

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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 Roelli, Joe Boll, Cindy Corley and Steve Pickett. Absent: None. Also present were: Aaron Stauffacher, Kim Winslow, Brian Lund and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the following recommendations from the Finance and Personnel Committee:

- Promotion of current City employees to the following positions with the City: Water Plant Operator, Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Mayor McDermott stated the committee is recommending the promotion of John Kammerud for the Water Plant Operator position – with a \$2.50 per hour wage increase upon approval by the City Council; with an additional \$2.50 per hour wage increase when Rich Wiederholt reaches his last day of employment with the City; Amy Johnson for the Clerk-Treasurer position – with a wage increase to \$60,000.00 per year effective March 1, 2023 upon approval of the City Council; with an additional wage increase to \$68,000.00 per year when Phil Risseeuw vacates his position as Clerk-Treasurer; and Kim Winslow for the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position – with a wage increase to \$50,000.00 per year effective March 1, 2023 upon approval by the City Council; with an additional wage increase to \$55,000.00 per year when Amy Johnson vacates her position as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. After discussion and consideration, motion by Spellman second by Roelli to accept the recommendations from the committee and approve the promotion of John Kammerud, Amy Johnson and Kim Winslow as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the Park and Recreation Department summer job advertisement. A copy of the proposed job advertisement was included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Roelli second by Boll to approve the Park and Recreation Department summer job advertisement as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed Resolution 2023-03, A Preliminary Resolution to Discontinue a Portion of Pelco Drive Located in the Plat of the First Addition to the Darlington Business Park Pursuant to Section 66.1003(4) Wis. Stats. A copy of the proposed resolution was included in the agenda packet. Attorney Stauffacher explained this resolution was a follow up and next step after the discussion held at the February 7, 2023 Council meeting regarding selling a portion of this land to Wisconsin Whey Protein. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Spellman to approve Resolution 2023-03, A Preliminary Resolution to Discontinue a Portion of Pelco Drive Located in the Plat of the First Addition to the Darlington Business Park Pursuant to Section 66.1003(4) Wis. Stats. as presented. Motion carried.

A Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Discontinuance of a Portion of Pelco Drive as Located on the Plat of the First Addition to the Darlington Business Park was presented for informational purposes. A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing was included in the agenda packet. The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 6:30 PM, in the Common Council Chambers in the Darlington Municipal Building.

Discussion was then held concerning a request from representatives of Wisconsin Whey Protein, Inc., for the City to apply for a CDBG development grant for their warehouse development project; up to a maximum incentive amount of \$200,000.00. A copy of an email from Dave Stordahl, CFO Wisconsin Whey Protein, Inc. was included in the agenda packet. In that email, Mr. Stordahl states they are no longer interested in purchasing Lot #25 & #26 in the Second Addition to the Business Park. They are now investigating a warehouse development on Lot #19 which they currently own; and looking into the possibility of acquiring Lot #13 and Lot #21 in the First Addition to the Darlington Business Park. In conjunction with this development, Wisconsin Whey Protein, Inc. is requesting the City of Darlington apply for a CDBG development grant related to the warehouse development project.

Mr. Stordahl was informed that the City already has significant grant obligations with two other entities. An indemnity agreement would need to be prepared and approved, and Wisconsin Whey Protein would be responsible for all the grant application paperwork and reporting requirements. Mr. Stordahl stated they have been in contact with Mr. Dale Klemme at Development Planning, to be the grant administrator for this grant application. Mr. Klemme was the grant administrator used by the Driver Opera House for their flood mitigation grant award, and he did a good job with that project. No details were provided regarding the warehouse development project or the CDBG grant application requirements.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Boll to table this matter to a future Council meeting, when more information is provided by Mr. Stordahl regarding the proposed warehouse development projects and CDBG grant application requirements. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Alderperson Roelli reported on the Police Commission meeting held February 13, 2023. A copy of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet.

Motion by Roelli second by Boll to go into closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (g) Wis. Stats., to confer with legal counsel with respect to possible litigation. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Roelli second by Spellman to reconvene to regular session in accordance with Section 19.85 (2) Wis. Stats., to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Corley second by Roelli to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer