

## **CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS AUGUST 17, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Breunig at 7:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited. Present at roll call were: Steve Pickett, Bev Anderson, Cindy Corley, Dave Gough, John Sonsalla and Don Osterday. Absent: None. Also present were: Bill McDaniel, Jason King and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under unfinished business, discussion was going to be held concerning proposed contract change orders and final quantity numbers for the water main and sewer main replacement project. However, we were informed by the project engineer, the final numbers are not ready yet for Council consideration. Therefore, no action was taken regarding this agenda item.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning a request from the Police Department to approve the receipt of a \$15,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for traffic safety equipment and overtime. Chief Jason King attended the meeting to explain this agenda item. Chief King stated this grant award is part of the Click It or Ticket It program. The grant award will be used as follows: \$5,000 for equipment purchases, and \$10,000 for officer overtime costs. The grant award begins October 1<sup>st</sup>, and runs for twelve months. The equipment purchases will be for computer and camera equipment for the third squad car. The overtime costs will be for full time police officers for traffic patrol. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Osterday to approve the receipt of a \$15,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a request from the Police Department to approve the receipt of a \$4,500 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice for a new base radio station in the City's Emergency Operations Center. Chief Jason King then explained this agenda item. He reported a change in radio frequencies is being required by 1-1-13, narrow banding will be required. This grant award will pay for the replacement of the base radio station with updated radio equipment. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Corley to accept the \$4,500 grant award from the Wisconsin Department of Justice as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning bids received for purchase of a new squad car for the Police Department. A copy of a memo from Chief King was included in the agenda packet. Chief King then explained this agenda item. He reported he is scheduled to purchase a squad car in 2011. In preparation for the 2011 budget, he contacted the owners of Virtue Motors for cost estimates for a 2011 Ford Explorer squad car. Chief King was informed if he ordered a 2010 squad car prior to August 25<sup>th</sup>; the car will cost roughly \$23,500. If he ordered a 2011 squad car, the car will cost roughly \$27,500; or a \$4,000 difference in price. Chief King likes the idea of saving \$4,000 on the vehicle purchase; however he does not currently have sufficient funds in his outlay account for a car purchase in 2010.

At present there is approximately \$17,000 remaining in the Police outlay account. If approved, Chief King proposes to use \$14,000 from the outlay account for this purchase, and requests \$10,000 from general fund surplus. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Corley to approve the purchase of a 2010 Ford Explorer squad car at the proposed cost of \$23,500; with \$10,000 needed for this purchase to be paid from general fund surplus as presented. Motion carried.

The July 31, 2010 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. were then presented for review and approval. A couple questions were asked regarding the financial statements. Phil Risseuw reported on the City's low cash reserves. After the August 20<sup>th</sup> tax settlement with Lafayette County, the City won't receive any major income until the shared revenue payment in late November. We will have to monitor the situation closely until we receive that payment. After review and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to approve the July 31, 2010 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

There were no reports of committees. There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Osterday to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer