

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS MAY 18, 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 Don Osterday. Excused absence: Steve Pickett. Also present were: Bob Salmi, Jason King, Jeremy Williams, Chuck Barnard, Steve Brunkow, Greg and LeAnn McGowan, Angie Thuli, Dick North, Joe Boll, Linda Bawden, Suzanne Wade, Mark Nelson and Phil Risseuw.

Motion by Anderson second by Gough that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Sonsalla second by Osterday to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under comments from citizens present, Linda Bawden asked what had been done since the last meeting about her request for a railing on the entrance steps on the west side of the Municipal Building. Mayor Breunig stated he would address that under unfinished business.

Under unfinished business, Bob Salmi updated those present on the water main and sewer main replacement projects. He reported the following:

- Street paving work is going to start on Wednesday.
- Construction work is also going to start on Wednesday on East River Street.
- Representatives of Al's Trucking Co. and Merkle Korff are being kept informed of street closures and alternate routes.
- During the road boring under Hwy. 23, the access to Co. Hwy. F will be closed.
- Extra gravel is needed on the street segments being paved. The current road base is too soft for the new paving. This will affect the quantities included in the final contract price.
- Attempts will be made to save the spring near East River Street.
- Bob was instructed to keep emergency services informed about street closures during the project.

Under other unfinished business, Mayor Breunig instructed the members of the Property and Insurance Committee to investigate the hand rail request on the west side of the Municipal Building. It was suggested a meeting of the Property and Insurance Committee could be held sometime prior to the June 1, 2010 Council meeting.

Under new business, Suzanne Wade, Rock River Basin Educator for Natural Resources attended the meeting to present representatives of the Municipal Water Department a Water Star certificate. Ms. Wade explained the application and evaluation process, and how the Darlington Water Department was selected for this award. She then presented a plaque and street sign to Mayor Breunig, Bob Salmi and Jeremy Williams at this meeting. Bob Salmi and Jeremy Williams were complimented on the work they have done improving the City's water department. Suzanne Wade then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning a request from representatives of the Tri County ATV Club for an ordinance change to allow ATV's to travel City streets from their house to the ATV trail. Several city residents attended the meeting to show support for this request. Steve Brunkow distributed a handout to the Council members explaining their request. He explained some items included in the handout to start the discussion. Several questions were asked by Council members concerning this request; and several pros and cons to this proposal were discussed. Chief King was then asked for his input. Chief King stated his department would enforce the ordinance approved by the Council. He also suggested the DNR Conservation Warden be contacted for his input. Alderperson Pickett arrived at the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Additional discussion was then held concerning the impact of ATV traffic to the tourism industry. Chuck Barnard presented a signed petition from City residents who support the ordinance change being requested. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Gough to refer this matter to the Policies, Procedures and Ordinance Committee for their consideration. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendations from the Plan Commission.

- Preliminary plat approval request from Mike McDermott and Tim Wiegel. Mayor Breunig reported the Plan Commission is recommending approval of the preliminary plat as presented. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Anderson to approve the preliminary plat from Mike McDermott and Tim Wiegel as recommended. Motion carried.
- List of properties targeted for acquisition and/or relocation under the flood mitigation program. Mayor Breunig reported the Plan Commission is recommending approval of the updated list, removing names of properties already acquired and correcting property names and addresses. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Osterday to approve the updates to the list of properties targeted for acquisition and/or relocation under the flood mitigation program as recommended. Motion carried.

Chuck Barnard, Steve Brunkow, Greg McGowan, Jeremy Williams, Jason King, Mark Nelson, Joe Boll and Dick North then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning an application for Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License from Tri County ATV Club from 11:00 AM thru 11:00 PM on May 22, 2010 for a fenced in area in Pecatonica River Trails Park. Copies of the application and approval letter from Chief King were included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Gough to approve the Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License application from Tri County ATV Club as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a proposed lease agreement between the City of Darlington and Kowalski-Kieler, Inc. d/b/a Bard Materials for a specified fenced in area located in the NE corner of "The Ruef Quarry" used specifically as a clean wood burning site. A copy of the proposed lease agreement was included in the agenda packet.

The lease agreement calls for a monthly payment of \$120.00 from the City of Darlington for use of the parcel of land for a burn site. Discussion items included the present need for a burn site; public access to this burn site, since the site is within an active quarry; what items can be burned at the burn site; what should be done with leaves and other brush from the City; can brush be left behind the City garage. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Anderson to approve the proposed lease agreement between the City of Darlington and Kowalski-Kieler, Inc. as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the Mayor's appointment of Mary Jo Finkenbinder to the Park and Recreation Committee to replace Joe Boll. Mr. Boll resigned his position on the Park and Recreation Committee; and according to City ordinances, a member of the Darlington Community School District School Board is needed on the committee. Mary Jo Finkenbinder is a member of the School Board, and also a City resident. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mary Jo Finkenbinder to the Park and Recreation Committee as presented. Motion carried.

The April 30, 2010 financial statements for the City, Water Department and Sewer Department were then presented for approval. Copies of the financial statements were included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Sonsalla to approve the April 30, 2010 financial statements for the City, Water Department and Sewer Department as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig encouraged those present to attend the Rural Medical appreciation supper scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2010; and to attend the Piggly Wiggly Grand Re-Opening scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 8:30 AM.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Corley to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseeuw, Clerk-Treasurer