

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS JULY 20, 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: John Sonsalla, Steve Pickett, Bev Anderson, Cindy Corley and Dave Gough. Excused absence: Don Osterday. Also present were: Bob Salmi and Phil Risseeuw.

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. Don Osterday arrived at 7:03 PM.

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

- The underground pipe replacement work is all complete.
- The street blacktopping will be completed this Wednesday.
- Only restoration work will need to be completed after the blacktopping work is done.
- Final contract adjustments are being negotiated between the engineer and the contractor.
- Additional blacktop will be added on E. River Street near Al's Trucking Co., to allow for vehicle parking along the north side of the street.
- The contractor did a good job patching the blacktop on Main Street.

Discussion was then held concerning the loan amount to be borrowed from the First National Bank at Darlington for street blacktopping. Bob Salmi stated the estimated cost of the additional street blacktopping, approved at a previous Council meeting, is \$128,900.00. Bob then recommended the Council borrow \$100,000.00 for this expense, and he would take the balance of the funds from the street construction outlay account. The current balance in the street construction outlay account is \$47,913.62. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Anderson to approve the borrowing of \$100,000.00 from the First National Bank at Darlington for street blacktopping for a five year term. Motion carried.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the proposed sale of city land by advertisement for bids. Mayor Breunig explained there is an interested party that wants to purchase approximately 1/7th of an acre of land near the city garage. Mayor Breunig stated he felt in order to sell city property; the property needs to be advertised for bids. Bob Salmi reported the land being considered for sale is of no use to the city. Discussion was also held on whether the land should be surveyed, before it's offered for sale for bids; and who should pay the cost of the survey. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Sonsalla to authorize the advertisement of the proposed 1/7th acre of land for sale by bids, after the property has been surveyed. The buyer of the property must agree to pay for 1/2 of the cost of the survey. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a proposal from representatives of Ayres Associates Inc., for consulting fees related to methane gas emissions from the former landfill. A copy of the proposal was included in the agenda packet, along with a copy of a letter from Linda Hanefeld of the Department of Natural Resources.

In her letter, Ms. Hanefeld asked the City of Darlington to hire a consultant to continue monitoring methane concentrations at the former landfill site, and make recommendations for appropriate remediation actions. The proposed cost for these consulting services is a time and material contract, with a not to exceed amount of \$4,000.00. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to accept the proposal from representatives of Ayres Associates Inc., as presented, with the not to exceed amount of \$4,000.00. Motion carried.

Phil Risseeuw then reported on the collection efforts regarding the delinquent personal property accounts owed to the City of Darlington. A copy of a delinquent personal property spreadsheet along with a letter of recommendation was included in the agenda packet. It was reported all but two delinquent personal property accounts have been collected. One account is from 2008 and the second account is from 2009. The 2008 delinquent account is from Expert Claims LLC in the amount of \$57.94. After several contacts to the owner of this business, he reported he was not in business in Darlington on January 1, 2008; and he should not have been assessed any personal property value for that year. Based on that information, Phil Risseeuw is recommending the charge off of this amount. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Sonsalla to accept the Clerk's recommendation, and charge of the 2008 delinquent amount for Expert Claims LLC in the amount of \$57.94. Motion carried.

The 2009 delinquent personal property account is from Xtreme Clean Car Wash in the amount of \$5,471.30. Several letters have been sent to the owners of the car wash with no response. The recommendation for this account is to turn it over to Attorney McDaniel for formal legal collection action. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to accept the Clerk's recommendation and turn this delinquent account over to the City Attorney for legal collection action. Motion carried.

The June, 2010 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. were then presented for review and approval. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Anderson to approve the June, 2010 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried. Bob Salmi then left the meeting.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig reported the 2010 Board of Review will be held on Friday, July 23, 2010, beginning at 10:00 AM. The SW Wis. Regional Planning Commission Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2010. And the Johnson Public Library Open House will be held on Sunday, July 25, 2010 from noon to 3:00 PM.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Osterday to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseeuw, Clerk-Treasurer