

**CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 1, 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: Don Osterday, Steve Pickett, Bev Anderson, Cindy Corley, Dave Gough and John Sonsalla. Absent: None. Also present were: Bill McDaniel, Doug Lindstrom and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Anderson second by Sonsalla 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 unfinished business, discussion was held concerning where the funds will be taken from for payment for the removal of the handicapped ramp off Laf. Co. Historical Society property. Several options were discussed. Mayor Breunig then stated the funds for the ramp relocation will be paid out of the general fund.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the following recommendation from the Park and Recreation Committee meeting. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet.

- Bids received for road and site work and electrical work to expand the number of campsites at Pecatonica River Trails Park. The committee is recommending the approval of the low bids received from Backyard Ltd., for the road and site work in the amount of \$12,880.00; and from Norse Electric LLC, for electrical work in the amount of \$19,800.00; for a total amount of \$32,680.00. Doug Lindstrom explained the funds for payment of these amounts will be taken from the Pec. Park Camping Fees outlay. After discussion and consideration, motion by Corley second by Gough to accept the recommendation from the Park and Recreation Committee as presented, and accept the two bid amounts as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed Ordinance 02-2009, City of Darlington Budget Adoption and Tax Levy Ordinance. A copy of the proposed ordinance was included in the agenda packet. This proposed ordinance approves the 2010 City budget of total revenues and expenditures of \$2,226,503.00, and authorizes the tax levy included in the proposed budget. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Anderson to adopt Ordinance 02-2009, City of Darlington Budget Adoption and Tax Levy Ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning Christmas gifts for full time City employees. Mayor Breunig explained in previous years \$50.00 Chamber/Main Street gift certificates were given to full time employees for Christmas gifts. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Sonsalla to approve \$50.00 Chamber/Main Street gift certificates for Christmas gifts for full time City employees again this year. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed charge off of the Darlington Floral (\$3,362.69) and Rodham Hall (\$48,917.65) revolving loan fund loans, for accounting purposes. Attorney McDaniel explained this is an accounting procedure recommended by the City's auditors, to accurately reflect the loan collect ability on the City's financial statements. It does not mean we will discontinue collection activity on these two accounts. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Anderson to approve the charge off of the Darlington Floral and Rodham Hall revolving loan fund loans as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Pickett second by Gough to approve the payment of the following November, 2009 vouchers: City vouchers #29310 thru #29408 in the amount of \$61,476.84; Payroll vouchers #17763 thru #17845 in the amount of \$55,108.95; Water Dept. vouchers #3896 thru #3916 in the amount of \$22,224.84; Sewer Dept. vouchers #4625 thru #4646 in the amount of \$30,212.59; and Library vouchers #4562 thru #4566 in the amount of \$8,250.31. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Alderperson Anderson reported on the Library Board meeting held November 30, 2009. A copy of the meeting minutes were distributed to the Council at this meeting. Mayor Breunig then reminded those present of the Chamber/Main Street monthly meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2009; and the Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 6:30 PM ending in the Festival Grounds.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Pickett to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseeuw, Clerk-Treasurer