

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 15, 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, Bev Anderson, Cindy Corley, Dave Gough, John Sonsalla and Don Osterday. Absent: None. Also present were: Dan O'Brien, Dennis Murphy, Doug Lindstrom, Bob Salmi, Dale Marsh of Robert E. Lee Associates, Rich Wiederholt, Jason King and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under unfinished business, Dan O'Brien and Dennis Murphy representing American Legion Post #214 attended the meeting to update the Council concerning the proposed Veterans Memorial to be constructed in Veterans Park. Dan and Dennis reported the following:

- The proposed site for the Veterans Memorial is in Veterans Memorial Park, west of Main Street. The proposed site would start five feet inside the sidewalk and would be approximately 50 feet square.
- Mr. Bykowski and his art students at Darlington High School are working on a proposed design for the memorial.
- This site will require the removal of the Darlington Chamber/Main Street informational building.
- This site will also require the removal of some park trees and redesign of the sidewalk through the park.
- The estimated cost for this project is \$200,000.00 to \$250,000.00. A fundraising progress sign was also requested on site for this project, similar to the DUWI sign.
- It is anticipated the fundraising for this project may take four to five years.
- Council members asked Dan and Dennis to provide periodic updates to the Council as they feel warranted.

Dan O'Brien and Dennis Murphy then left the meeting.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning bids received for proposed Water Department and Sewer Department main replacement projects. Copies of the bid tabulation and contract recommendation letter from representatives of Robert E. Lee & Associates, Inc., were distributed at this meeting. Six construction firms submitted bids for this project. The low bid was submitted by Rule Construction, Dodgeville, Wisconsin, in the total amount of \$1,014,937.50. This bid was split between water projects and sewer projects as follows: Part A (Water Main) \$415,797.50; and Part B (Sewer Main) \$599,140.00. Dale Marsh of Robert E. Lee & Associates, Inc. attended the meeting to present this information and answer questions. Mr. Marsh distributed color coded maps at this meeting, showing where each proposed water main and sewer main replacement project was located.

Mr. Marsh reported the main purpose for this meeting is to award the water department portion of the contract, in order to remain eligible for federal stimulus grant funds. Based on the application submitted, the Municipal Water Department is eligible for \$223,500.00 in grant funds toward the \$415,797.50 project costs. However, the water main contract needs to be approved, signed and submitted to Wis. DNR on or before October 1, 2009. The sewer portion of this bid can be considered further at the next Council meeting.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Corley to award Part A of the proposed contract to Rule Construction, in the amount of \$415,797.50. Motion carried. Based on the approval of this contract, motion by Gough second by Pickett to authorize payment of the remainder of the engineering fees for the water portion of this project, up to the total amount of \$55,000.00. Motion carried. Dale Marsh, Rich Wiederholt, Bob Salmi and Doug Lindstrom then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendation from the Property and Insurance Committee:

- Parking stall layout in Municipal Building parking lot. Bev Anderson reported the committee is recommending the proposed changes from the Safe Routes to School task force. The changes will create parallel parking along Wells Street, creation of a sidewalk area along Wells Street, and additional parking stalls on the north side of the Municipal Building gym. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Gough to approve the parking stall layout change as recommended, with no designated parking stalls for any entity using the parking lot. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendation from the Police Commission.

- Establishment of a canine unit within the Police Department and begin raising funds for same. Dave Gough reported the Police Commission's recommendation is to allow Chief King to begin raising funds for the canine unit; however the dog will not be purchased until \$22,300.00 is raised, and until James Johnson Jr. is released from his military service. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to accept the recommendation from the Police Commission as presented, and allow Chief King to start the fund raising program for this project. Motion carried.

Chief King then left the meeting.

The August 31, 2009 financial statements for the City, Water Department and Sewer Department were then presented for approval. After review and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Anderson to approve the August 31, 2009 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig encouraged Council members to attend the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Annual Conference scheduled for October 14th thru 16th at Appleton, WI. Mayor Breunig and Dave Gough reported the US Congress recently designated September 16, 2009 as American Legion Day. An Ordinance Committee meeting was then scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 5:45 PM. And it was reported a Park and Recreation Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer