

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Breunig at 7:00 PM. Present at roll call were: Don Osterday, Bev Anderson, Cindy Corley and Dave Gough. Excused absence: Steve Pickett. Absent was: John Sonsalla. Also present were: Bob Salmi, Doug Lindstrom, Sue Torstenson and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Anderson second by Gough that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning a proposed consulting contract with Autonomous Mind Communications for preparation of a grant proposal to the Department of Commerce, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. A copy of a summary sheet of the consulting agreement was included in the agenda packet. Mayor Breunig and Bob Salmi explained the representative of this company, Sergio Loureiro, was at the League Annual Conference that several representatives of the City attended. At the conference, Sergio discussed energy efficiency with Alderperson Steve Pickett, and Sergio suggested the City of Darlington apply for grant funds to improve energy efficiency at the Municipal Building and the Library.

Mr. Loureiro contacted representatives of the City, came to Darlington and viewed the Municipal Building and the Library, and recommend applying for grant funds for a solar system to help with the heating of the Municipal Building. Sergio prepared a consulting contract which stated he would prepare a grant application to the Department of Commerce for the contract amount of \$1,872.00; however he also stated he would not accept any fee, if the grant application was not approved.

At this meeting, a proposed project narrative from Mr. Loureiro for the grant application was distributed to those present. The project narrative listed two proposed projects for the Municipal Building, designed to conserve energy. Discussion was held concerning the proposed projects, and the estimated costs of these projects. Discussion items included the following:

- The proposed project would install a solar hot water system addition to the current natural gas boiler-heated water heating system. In addition an electric demand meter would be added to the air conditioning system to improve energy performance on those units.
- The proposed cost of these two projects is \$58,500.00. Some Council members felt this estimated cost was too low.
- A Special Council meeting was called, as the grant application has to be submitted by noon on Thursday, November 12, 2009. Some Council members stated they felt we were moving too fast, and more time should be taken to investigate this matter further.

- The grant request amount was discussed. Should the grant request be increased in case the project costs do come in higher? What would happen if the grant was approved, but the project costs were significantly higher than the grant amount? Would the grant award be rejected? Would we still owe Mr. Loureiro his contract fee since the grant was approved, but we decided not to proceed with the project?

After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Gough not to approve the proposed consultant contract with Autonomous Mind Communications, and not to apply for the grant application to the Department of Commerce at this time. Motion carried.

Based on the previous motion, no action was taken on proposed Resolution 2009-16, A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application to the State of Wisconsin, Department of Commerce, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

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

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer