

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 18, 2013

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: Al Brey, Bill McDaniel, Amy Prine, Liz Lawinger, Brittany Johnson, John Dutcher, Tallitha Reese, Jason King 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 Sonsalla to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under unfinished business, discussion was held concerning a Petition/Application for Direct Annexation from John F. Dutcher, for his property located on E. River Street. A copy of the Petition/Application for Direct Annexation was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Dutcher attended the meeting to present his request and answer questions. Discussion was also held concerning proposed Ordinance 06-2013, Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Darlington, Wisconsin. A copy of the proposed ordinance was also included in the agenda packet. Attorney McDaniel stated he reviewed the petition for direct annexation, and everything is in order. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Anderson to accept the Petition/Application for Direct Annexation from John F. Dutcher as presented, and adopt Ordinance 06-2013, Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Darlington, Wisconsin as presented. Motion carried. Mr. Dutcher then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning a request from the Veterans Memorial Committee to use the City's post office box address for the mailing address for future donations toward this project. Alderperson Gough explained the money remaining from the memorial construction project will soon be turned over to the City. The Committee's post office box rental agreement expires the end of this month. Since the City will be holding the funds, the Committee is requesting the use of the City's post office box address for future donations. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Sonsalla to authorize the use of the City post office box address as requested. Motion carried.

Under other old business, Alderperson Sonsalla requested a meeting of the Property and Insurance Committee to further discuss the disposition of the old pump house on W. River Street. A Committee meeting was then scheduled for Monday, June 24th at 6:30 PM. And Chief King reported the Main Street median replacement project will take place next week.

Under new business, it was the consensus of those present to go out of agenda order, and take up agenda item 8 (e). Discussion was then held concerning a request from Amy Prine to place a banner across Main Street for the Family Advocates Run/Walk scheduled for July 20th.

Wellness Center Director Amy Prine and Brittany Johnson of Family Advocates attended the meeting to present their request and answer questions. They also showed the Council the banner for the event. The banner is only one sided, and is approximately eight feet long. If the banner is placed above Main Street, permission would need to be obtained from WDOT. Placing the banner in the Festival Grounds was suggested, instead of above Main Street. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Pickett to authorize the placement of the Family Advocates Run/Walk banner in the Festival Grounds. Motion carried.

Amy Prine then introduced Liz Lawinger to the Council. Liz is a summer intern at the Wellness Center this year. Amy Prine, Brittany Johnson and Liz Lawinger then left the meeting. It was the consensus of those present to return to agenda order. Tallitha Reese also left the meeting.

Mr. Al Brey of Johnson Block and Co. then presented the 2012 City of Darlington Audit Report. A copy of the report was distributed at the previous Council meeting for review prior to this meeting. Mr. Brey highlighted several sections in the report, and answered questions from those present. He reported on the governmental funds and utility funds. During the presentation, Al suggested the Council prepare a five year capital improvement plan for the City's fixed assets. He also suggested monitoring of interest rate opportunities on the City and utility debt issues. Mayor Breunig then thanked Mr. Brey for attending the meeting. Mr. Brey then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning an application for Temporary Class B Retailer's License from Lafayette Co. Fair for dates and times listed on their application. Copies of the application and approval letter from Chief King were included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Anderson to approve the application for Temporary Class B Retailer's License from Lafayette County Fair as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the Mayor's recommendation for appointment to the Library Board. Based on recommendations from the Library Board and Library Director Candi Fitzsimons; Mayor Breunig stated he is recommending Ruth Ann Peterson be appointed to the Library Board effective July 1, 2013. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Osterday to accept and approve the Mayor's recommendation as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a request from Chief King to sell unused City police property and deposit any funds from said sales into the K-9 fund. Chief King attended the meeting to present his request and answer questions. Chief King stated he has some obsolete equipment, lost and found items, and unused property he would like to sell using Wisconsin Surplus in Mount Horeb. Alderperson Osterday and Alderperson Sonsalla objected to this request, as they felt the request was using City funds for the K-9 fund, and Chief King stated he would not use City funds for the K-9 fund.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Gough to approve Chief Kings request as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gough, Pickett and Anderson. Nays: Sonsalla, Osterday and Corley. Tie Vote. Mayor Breunig voted Nay. Motion denied. Chief King then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed Resolution 2013-04, A Resolution Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds from Talmer Bank & Trust. A copy of the proposed Resolution was included in the agenda packet. Alderperson Pickett reported on a typographical mistake he found in the resolution. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Anderson to approve Resolution 2013-04, A Resolution Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds from Talmer Bank & Trust as corrected. Motion carried.

The April 30, 2013 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. were then presented for approval. Copies of the financial statements were included in the agenda packet. After review and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Gough to approve the April 30, 2013 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Alderperson Anderson reported on the Library Board meeting held June 17, 2013. She reported the summer reading programs are going well; and the brick replacement project may go out for bids. Mayor Breunig reported the Canoe Festival weekend went well, and was well attended; and the Board of Review was held, and no objectors attended the meeting. Several comments were also made about the WDOT Public Hearing held on the E. Louisa Street wall replacement project.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseeuw, Clerk-Treasurer