

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS MAY 4, 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: Don Osterday, Steve Pickett, Cindy Corley and John Sonsalla. Excused absence: Bev Anderson and Dave Gough. Also present were: Dan O'Brien, Dennis Murphy, Linda Bawden, Bob Salmi, Jason King, Doug Lindstrom and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Pickett second by Sonsalla that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Corley second by Pickett to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2010 Council Reorganization Meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Pickett second by Corley to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2010 and April 27, 2010 Council meetings. Motion carried.

Under comments from citizens present, Linda Bawden attended the meeting to recommend to the Council that handrails be installed on the stairs leading to the Main Street entrance of the Municipal Building. She has noticed several older people either fall on the stairs, or crawl up the stairs to the building. Linda stated if an elderly person is not familiar with the building, they do not know the accessible access to the building is on the east side of the building along with the parking lot. Several concerns were raised about accessible access to the west side of the building. There are three sets of steps between the curb and the building; and there is another set of steps inside the building to reach the first floor. It was also reported when the building was remodeled back in the mid 1990's, the engineering firm at the time designed the accessible entrance on the east side of the building, with an elevator in the entrance; which is adjacent to the parking lot. Mayor Breunig stated he will ask Sue Torstenson and Dave Williams, our Municipal Building maintenance staff to look into the matter further.

Under unfinished business, Dan O'Brien and Dennis Murphy attended the meeting, representing American Legion Post #214. At a previous Council meeting, permission was granted for representatives of the American Legion Post to construct a Veteran's Memorial in Veteran's Park. The area in the park where the memorial will be located has been marked by red flags. Dan passed around a picture of the proposed design for the Veteran's Memorial. A few trees will need to be removed from the park to allow for the memorial construction. However, it may take three to five years for project organizers to raise the money needed for the construction project. The proposed project cost is \$250,000 to \$300,000. They are planning an unveiling of the proposed memorial design, after the Memorial Day program in Veteran's Park. Some other program plans were then discussed related to the Memorial Day program. Dan O'Brien and Dennis Murphy then left the meeting, and Al Brey of Johnson Block and Co. arrived at the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Darlington and the Darlington Professional Police Association. A copy of the proposed memorandum of understanding was included in the agenda packet.

This agreement establishes a mutual understanding and agreement regarding the use of overtime, flexible scheduling, holiday pay and compensatory time. This document was previously reviewed by the Council at a previous meeting. At that time, Council members requested the memorandum be reviewed and approved by the union business agent, prior to Council action. Since that meeting the union business agent has reviewed and approved the proposed memorandum; and now Council action is needed. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Osterday to approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Darlington and the Darlington Professional Police Association as presented. Motion carried.

Bob Salmi then updated the Council on the water main and sewer main replacement projects. He reported on the following:

- Cost of work completed compared to original contract price.
- No change orders have been initiated since the last meeting.
- The paperwork for the paving change order approved at the April 27th Council meeting is being prepared.
- The water main installation work on north Main Street will be completed this week; as well as the water main and sewer main work on Legion Road.
- The sewer main replacement work through Taylor's pasture to North Street is complete.
- The water main replacement work on Hill Street and Clay Street is complete.
- Work has started on Ann Street this week, and probably River Street next week.
- Representatives of Iverson Construction will start their street preparation work next week on Clay St., Hill St., and Legion Road; with street paving to begin the following week.

Bob was then asked several questions concerning the proposed construction work. Concerns were expressed about trail accessibility during Memorial Day weekend; campground and street access during Canoe Festival Weekend; and the closing of River Street near Al's Trucking before school gets out.

Under other unfinished business, Linda Bawden asked if the new campsites are open for use yet in Pecatonica River Trails Park. Doug Lindstrom reported the electrical work is not all done yet, so no the new sites are not yet available. Doug stated after completion, he will have thirty-two total sites, and only two won't have electrical service. It was stated the campground area is a great addition to the City, with many positive comments coming from the campers who use it.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning a request from the Police Department to apply for 2010 Wisconsin Summer Event Grant funding from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety. A handout explaining the grant program was included in the agenda packet. The purpose of Darlington's grant application is to provide alternative transportation home for people who have been drinking at Darlington Canoe Festival. Chief King explained the grant request will be for \$4,000.00; with the following breakdown: Al's Trucking contract \$2,000.00; marketing \$1,000.00 and advertising \$1,000.00. Chief King was then asked several questions from those present concerning this request. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to authorize the grant application by the Police Department as presented. By Voice Vote: Ayes: Sonsalla and Pickett. Nays: Corley and Osterday. Tie Vote. Mayor Breunig voted Aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning an application for Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License from Beowulf MC Ltd., from 2:30 PM, June 12, 2010 thru 2:30 AM, June 13, 2010, for the Lafayette County Fairgrounds. A copy of the license application and approval letter by Chief King were included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to approve the Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License application from Beowulf MC Ltd., as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning an application for Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License from Darlington Lions Club for a fenced in area at the Lions Shelter in Riverside Park, for dates and times listed on the application for Canoe Festival weekend. A copy of the license application and approval letter from Chief King were included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Sonsalla to approve the Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License application from Darlington Lions Club as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendations from the Policies, Procedures and Ordinance Committee. A copy of the meeting minutes along with copies of the proposed ordinances were included in the agenda packet.

1. Approve proposed Ordinance 01-2010, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code of the City of Darlington related to noxious weeds and storage of recreational equipment. Cindy Corley and John Sonsalla explained the need for this ordinance change. After discussion and consideration, motion by Corley second by Sonsalla to adopt Ordinance 01-2010, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code of the City of Darlington as presented. Motion carried.
2. Approve proposed Ordinance 02-2010, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code of the City of Darlington related to property maintenance. John Sonsalla and Cindy Corley explained the need for this ordinance change. It was reported this ordinance change will require citizen education. Enforcement of this ordinance will be done by the Police Department by complaint or personal recognition. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Corley to adopt Ordinance 02-2010, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code of the City of Darlington as presented. Motion carried.

Linda Bawden then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendation from the Park and Recreation Committee. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet.

- Additional money request from Yeazle Sandblasting & Painting for sandblasting work at the swimming pool. Alderperson Osterday and Doug Lindstrom provided background information regarding this request. They stated the initial contract was a not to exceed amount of \$10,000 for the sandblasting work. Mr. Yeazle made a \$3,000.00 extra fee request at an earlier Park and Recreation Committee meeting. After he completed the sandblasting work, he is now requesting \$1,419.00 for an extra fee. The Park and Recreation Committee recommending holding Mr. Yeazle to his original contract price of \$10,000.00. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to accept the committee’s recommendation, and not approve the extra fee request from Yeazle Sandblasting and Painting. Motion carried.

Mayor Breunig then reported on the Municipal Building exterior brickwork planned for 2010. A copy of a price quote for the work was included in the agenda packet. Mayor Breunig stated the funds for this work was included in the 2010 Municipal Building outlay account. The work will be done by representatives of Endura Building Restoration. This is the same firm who has worked on the Municipal Building the past several years. He just wanted the Council to know what was going on if they saw someone working on the building. Jason King then left the meeting.

Motion by Pickett second by Corley to approve the payment of the following April, 2010 vouchers: City vouchers #29831 thru #29922 in the amount of \$127,491.35; Payroll vouchers #18161 thru #18279 in the amount of \$82,395.61; Water Dept. vouchers #4005 thru #4023 in the amount of \$170,492.97; Sewer Dept. vouchers #4737 thru #4764 in the amount of \$410,958.40; and Library vouchers #4612 thru #4626 in the amount of \$17,597.11. Motion carried.

The March 31, 2010 financial statements for the City, Water Department and Sewer Department were then presented for approval. After review and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Osterday to approve the March 31, 2010 financial statements for the City, Water Department and Sewer Department as presented. Motion carried.

The 2009 Audit Report was then presented to those present. A copy of the 2009 Audit Report was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Al Brey of Johnson Block and Co. attended the meeting to present the report, and answer questions. Mr. Brey highlighted several sections of the audit report. He also presented graph information for Council review. And he provided comparison information regarding income and expenses with communities of our size. Mr. Brey stated their independent auditor's report states in their opinion the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of all activities of the City of Darlington. Several questions were asked regarding the report, and the financial position of the City, Water Department and Sewer Department. After the presentation, Mr. Brey then left the meeting.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig reported on the following:

- Library Board meeting held April 26, 2010. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet.
- League's New Officials Workshop scheduled for May 14, 2010 in Madison.
- League's Regional Dinner meeting scheduled for May 27, 2010 in Belmont.
- Alderperson Pickett also reported on the Broadband meeting recently held concerning the expansion of broadband access to southwest Wisconsin.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Corley to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer