CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 6, 2024

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: Joe Boll, Cindy Corley, Steve Pickett, John Sonsalla, Ray Spellman, and Dave Roelli. Absent: None. Also present were: Aaron Stauffacher, Kim Winslow, Brian Lund, Wade Berget, and Amy Johnson.

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

Under comments from citizens present, Brian Lund asked if there were any interested Chief of Police applicants. The Council stated that applications were received.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the following recommendations from the Park & Recreation Committee. Wade Berget attended the meeting to present information and answer questions.

- The hiring of In Depth Services, LLC to complete the replacement of the filtration system at the swimming pool for the cost of $59,640.00. Wade stated that the filters were in rough shape last year and that they could not get the welds to work and had to use a bonding agent to cover holes created by the welds. He worries that the filters will not last for this season. Wade then stated that the City would need to borrow funds for this expense. The Committee is recommending approval of this contract. After discussion and consideration, motion by Boll second by Sonsalla to accept the Committee's recommendation and authorize the hiring of In Depth Services, LLC to complete the replacement of the filtration system at the swimming pool as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 2024 Park and Recreation Program and Fees. Wade stated the 2024 programs and fees contain the following increases:

  <u>POOL</u>
  - Family Season pass - increase from $100.00 to $125.00
  - General Admission – Adult – increase from $4.00 to $5.00
  - General Admission – Grade & High School – increase from $3.50 to $4.00
  - Swim Lessons – increase from $30.00 to $35.00
  - Parent Aquatic A – increase from $25.00 to $30.00
  - Parent Aquatic B – increase from $25.00 to $30.00
  - Private Swim Lessons – increase from $50.00 to $75.00

  <u>SHELTER HOUSE</u>
  - Shelter House Rentals – increase from $50.00 to $75.00
  - Shelter House Security Deposit - $50.00 [*NEW*]

  <u>CAMPING</u>
  - Full Hook-up Site - $50.00 / night [*NEW*]

The Committee is recommending approval of the 2024 programs and fees as presented by Wade. After discussion and consideration, motion by Boll second by Roelli to accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the 2024 Park and Recreation Program and Fees as presented. Motion carried.

- 2024 Park and Recreation summer employment wages. Wade stated the Committee is recommending to follow the 3% wage increase approved by Mayor McDermott. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Roelli to accept the Committee's recommendation and approve the 2024 Park and Recreation summer employment wages as recommended by Wade Berget and the Committee. Motion carried. Berget left the meeting at 7:15 pm and Jeff McCarthy arrived at 7:17 pm.

Motion by Roelli second by Pickett to approve payment of the following January 2024 vouchers: City vouchers #45399 thru #45451 in the amount of $1,371,381.56; Direct deposit payroll vouchers #13826 thru #13917 in the amount of $76,518.78; Water Dept. vouchers #7306 thru #7319 in the amount of $49,763.43; Sewer Dept. vouchers #7949 thru #7960 in the amount of $22,231.46; and Library vouchers #6287 thru #6293 in the amount of $4,706.40. Motion carried.

Motion by Roelli second by Corley to go into ***closed session*** in accordance with Section 19.85 (1)(e) Wis. Stats., to consider the proposed purchase of 20 acres for the purpose of developing affordable housing. Roll Call Vote: All ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Roelli second by Sonsalla to reconvene to ***regular session*** in accordance with Section 19.85 (1)(e) Wis. Stats., to take action if necessary, concerning the proposed purchase of 20 acres for the purpose of developing affordable housing.

After review and consideration, motion by Boll second by Pickett to approve the offer to purchase as presented and purchase 20 acres to develop affordable housing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the following:

1. Proposed municipal well #4. The City currently has two wells and two water towers, however, with the development of the business park, the City is in need of a new well, the 20 acres would be a suitable location for the well. The two water towers are connected, and are able to share water between them; but additional well capacity is needed for the water system. Grant and/or loan funds are available for engineering and construction costs. It was estimated the cost of the well site investigation project would be between $12,000.00 to $15,000.00. After discussion, motion by Pickett second by Sonsalla to authorize Delta 3 Engineering to proceed with the Engineering Report/Well Site Investigation Process. Motion carried.
2. Proposed land development. The city should be proactive in promoting possible residential development sites. Delta 3 Engineering would develop a Concept Plan for the 20 acres that could be available for future residential development. It was estimated that the engineering fees would be $4,000.00 to $5,000.00. After

discussion and consideration motion by Pickett second by Corley to authorize Delta 3 Engineering to proceed with developing a concept plan for the 20 acres the Council authorized to purchase. Motion carried.

3. Water quality trading credits. The City of Darlington currently has 435 available Total Phosphorus (TP) Credits. The City has never used more than 200 credits. These credits are renewed and credited on the first of the year. The Village of South Wayne would like to purchase 105 credits at $800.00 per credit totaling $84,000.00. The City would then receive 330 credits annually. If the City of Darlington would need more credits in the future chemical treatment could be adjusted to reduce the effluent total phosphorus concentration from the treatment plant, or amend the water quality trading plan and install fish beds. After discussion, motion by Pickett second by Corley to authorize Delta 3 Engineering to proceed with the process to transfer the credits to the Village of South Wayne. Ayes: Pickett, Sonsalla, Spellman, Boll, and Corley. Nay: Roelli. Motion carried.

Under reports of committees, Alderperson Corley reported on the Library Board meeting held on January 29, 2024; Alderperson Boll reported on the Park and Recreation meetings held on January 31, 2024, and February 5, 2024.

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

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