

## **CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 19, 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: Dave Gough, Don Osterday, Steve Pickett, Bev Anderson and Cindy Corley. Excused absence: John Sonsalla. Also present were: Bob Salmi, Bill McDaniel, Larry Burns 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 Gough to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under comments from citizens present, Larry Burns attended the meeting to voice two concerns to the City Council. Larry stated he has been in contact with an attorney, and the attorney told him he should be reimbursed the \$10,000 reserve liquor license fee he paid when he opened his bar; or the City needs to charge \$10,000 to the owners of the motel for their liquor license. Mr. Burns declined to state the name of the attorney he talked with. Mayor Breunig referred the matter to Attorney McDaniel for his review and consideration.

The second concern was the current policies of the City's Police Department. Mr. Burns stated he felt City Police Officers are harassing bar patrons; and bar patrons are taking their business out of Darlington. He gave a couple examples of how he felt his customers were being wrongly treated. Larry stated he feels if this police attitude continues, it will lead to decrease in business for the entire Darlington business community, and something needs to be done about it.

Under unfinished business, Mayor Breunig and others reported on the League Annual Conference held last week. Mayor Breunig reported Bob Salmi was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Public Works Section for the conference. Comments were made regarding several informational sessions that were attended by those present. Several good ideas were brought back from the conference that will be considered further.

Under other unfinished business, Mayor Breunig reported Council approval is needed to pay a \$14,000.00 invoice from Southern Police Canine, Inc., for the City's new canine unit. Mayor Breunig explained this expense was not a budget item, and at present there are not sufficient funds in the canine unit outlay account to pay this invoice. It was reported the invoice must be paid with City funds, and then reimbursement requests can be sent to grant funding agencies pledged their support of this project. At present, there is approximately \$7,600.00 in the canine outlay account. Payment of this invoice will overdraw that account, until grant funds are received. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Gough to authorize payment of the \$14,000.00 invoice from Southern Police Canine, Inc., as presented, and file reimbursement requests to the grant funding agencies. Motion carried. Larry Burns then left the meeting.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the following recommendations from the Water and Sewer Committee. A copy of the meeting minutes and supporting documentation was included in the agenda packet.

- Approve 2011 Water Department budget. The proposed budget calls for total revenues of \$540,000 and total expenditures of \$503,244.00; for a net income of \$36,756.00. After review and consideration, motion by Gough second by Osterday to approve the 2011 Water Department budget as presented. Motion carried.
- Approve 2011 Sewer Department budget. The proposed budget calls for total revenues of \$763,000.00 and total expenditures of \$713,110.00; for a net income of \$49,890.00. After review and consideration, motion by Gough second by Corley to approve the 2011 Sewer Department budget as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the following recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee. Their meeting was held just prior to this Council meeting.

- Approve advertisement for hiring of a full time maintenance/janitor position for the Municipal Building and Johnson Public Library. This advertisement is to fill the current position held by Sue Torstenson, who will be retiring around the end of the year. Sue's last day of work considering use of accrued vacation and holiday pay, will be November 19, 2010. After review and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Osterday to approve the advertisement for the hiring of a full time maintenance/janitor position for the Municipal Building and Johnson Public Library as presented. Motion carried.

The September 30, 2010 financial statements for the City, Water Department and Sewer Department were then presented for review and approval. After review and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Anderson to approve the September 30, 2010 financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, the following was reported:

- A meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee was scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2010 for review and consideration of individual department budgets.
- An idea generating meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Council room for interested stakeholders who currently use the Darlington Festival Grounds. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss possible improvements in that area.
- The State of Wisconsin Main Street representatives were in Darlington today to evaluate the Darlington Chamber/Main Street Program. The state representatives were very impressed by the community, and all the activities held during the year. Suzy Osterday was commended for all her good work.

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

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer