

**CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**MAY 19, 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: Cindy Corley, Dave Gough, John Sonsalla, Don Osterday, Steve Pickett and Bev Anderson. Absent: None. Also present were: Bob Salmi, Joe Kieffer and another representative of the Pecatonica Valley Antique Club, Gary Becker of Vierbicher Associates, Deb Pickett, Bill McDaniel, Doug Lindstrom and Phil Risseuw.

Motion by Anderson second by Gough 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 comments from citizens present, Deb Pickett attended the meeting to inform the Council that representatives of DNR have reviewed the hydraulic information submitted by representatives of Vierbicher Associates; and have approve the bridge replacement project at Black Bridge Park. Doug Lindstrom will do the paperwork for the City building permit. Mrs. Pickett said the bridge assembly will take place over Canoe Fest Weekend. Mrs. Pickett then left the meeting.

Under unfinished business, Bev Anderson reported the open house for the Main Street Condo's will be held in the afternoons of May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. The open house for the Darlington Regional Dental Clinic will be held on June 11, 2009 in the afternoon. Mayor Breunig then distributed a copy of a letter from Police Chief Jason King concerning illegal parking stalls on Main Street. Mayor Breunig and Bob Salmi then reported on changes that will be made when the parking stalls are repainted on Main Street this year.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning a proposal from Vierbicher Associates to amend Tax Increment District No. 6. A copy of the proposal was included in the agenda packet, and is in the amount of \$8,700.00. Gary Becker of Vierbicher Associates attended the meeting to present information and answer questions. The reason for the proposed amendment is to amend TID #6 boundaries to include the former Westerman property at the intersection of Hwy's 23 & 81. This is the building site of the proposed Dollar General Store; and the project developer is requesting a developer financed TID increment for site preparation.

Discussion was then held concerning amending a current TIF, compared to creating a new TIF. Gary Becker stated the paperwork is the same, however, he did not think this single development project would qualify for a stand alone TIF. Gary then distributed copies of the current TID #6 boundary, and a proposed schedule to amend TID #6. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Sonsalla to approve the proposal from Vierbicher Associates in the amount of \$8,700.00 to amend Tax Increment District No. 6 as presented. Motion carried. Gary Becker then left the meeting.

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

Discussion was then held concerning an application for Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License from Tri County ATV Club for 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM on May 30, 2009, for a fenced in area in Pecatonica River Trails Park near the restroom/shower building. A copy of the license application and approval letter from Chief King were included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to approve the Temporary Class “B” License application for the Tri County ATV Club as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a request from the Pecatonica Valley Antique Club for an ATV route approval from Pecatonica River Trails Park to the Laf. Co. Fairgrounds for Antique Days, scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Joe Kieffer, President of the Antique Club attended the meeting to present this request. Joe Kieffer and Mayor Breunig presented this request, and reported this request has been reviewed and approved by Police Chief Jason King. The proposed route would leave Pecatonica River Trails Park on Cornelia Street; travel Cornelia Street east to Clay Street; then south on Clay Street across Louisa Street to the west entrance of the Fairgrounds. Mayor Breunig reported he talked with representatives of the ATV Club, and they are willing to help with signage for this request.

Discussion items included the following:

- Is this the best route available to have ATV’s travel from the campgrounds to the fairgrounds?
- Are we setting a precedent if this route request is approved?
- One other request was already denied.
- Would it be better to provide a shuttle service from the campgrounds to the fairgrounds?
- Most of this route is through the residential district.
- They are only requesting this route for daylight hours; 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and 8:00 AM to Noon on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to approve this proposed ATV route for Antique Days, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, for the hours requested, as a temporary ATV route, for this year only, to see how this plan will work. By Voice Vote: Ayes: Gough, Pickett and Anderson. Nay: Corley, Sonsalla and Osterday. Tie Vote. Mayor Breunig voted Aye. Motion carried. Joe Kieffer and the other Antique Club representative then left the meeting.

Mayor Breunig then stated to accommodate Attorney McDaniel’s need to attend a school board meeting tonight; the Council will go out of agenda order to take up the matter for closed session.

Motion by Gough second by Corley to go into closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (e) Wis. Stats., to consider proposed settlement agreement with Laf. Co. Historical Society regarding the ramp adjacent to the restroom/shower building in Pecatonica River Trails Park. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Gough second by Sonsalla to reconvene to regular session in accordance with Section 19.85 (2) Wis. Stats., to take action if necessary concerning proposed settlement agreement with Laf. Co. Historical Society regarding the ramp adjacent to the restroom/shower building in Pecatonica River Trails Park and return to normal agenda order. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried. No action was taken regarding the settlement agreement with Laf. Co. Historical Society. Attorney McDaniel then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed repair of the alleyway behind the west side of the 400 block of Main Street. Bob Salmi reported approximately 200 feet of the alley needs new base. Bob also stated he does not have a total estimated cost for this project, but the cost of blacktop will be \$5,000.00. There will be additional costs for the breaker rock for the base; and repair work to a wall along the Williams property at the south end of that alley section. Bob stated the funds for this project will come from the street construction outlay account. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Anderson to approve the alley repair project for the alleyway behind the west side of the 400 block of Main Street as presented. By Voice Vote: All Ayes. Abstained: Pickett. Motion carried.

The April 30, 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 Anderson second by Sonsalla to approve the April 30, 2009 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed sewer main replacement projects, and new sewer line installation projects. Discussion and action if necessary concerning proposed engineering agreement with Robert E. Lee & Associates Inc., regarding several sewer main projects. Copies of proposed project list, map showing the location of the projects, and agreement for engineering services were included in the agenda packet. Bob Salmi then explained the five sewer main replacement or new main project he would like to do with economic stimulus money. The estimated cost of these five projects is \$664,655 including project costs, engineering fees and contingencies. There is a possibility of up to 50% grant funding for these projects.

Total engineering fees for this project are \$83,500.00, including preliminary design phase of \$38,500.00. The preliminary design phase information is required to submit the grant/loan application to the DNR's Clean Water Fund programs. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to approve the proposed engineering agreement with Robert E. Lee & Associates Inc., as presented, for the five proposed sewer main replacement or new main projects as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Alderperson Anderson reported on the Library Board meeting held May 18, 2009. She stated a 55" television will be purchased for the Children's Library, but will also be used for other presentations beside children's presentations.

Mayor Breunig and Bev Anderson will be attending a League of Wisconsin Municipalities lobbying session on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. Topics of discussion will be the prevailing wage rates for all projects; shared revenue funding; and funding of the expenditure restraint program.

John Sonsalla then reported on the League of Wisconsin Municipalities New Officials Workshop he attended in Madison. And Mayor Breunig encouraged those present to attend the Rural Medical Open House scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Motion carried.

CITY OF DARLINGTON

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer