

**CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**DECEMBER 7, 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, Stan Krahenbuhl, Nita Burke, Jason King and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Anderson second by Pickett 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 unfinished business, discussion was held concerning a proposed final change order for the 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. Change order number six includes sixteen items, with a total additional cost of \$18,923.79. Bob Salmi presented this information and answered questions from those present. Several Council members asked Bob how we can avoid change orders on future projects. Bob stated additional preparation work could be done in preparation of the project plans and specifications, prior to bidding the project. Bob was also asked if he would support the hiring of Rule Construction, Ltd., for future projects; and he said he would. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Sonsalla to approve Change Order No. 6 in the amount of \$18,923.79 as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the proposed acceptance of a Municipal Flood Control Grant award from WI Dept. of Natural Resources for Flood Proofing of the Driver Opera House property. A copy of the grant award contract was included in the agenda packet. The amount of the grant award is \$542,360.00. Mayor Breunig stated the Driver Opera House Board asked the City of Darlington to assist them in obtaining this grant award. The City will be used to obtain the grant funds, and pass the grant funds to the Driver Opera House Board. Their representatives will be responsible for all the grant requirements, and will handle the contracting and disbursement of these funds. Stan Krahenbuhl, a member of the Driver Opera House Board attended the meeting to answer questions from those present. He gave additional details on the overall remodeling project, and discussed the project completion timeframe. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sonsalla second by Anderson to accept the Municipal Flood Control Grant award in the amount of \$542,360.00 as presented. Motion carried. Bob Salmi then left the meeting.

Under other old business, Alderperson Anderson asked Stan Krahenbuhl if he approved the new metal roof being installed on the Haverty Law Office building. Stan stated the building permit was approved, and he instructed the contractor to find out if he needed Plan Commission approval or not. Mayor Breunig stated the contractor has not contacted him about the project.

Under new business, discussion was held regarding a public proposal for an ice skating rink at the Festival Grounds. Alderperson Osterday reported on this agenda item. He stated he and Doug Lindstrom have been in contact with Ron Blaser over the past several months concerning this request. Ron would like permission to construct an ice skating rink in the Festival Grounds. Several locations were considered, however Ron feels the area between the gazebo and Casey's, on the grass, is preferred. There would be no cost to the City for this project; they are simply requesting permission to use that area in the Festival Grounds. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Pickett to allow Ron Blaser to construct an ice skating rink in the Festival Grounds as presented. Motion carried. Stan Krahenbuhl then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed Ordinance 04-2010, City of Darlington Budget Adoption and Tax Levy Ordinance. A copy of the proposed ordinance was included in the agenda packet. The proposed 2011 budget calls for revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$2,165,990.00; and includes a tax levy of \$938,164.00. This proposed budget, along with tax levies from the state, county, school district and vocational school district will create a mill rate of \$28.88 per \$1000 of assessed value. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by Pickett to approve the adoption of Ordinance 04-2010, City of Darlington Budget Adoption and Tax Levy Ordinance as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried. Alderperson Pickett then thanked the department heads and city employees for their cooperation and concessions that went into the 2011 budget.

Discussion was then held concerning Christmas gifts for full time City employees. Mayor Breunig stated in the past, \$50.00 Chamber/Main Street gift certificates were given to each full time employee. After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Anderson to approve the purchase of \$50.00 Chamber/Main Street gift certificates for all full time employees. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson second by Pickett to go out of agenda order and take up reports of committees next. Motion carried. Nita Burke then reported on the Library Board meeting held November 29, 2010. A copy of the meeting minutes were distributed to Council members at this meeting. Nita highlighted a couple items included in the minutes, and reported on the recent purchase of equipment and software for a smart board. Mayor Breunig then stated the meeting would return to normal agenda order, and Nita Burke then left the meeting.

Motion by Pickett second by Osterday to approve the payment of the following November, 2010 vouchers: City vouchers #30527 thru #30660 in the amount of \$54,882.08; Payroll vouchers #18903 thru #18955, and direct deposit entries #1 thru #35 in the amount of \$58,891.88; Water Dept. vouchers #4151 thru #4168 in the amount of \$9,762.24; Sewer Dept. vouchers #4908 thru #4929 in the amount of \$23,358.04; and Library vouchers #4678 thru #4684 in the amount of \$8,647.59. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson second by Gough to go into closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (c) Wis. Stats., to review background information on applicant for maintenance/janitor position for the Municipal Building and Johnson Public Library; and if appropriate select an applicant for the position. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Corley second by Sonsalla to reconvene to *regular session* in accordance with Section 19.85 (2) Wis. Stats., to approve the hiring of an applicant for the maintenance/janitor position for the Municipal Building and Johnson Public Library; and continue with the remaining agenda items. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Corley second by Gough to offer the maintenance/janitor position to Al Hinderman, under the current employment policies, including a six month probation period. Motion carried. Mr. Hinderman previously stated a two week notice was required by his current employer. Therefore, he will be able to start work for the City of Darlington sometime during the week of December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Under reports of committees, Alderperson Corley reported on recent activities of the Rural Medical Board. They are reviewing their by-laws, operating agreements, and charges for services. Some changes may require Council approval. Alderperson Corley stated she will keep the Council informed as things progress.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sonsalla second by Gough to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer