approved by Director of Public Works; \$5000 to \$10,000 can be approved by a committee of the Mayor, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Committee, and one other Council member; over \$10,000 shall be submitted to the City Council for their review and consideration. Motion carried.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Corley second by Pickett to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer