

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mike McDermott at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited. Present at roll call were: Erin Gallagher, Ray Spellman, Dave Gough, Josh Goebel, Dave Roelli and Steve Pickett. Absent: None. Also present were: Bill McDaniel, Brian Lund, Jeremy Williams, Dave Breunig and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Gallagher second by Pickett that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Roelli second by Pickett to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under reports and comments from citizens present, discussion was held on what citizens are supposed to do regarding the disposal of large items not picked on normal pickup days. Jeremy Williams stated those residents need to contact representatives of Faherty, Inc., directly, and make arrangements to pick up those items. An additional fee is required. Jeremy also stated Ed Faherty told him City of Darlington residents put out more garbage than any other community they provide trash collection services for. Ed is considering other options for our community such as higher fees, or limits on number of bags they will collect each week without surcharges.

Under unfinished business, Alderperson Gough presented former Mayor Dave Breunig a plaque for his years of service as Alderperson (2 years) and Mayor (18 years). Dave Breunig accepted the plaque, and thanked all those who worked with him over the years. And Attorney McDaniel then administered the Official Oath of Office to Josh Goebel, recently elected Alderperson, Third Aldermanic District. The Official Oath form was signed and filed with the City Clerk. Dave Breunig then left the meeting.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 2, STH 23 Streetscape & Lighting; with Vierbicher Associates. A copy of the proposed amendment was included in the agenda packet. Jeremy Williams attended the meeting to present this information and answer questions. The current total agreement amount is \$95,704.25. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Gallagher to approve Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 2 with Vierbicher Associates as presented. Motion carried. Jeremy Williams then left the meeting, and Jason King arrived at the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Darlington and Darlington Professional Police Association. A copy of the proposed memorandum was included in the agenda packet. Chief King attended the meeting to present information and answer questions. The memorandum amends Article 14 – Vacations of the union contract, to allow the Chief to allow an employee to exceed the forty-eight hour vacation time rollover maximum, or to pay out any vacation time in excess of forty-eight hours vacation time to the employee, on a one-time only basis due to staffing needs during the COVID-19 emergency. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Gallagher to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Darlington and Darlington Professional Police Association as presented. Motion carried. Chief King then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning an application for Temporary Class "B" Retailer's license from Darlington Canoe Festival Inc., for a fenced in area in the Festival Grounds for dates and times listed on the application. Copies of the license application and approval letter from Chief King were included in the agenda packet. This license is for the 54th Annual Canoe Festival event, June 11, 2020 thru June 14, 2020. After review and consideration, motion by Gough second by Goebel to approve the Temporary Class "B" Retailer's license from Darlington Canoe Festival Inc., as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Pickett second by Roelli to approve the payment of the following March, 2020 vouchers: City vouchers #41321 thru #41405 in the amount of \$276,422.96; Direct deposit payroll vouchers #10214 thru #10280 in the amount of \$54,058.36; Water Dept. vouchers #6320 thru #6335 in the amount of \$61,397.97; Sewer Dept. vouchers #7108 thru #7129 in the amount of \$547,190.67; and Library vouchers #5602 thru #5613 in the amount of \$12,627.86. Motion carried.

The January 31, 2020 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. were presented for review and approval. Copies of these financial statements were included in the agenda packet. After review and consideration, motion by Gallagher second by Pickett to approve the January 31, 2020 financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Alderperson Gallagher stated a Library Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2020. Alderperson Pickett stated the next Fire Board meeting is currently scheduled for the first Wednesday in May, 2020. And Alderperson Gough reported the 2019 Annual Police Department Report was included in the agenda packet. The Police Commission will not be holding a meeting this year to review the information, due to the coronavirus situation.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Gough second by Pickett to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseeuw, Clerk-Treasurer