

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

JUNE 2, 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: Don Osterday, Steve Pickett, Bev Anderson, Cindy Corley and Dave Gough. Excused absence: John Sonsalla. Also present were: Kerry Black, Jason King, Jim and Mary Ann Reichling, Mike Curry, Fritz & Shirley Hastert, Deb Siegenthaler, Janet George, Danielle Meister, Sue Torstenson and Phil Risseuw.

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

Under unfinished business, Bev Anderson reported the Grand Opening for the Dental Clinic included in the Main Street Development project will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 1:00 PM on site. She also reported the open house for the condos in the Main Street Development project held last weekend was very successful, with over 400 people attending.

Under new business, Police Chief Jason King made a presentation to those present regarding a proposed Safe Route to School Plan. A copy of the proposed plan was included in the agenda packet. Chief King went through a PowerPoint presentation, which listed problems identified near Holy Rosary School and Darlington Elementary/Middle School; and ended with several priority projects included in the plan, that task force members would like to see implemented. Some of the main concerns in the plan are pedestrian/bicycle traffic from Galena Street on Center Hill Road to Co. Hwy. K; pedestrian crossings on Galena Street; and the three bus stops within the City of Darlington. Implementation of the priority projects will require approval of the City of Darlington City Council, the Darlington Community School District School Board; and the Town Board of the Town of Darlington. Chief King stated he has been in contact with representatives of the UW-Platteville's engineering department, to see if their students could help with design standards along the proposed Center Hill Road pedestrian/bicycle route.

One of the priority projects included in the plan is the installation of sidewalks in several areas of the City. One area of sidewalk installations included in the plan is Center Hill Road between County Shop Road and Co. Hwy. K. Several property owners along Center Hill Road attended the meeting to seek information and ask questions. Mayor Breunig asked each of them to state their opinion. These property owners were concerned about the need to remove trees for the sidewalk placement; the present condition of the street; water runoff; possible installation of storm sewer and curb and gutter; and the cost of all these improvements. Chief King stated the purpose of the plan is to make the City eligible for grant funding for these various projects. Hopefully, the sidewalk improvements would not cost the municipality or property owners anything. Additional support information was then provided by several of the task force members who attended the meeting. Tony Ruesga arrived at the meeting at 7:35 PM.

After discussion and consideration, Chief King stated he will contact the plan preparers to have some corrections made to the plan. He also stated he would like the Council to consider approval of the proposed plan at their June 16, 2009 Council meeting. The following people then left the meeting: Kerry Black, Mike Curry, Jim and Mary Ann Reichling, Fritz and Shirley Hastert, Deb Siegenthaler, Janet George, Danielle Meister, Sue Torstenson, Tony Ruesga and Jason King.

Discussion was then held concerning a request to rescind the approval of the reserve Class “B” Retailer’s Combination License application from Riverwood Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Riverwood Restaurant, Johnny Shabani, Agent, 128 Main St., Darlington, WI 53530. This license application was approved at the April 21, 2009 Council meeting. Since that time, Tim and Johnny Shabani have changed their mind about this license application, and now just want to renew their beer license. A copy of a letter from Tim Shabani requesting this change was included in the agenda packet. Since one location can not have more than one license, the approval of the reserve Class “B” Retailer’s Combination License application needs to be rescinded. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Corley to rescind the approval of the reserve Class “B” Retailer’s Combination License application from Riverwood Restaurant, LLC as requested. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning an Assumption Agreement between the City of Darlington and Driver Opera House Restoration Inc. A copy of the assumption agreement was included in the agenda packet; and a copy of a letter from Attorney McDaniel approving the assumption agreement was distributed to those present at this meeting. The proposed agreement identifies responsibilities of each party related to the grant funds awarded by the Department of Commerce. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Osterday to approve the Assumption Agreement between the City of Darlington and Driver Opera House Restoration Inc., as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications for the license period beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. A copy of the renewal notice listing all the renewal applications and approval letter from Chief King was included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Pickett to approve the following alcohol beverage license renewal applications for the license period beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. Motion carried.

Class “A” Retailer’s License, Beer Only:

- Casey’s Marketing Co., d/b/a Casey’s General Store, Nancy Gollmer, Agent, 145 Main St., Darlington, WI 53530.
- C & D Properties, Inc., d/b/a Darlington Mini Mart, Kathryn Hasburgh, Agent, 1310 Galena St., Darlington, WI 53530.
- Peoples’ Oil Coop, d/b/a Peoples’ Oil Trading Post, 1849 Galena St., Darlington, WI 53530.

Class “A” Retailer’s Combination License:

- PW Retail Foods, LLC, d/b/a Piggly Wiggly Supermarket, Harry E. Pothour, Agent, 149 Wells St., Darlington, WI 53530.
- Sparky’s Spirits LLC, d/b/a Sparky’s Spirits, Mark & Victoria Rideout, Agents, 200 Christensen Drive, Darlington, WI 53530.

Class B Retailer’s License, Beer Only:

- Riverwood Restaurant LLC, d/b/a Riverwood Restaurant, Johnny Shabani, Agent, 128 Main St., Darlington, WI 53530.
- Javier Amador, d/b/a La Cabana, 408 Main St., Darlington, WI 53530.

Class “B” Retailer’s Combination License:

- Trailside LLC, d/b/a Trailside Bar, Timothy Appell, Agent, 301 Main St., Darlington, WI 53530.
- Legends LLC, d/b/a Legends Pub and Grill, Fred R. Fink, Agent, 343-347 Main St., Darlington, WI 53530.
- Georgia N. Garvey, d/b/a G Nyffy’s Bar, 414 Main St., Darlington, WI 53530.

- Steven E. Walker, d/b/a Rodham Hall, 211 Main St., Darlington, WI 53530.
- Annie's Bar & Grill LLC, LuAnn Donahoe, Agent, 300 Washington St., Darlington, WI 53530.
- Spot Group LLC, d/b/a The Spot Tavern, James P. Boyle, Agent, 120 W. Alice St., Darlington, WI 53530.
- American Legion Post #214, Leslie Torstenson, Agent, 1400 Keep St., Darlington, WI 53530.
- Lawrence Burns, d/b/a Corner Bar & Grill, 203 Main St., Darlington, WI 53530.
- Darlington Hotel Group LLC, d/b/a Bridges Restaurant and Banquet Center, Dennis Achenbach, Agent, 201 Christensen Drive, Darlington, WI 53530.

Motion by Osterday second by Pickett to approve the payment of the following May, 2009 vouchers: City vouchers #28640 thru #28754 in the amount of \$125,929.86; Payroll vouchers #17115 thru #17232 in the amount of \$86,105.25; Water Dept. vouchers #3781 thru #3800 in the amount of \$16,739.50; Sewer Dept. vouchers #4510 thru #4525 in the amount of \$52,731.60; and Library vouchers #4505 thru #4520 in the amount of \$12,838.17. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig encouraged the Council to attend the Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 6:30 PM to review the draft All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mayor Breunig also encouraged the Council to participate in the Canoe Festival Parade scheduled for Sunday, June 14, 2009. Alderperson Osterday offered to arrange for a car for Council members to ride in. And Bev Anderson reported she will be attending Main Street Program training this week for Suzy Osterday.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Gough second by Osterday to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer