

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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: Cindy Corley, Dave Roelli, Steve Pickett, Kerry Black, and Joe Boll. Absent: John Sonsalla. Also present were Jeff McCarthy, Leona Havens, Szvon Conway, Jaxson Lamb, Neftali Gutierrez, Nick Mantsch, Mithell Long, Katelyn Long, Aubrey Long, Christine Charlson, Matthew Collins, Elizabeth Charlson Collins and her children, Jordan Fure of Delta 3 Engineering, and Amy Johnson.

Motion by Roelli, seconded by Pickett, the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried.

Motion by Pickett, seconded by Corley, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under new business, Mayor McDermott administered the Oath of Office to Elizabeth Charlson Collins, the new part-time Police Officer for the City of Darlington. Christine Charlson, Matthew Collins, Elizabeth Charlson Collins and her children then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning the new design for the City of Darlington Police squad. A copy of the design from RBS Activewear was included in the agenda packets for review. The councils asked questions, and agreed they liked the new design. Szvon Conway, Jaxson Lamb, Neftali Gutierrez, Nick Mantsch, Mithell Long, Katelyn Long, and Aubrey Long then left the meeting.

Discussion was also held concerning the Bird City Wisconsin designation renewal application. Leona Havens attended the meeting to present information and answer questions. Mrs. Havens stated the renewal application is completed entirely online, and she will be entering the renewal application information. The renewal fee is \$175.00. Wade Berget has authorized the payment of the \$175.00 fee from the Parks Outlay account in years past. After discussion and consideration, motion by Corley, seconded by Pickett, to authorize the submission of the Bird City Wisconsin renewal application by Leona Havens as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning proposed Resolution 2025-01, A Resolution Designating an International Migratory Bird Day. A copy of the proposed resolution was included in the agenda packet. After review and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Black, to approve Resolution 2025-01, A Resolution Designating an International Migratory Bird Day as presented. Motion carried. Leona Havens then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning the City of Darlington Community Safe Room Operation and Maintenance Plan. A copy of the plan was included in the meeting packet. After review and discussion, corrections were found that needed to be made to the plan before approval. No action taken.

Discussion was also held concerning the proposed discharge permit to be implemented within the City of Darlington for all future businesses. Jordan Fure presented the discharge permit and explained the charges that will be put in place. Several questions were raised by those present. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Roelli, to approve the Discharge Permit for the City of Darlington as presented. Motion carried.

Jordan Fure with Delta 3 Engineering then presented the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades to the Council. Several questions and concerns were discussed. After reviewing the upgrades, Council asked that Jordan Fure and Jeff McCarthy develop a CIP plan for the Wastewater Treatment Facility listing items in order that they need to be replaced. After discussion and consideration, motion by Boll, seconded by Roelli, to approve starting the process to replace the generator and upgrade electrical to run the generator at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Motion carried. Jordan then left the meeting.

The Council then reviewed the annual Spring cleanup letter to be mailed out with the water bills at the end of March. There will also be an ad posted in the Republican Journal and on the City website. Motion by Roelli, seconded by Black to approve the letter as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Roelli, seconded by Boll to go into closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1)(g) to confer with legal counsel on a claim against the City of Darlington.

Motion by Roelli, seconded by Boll to reconvene to regular session in accordance with Section 19.85 (2) Wis. Stats., to take action concerning a claim against the City of Darlington, and to adjourn the meeting. No action was taken.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Corley, seconded by Pickett, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. Motion carried.

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Amy L. Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer