

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Breunig at 7:08 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited. Present at roll call were: Don Osterday, Steve Pickett, Bev Anderson, Cindy Corley and John Sonsalla. Excused absence: Dave Gough. Also present were: Jason King, Bob Salmi, Stan Krahenbuhl, Mike Reuter, Nita Burke and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under unfinished business, Alderperson Anderson reported the City of Darlington recently participated in the First Impressions program. A report was prepared by representatives of the program concerning their visit to Darlington, and the report is available for review. And Bob Salmi reported the City of Darlington Municipal Water System will receive the Small System Excellence Award at a Rural Water Association meeting scheduled for September 24, 2009.

Under new business, Mr. Mike Reuter of Wisconsin Municipal Building Inspections attended the meeting to present information regarding their continued enforcement of the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code for the City of Darlington. Copies of information from Mr. Reuter was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Reuter explained state laws have changed since he agreed to provide Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code enforcement five years ago. They are experiencing a substantial increase in telephone calls from contractors and property owners regarding the new state laws. Mike also stated he is receiving telephone calls regarding commercial development in Darlington. Mr. Reuter stated he wants to continue working for the City of Darlington and provide the enforcement of the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code; however he needs to change his fee schedule to do so.

A copy of the new fee schedule from Mr. Reuter was also included in the agenda packet. Mike explained three options available to the Council for consideration. Each option includes a monthly retaining fee which the City would pay to Mr. Reuter; and building inspection fees that would be paid by the property owner to Mr. Reuter. After discussion and consideration, motion by Corley second by Pickett to rehire Mr. Reuter for continued enforcement of the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code for the City of Darlington under proposed Option A, which includes a \$100.00 per month retaining fee plus a list of dwelling inspection fees the property owner will pay. Motion carried. Mike Reuter stated he will prepare a new services contract for Mayor Breunig to sign, and send the contract to the City Office when completed. Mike Reuter and Stan Krahenbuhl then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendations from the Policies, Procedures and Ordinance Committee.

- Approve Resolution 2009-14, A Resolution to Amend Official Traffic Map of the City of Darlington. A copy of the proposed resolution was included in the agenda packet. The committee is recommending approval of the resolution as presented.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to approve Resolution 2009-14, A Resolution to Amend Official Traffic Map of the City of Darlington as presented. Motion carried.

- Chapter 13, Public Nuisances, regarding building conditions. No recommendation was made by the committee, so no Council action is needed regarding this agenda item.
- Chapter 7, Traffic Code, regarding snow removal and related ordinances. It was reported the committee decided to retain the present alternate side parking ordinance; however an increase in parking fines was approved. Chief King stated he reviewed the present ordinance during this meeting, and the higher fees are already included in the ordinance. Therefore no Council action is needed regarding this agenda item either. Jason King then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning a Petition for Direct Annexation of Territory to the City of Darlington from James T. Curran. Discussion was also held concerning proposed Ordinance 01-2009, An Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Darlington, Wisconsin. Copies of these documents were included in the agenda packet. The annexation of this property was discussed and approved at a Plan Commission meeting held in 2008. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Pickett to adopt Ordinance 01-2009, An Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Darlington, Wisconsin as presented. Motion carried.

Bob Salmi then presented proposed job descriptions for the Department of Public Works field employees. Copies of the proposed job descriptions were included in the agenda packet. Bob provided job descriptions for Public Works Crew Leader, Public Works Employee, Public Works Employee – Mechanic, Water Operator, and Wastewater Plant Operator. Discussion was then held concerning the Public Works Crew Leader job description and job advertisement for the Public Works Crew Leader. Several changes were suggested for the crew leader job description and job advertisement. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Anderson to approve the Public Works Crew Leader job advertisement as amended, for placement into the Republican Journal for two weeks; and an application deadline of September 21, 2009. Motion carried.

The 2010 budget approval schedule was then presented for approval. The budget approval process is scheduled to begin September 1st and end December 1st with the passage of the 2010 budget. A copy of the proposed approval schedule was included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Corley to approve the 2010 budget approval schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Osterday second by Pickett to approve the payment of the following August, 2009 vouchers: City vouchers #28997 thru #29094 in the amount of \$157,363.09; Payroll vouchers #17451 thru #17563 in the amount of \$65,243.41; Water Dept. vouchers #3841 thru #3855 in the amount of \$62,000.47; Sewer Dept. vouchers #4565 thru #4577 in the amount of \$108,278.65; and Library vouchers #4538 thru #4545 in the amount of \$9,187.45. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Nita Burke reported on a Library Board meeting held August 31, 2009. Mayor Breunig then reported on the League's Chief Executive Conference he attended; a meeting of the Lafayette Development Corporation; and the Darlington Chamber/Main Street meeting scheduled for Wed. Sept. 2nd.

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. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer