

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 17, 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: John Sonsalla, Steve Pickett, Kerry Black, Joe Boll, and Dave Roelli. Excused absence: Cindy Corley. Also present were: Glenn Kendall, Szvon Conway, Conrad with the Telegraph Herald, Jeff McCarthy, Attorney Aaron Stauffacher, and Amy Johnson.

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

Under reports, comments, suggestions, and recommendations of citizens present, Glenn Kendall attended the meeting to talk about his property located at 526 E Cornelia St, Darlington, WI. Jeff McCarthy updated the Council on the East Mary Street project. Mayor McDermott informed the committee that the Darlington Chamber/Main Street was placing two large Adirondack chairs within the community for photograph opportunities for locals and visitors. The DNR is coming for a site visit for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program grant the City was awarded. Joe Boll updated those present on donations for the the repairs at the City Ball Field.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the following recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee and the Police Committee. The meeting was held prior to this meeting.

- Approve the hiring of an applicant for the full-time police officer position. Mayor McDermott reported that the committees are recommending the hiring of Mitch Long for this position. Mitch has been contacted, and if offered the position, he will accept. After consideration, motion by Pickett, second by Black to accept both of the committee's recommendations and approve the hiring of Mitch Long for the full-time police officer position, and maintain an eligibility list. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning an amendment to the lease agreement with Eric Weber. Mr. Weber would like to lease a storage closet as well. After discussion and consideration, motion by Black, second by Sonsalla to approve the amendment as presented. Motion carried.

The August 31, 2024, financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. were then presented for review and approval. Copies of these financial statements were included in the agenda packet. After review and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Roelli to approve the August 31, 2024, financial statements for the City, Water Department, and Sewer Department. as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a grant application to the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program for the Build the Pool Project. A copy of the grant information was included in the Council packet. If awarded the funds could be used towards the splash pad project. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett, second by Roelli to allow the committee to apply for the grant. Motion carried.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Roelli, second by Black, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Motion carried.

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Amy L. Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer