

## **CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS JUNE 16, 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: Steve Pickett, Cindy Corley, Dave Gough, John Sonsalla and Don Osterday. Excused absence: Bev Anderson. Also present were: Bob Salmi, Dennis McPhail, Al Brey and Shawn Roelli of Johnson Block & Co., Doug Lindstrom; Randy Huntington, John Reichling and Al Lange of Town of Darlington Town Board; Bill McDaniel, Scott Kissel, Mike Curry and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Sonsalla second by Gough that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Pickett second by Corley to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried. Jason King arrived at the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Under unfinished business, discussion was held concerning the proposed Safe Routes to School Plan. Chief King stated he requested this agenda item to request approval of the proposed plan. Chief King stated none of the proposed projects included in the plan will be implemented without prior approval by the affected municipality. Chief King and Bill McDaniel then reported on the Safe Routes to School Plan presentation to the Darlington Community School District School Board.

Members of the Town of Darlington Town Board attended this meeting to seek information about the proposed plan. They stated they have not seen any information concerning the proposed plan. Chief King then stated he invited Tom Jean, Town of Darlington Clerk, to their committee meetings. Chief King also stated Tom Jean invited him to attend the July 8, 2009 Town Board meeting to present the Safe Routes to School Plan at that meeting.

Chief King then explained to those present, that the proposed plan can be changed anytime after adoption, if the Council feels changes should be made to the plan. An approved plan is necessary to submit grant applications for funding of eligible projects. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to adopt the Safe Routes to School Plan as presented at the previous Council meeting. By Voice Vote: Ayes: Gough, Sonsalla, Osterday and Pickett. Nay: Corley. Motion carried. John Reichling, Randy Huntington, Al Lange, Mike Curry and Jason King then left the meeting.

Under other unfinished business, Mayor Breunig reported on a request from representatives of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, for the Municipal Water Department of the City of Darlington to go out for bids on the water department projects being considered for federal stimulus funding. Copies of a letter of explanation and supporting material were distributed at this meeting. An email from Meja Maka of WDNR requests the projects go out for bid. In the letter of explanation, Mr. Maka states in order for the projects to be funded by federal stimulus monies, the projects must be bid out and contracts approved, prior to December 31, 2009. In addition, the loan portion of the funding is included in the Wisconsin State budget, which will be approved later this summer.

Mr. Maka suggested bidding the projects, and including wording in the requests for bid to the effect that the acceptance of the bids is contingent upon the Municipal Water Department receiving confirmation that funding is available through WDNR. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Sonsalla to approve the advertisement for bids for the proposed Municipal Water Department improvement projects, with the appropriate wording, as recommended by Meja Maka of WDNR. Motion carried.

Under other unfinished business, Mayor Breunig thanked the following City employees for their work this past weekend for Canoe Fest: Bob Salmi and his men, Doug Lindstrom, Dave Williams and Sue Torstenson, and Jason King and his police officers. And Alderperson Osterday asked if any other Council members had received any complaints about the parking changes made on Main Street like he had.

Under new business, the 2008 Audit Report was presented for consideration and discussion. A copy of the audit report was included in the agenda packet. Mayor Breunig then turned the meeting over to Mr. Al Brey of Johnson Block & Co., to present the report and answer questions. Bev Anderson then arrived at the meeting at 7:45 PM. Mr. Brey highlighted several sections of the report, several exhibits and notes to the financial statements. He reported on the City's fund balance; income and expenditures, water and sewer utilities income and expenses, insurance coverage of deposit accounts, and compared financial information for the City of Darlington to other communities our size in the state. Mr. Brey also answered several questions from those present. After his presentation, Al Brey and Shawn Roelli then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning bids received for swimming pool renovations to comply with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act. Two bids were received, and copies of those bids were included in the agenda packet. Doug Lindstrom attended the meeting to present the information and answer questions. The bid information is as follows: Badger Swimpools in the amount of \$14,250.00 plus \$138.00 for signage; and Lenny's Pool Service in the amount of \$23,115.00. Doug recommends the hiring of Badger Swimpools for this work. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Anderson to accept the bid from Badger Swimpools in the amount of \$14,250.00 plus \$138.00 for signage as presented. Motion carried. Doug Lindstrom then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed Resolution 2009-08, Compliance Maintenance Resolution. This resolution pertains to the Compliance Maintenance Report regarding the operation of the Sewer Department's Wastewater Treatment Facility. Copies of the proposed resolution and compliance maintenance report were included in the agenda packet. Bob Salmi, Dennis McPhail and Scott Kissel attended the meeting to present the information and answer questions. Overall the report was very good. The only negative area was influent loadings. Dennis McPhail explained the steps they have taken and will be taking in the future to make improvements in this area. He also answered questions from those present concerning the report. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Corley to approve proposed Resolution 2009-08, Compliance Maintenance Resolution as presented. Motion carried. Dennis McPhail and Scott Kissel then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed Resolution 2009-09, A Resolution for Authorized Representative to File Applications for Financial Assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund. A copy of the proposed resolution was included in the agenda packet. This resolution pertains to the grant and loan funding application for several sewer department improvement projects. The resolution authorizes Mayor Breunig to sign the grant/loan application, and submit same to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for their review and consideration. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Gough to approve Resolution 2009-09 as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed Resolution 2009-10, A Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures. A copy of the proposed resolution was included in the agenda packet. This resolution is also a requirement of the loan/grant application to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the sewer department improvement projects. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Anderson to approve Resolution 2009-10 as presented. Motion carried.

The May 31, 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 discussion and consideration motion by Pickett second by Osterday to approve the May 31, 2009 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig reported on the Plan Commission meetings held on June 9, 2009 and prior to this meeting. Alderperson Pickett reported on a conversation with a perspective buyer of a Main Street condo on how handicapped accessible the downtown area is. Mayor Breunig then reported on the Dental Clinic Open House held last week; the Relay for Life scheduled for this weekend; and a private showing of Public Enemies scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at the Millennium Theatre in Platteville.

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

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Philip A. Risseeuw, Clerk-Treasurer