

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 16, 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: John Sonsalla, Don Osterday, Steve Pickett, Bev Anderson, Cindy Corley and Dave Gough. Absent: None. Also present were: Bob Salmi, Jason King and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Anderson second by Gough 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, discussion was held concerning proposed final change order for water main and sewer main replacement project contract with Rule Construction, Ltd. A copy of the proposed change order was included in the agenda packet. Bob Salmi reported this proposed change order is not the final change order as was stated in the agenda. There will be one more change order reflecting final negotiations with representatives of Robert E. Lee and Associates and Rule Construction, Ltd. The final change order will be another increase of approximately \$19,000.00.

The change order under consideration at this meeting is for an increase of \$97,598.34. This proposed change order is to reconcile the difference between scheduled contract quantities versus actual finished quantities. Bob Salmi reported the largest quantity difference was for trench backfill as approved by the Engineer in the field. When the pipe trenches were dug, unacceptable soils were found to lay the new underground pipes on. Acceptable granular backfill was used to replace the unacceptable soils. Bob stated soil conditions are hard to anticipate, and a higher scheduled quantity should have been included in the contract. Bob also admitted the engineering for the entire project was put together very fast, due to the application deadlines for the stimulus monies. Bob then stated sufficient funds are available in the sewer department surplus account for the sewer department pay request. The water department will need to pay their cost from the 2010 operating budget.

Discussion was then held concerning this request. Several questions were asked by those present concerning this proposed change order. Mayor Breunig wanted to know why it took so long to bring this matter to the Council for consideration. He stated the construction part of this project was completed several months ago, and the paperwork is only now being submitted. Bob Salmi reported representatives of Robert E. Lee and Associates have been requesting this information from representatives of Rule Construction ever since the construction work was completed; however representatives of Rule Construction just recently submitted the paperwork. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Pickett to approve the proposed \$97,598.34 contract increase for the 2009 Utility and Street Construction project as presented. Motion carried.

Under other unfinished business, Chief King reported the Police Department's Canine Unit is now operational. They arrived back in Wisconsin last Friday from training. Their first shift is scheduled for this Wednesday night. Chief King also reported on a recent fund raiser held for the Canine Unit last Friday night. Approximately \$1600 was raised, which is the final amount needed to be raised to fund the project. We continue to wait on requested grant funds from several entities. Those grant funds should be received prior to the end of this year.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the following recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee: Approve Notice of Public Hearing for the proposed 2011 budget for the City of Darlington. A copy of the proposed Notice of Public Hearing along with a copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet. The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 6:45 PM. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Anderson to approve the Notice of Public Hearing for the proposed 2011 budget for the City of Darlington as presented. Motion carried.

The Notice of Spring Election scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2011 was then presented for review. A copy of the notice was included in the agenda packet. The following municipal offices are up for election that day: Alderperson, First Aldermanic District – Dave Gough, Incumbent; Alderperson, Second Aldermanic District – Don Osterday, Incumbent; and Alderperson, Third Aldermanic District – Bev Anderson, Incumbent. The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2010. And the last day to file nomination papers at the City Clerk's Office is Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

The October 31, 2010 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. were then presented for review and approval. Copies of the financial statements were included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Anderson to approve the October 31, 2010 financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Mayor Breunig encouraged those present to participate in the Chamber/Main Street Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Osterday to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer