

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Council President Dave Gough due to the excused absence of 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, Steve Pickett and Bev Anderson. Absent was: Don Osterday. Also present were: Bob Salmi, Ed Faherty of Faherty Inc., Nita Burke, Jason King and Phil Risseuw.

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

Under new business, Mr. Ed Faherty of Faherty, Inc. attended the meeting to make a presentation regarding the City's recycling program. Mr. Faherty reported city residents currently recycle more pounds of recycling materials than the minimum required by DNR guidelines. (142# of material per person per year, compared to guideline of 105# of material per person per year) During 2011, their firm will be rewarding the City's best recyclers with a gift certificate to attend a local community event. The City Council is being asked to select the organization/or event for the award. Additional details will be mailed next year. In addition, on Sept. 1, 2010 a residential electronics landfill ban went into effect. City residents can drop off their computers, printers, TV's, laptops, computer monitors, fax machines and DVD, VCR and CD players at Faherty's business location in Platteville for a fee. Mr. Faherty suggested a collection event of electronic equipment could also be held locally, as a money maker for a local service organization. Mr. Faherty stated he would be willing to help coordinate the event, if the Council thought it was a good idea. After discussion of these items, Mr. Faherty then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning a request from representatives of the Police Department to apply for a JAG Smaller Police Agency Crime Initiative Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Chief Jason King attended the meeting to present information regarding this request. Chief King stated he would like to apply for grant funds to purchase video equipment for the third squad car (\$5,500) and an unused prescription drug drop off program (\$3,000), for a total of \$8,500.00. The application deadline is Wednesday, September 29, 2010. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Anderson to authorize Chief King to apply for a JAG Smaller Police Agency Crime Initiative Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the final implementation phase of the proposed canine unit for the Police Department. It was reported the Council previously authorized the solicitation of money for this project, but the Council has not authorized the implementation of the canine unit. Chief King attended the meeting to present information and answer questions regarding this request. Chief King distributed a handout to those present listing the estimated costs for the canine unit for the seven year life span of the dog. Those estimated costs totaled \$30,935.00. Chief King stated to date approximately \$22,000 has been raised for this project. Some of that money was cash donations, and the rest was grant awards.

Chief King then reported Police Officer Johnson has satisfied his military service requirements, and is enrolled in a canine training program scheduled to start October 4, 2010, pending Council approval. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Pickett to authorize the final implementation phase of the canine unit for the Police Department, and authorize Officer Johnson to attend the training program as presented. Motion carried. Chief King then left the meeting.

Bob Salmi then presented a Wastewater Treatment Plant System Capacity Analysis report completed by representatives of Robert E. Lee & Associates, Inc. A copy of the complete report was included with the agenda packet. Bob highlighted several sections of the report and answered questions from those present. The results of the analysis shows that the wastewater treatment plant is operating close to capacity. Residential growth can be handled by the plant, however, high bod commercial operations could not. Bob Salmi stated they will continue to seek efficiencies in wastewater treatment plant operations, including additional energy savings opportunities.

The 2011 budget approval schedule was then considered for approval. A copy of the proposed schedule was included in the agenda packet. The 2011 budget is scheduled for approval at the December 7, 2010 Council meeting. City department heads are currently preparing their department budgets for committee review and approval. The complete City budget will be ready for review by October 15th. Mayor Breunig has authorized a 2.0% increase in wages for 2011; with a cap on overall budget increase of 2.0%. After review and consideration, motion by Corley second by Pickett to approve the proposed 2011 budget approval schedule as presented. Motion carried.

The August 31, 2010 financial statements for the City, Water Department and Sewer Department were then presented for approval. Copies of these three financial statements were included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Corley second by Sonsalla to approve the August 31, 2010 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Council President Gough presented a plaque the City received in recognition of the work completed for the 2010 Census. And it was reported if you had not already registered for the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Annual Conference scheduled for October 13th thru 15th, and still want to attend, please contact the City Office as soon as possible.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Corley to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer