

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 15, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mike McDermott at 7:00 PM. Present at roll call were: Steve Pickett, Kerry Black, Joe Boll, Cindy Corley, Dave Roelli, and John Sonsalla Absent: None. Also present were: Aaron Stauffacher, Karina Corona, Amber McComish, Abby McKillip, Gretchen Jackson, Cale Jackson, Jeremy Saunders, Brian Saunders, Keigan Kent, Nathan Russell, Steve Pickett, Jason Cullen, Candi Fitzsimons, Jason Furman, Amber Welp, Christine Virtue, John Virtue, and Amy Johnson.

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

Under reports, comments, suggestions, and recommendations from citizens, Jeremy Saunders, Jason Cullen, Amber McComish, Keigan Kent, Nathan Russell, and Gretchen Jackson spoke their opposition to the zoning matter that will be taken up later in the meeting, safety concerns, and shared their support for current businesses. John Virtue spoke about his support of the annexation matter that will be taken up later in the meeting.

Under new business, Candi Fitzsimons attended the meeting to present the 2024 Johnson Public Library Annual Report. A copy of the annual report was included in the agenda packet. Candi highlighted several sections of the report and answered questions from those present. After the presentation and discussion, motion by Pickett, seconded by Sonsalla, to accept the 2024 Johnson Public Library Annual Report as presented. Motion carried.

Candi Fitzsimons then presented the 2025 Strategic Plan for Johnson Public Library. Candi shared the process of creating the Strategic Plan and highlighted the goals to be completed over the next five years of the plan.

Discussion was held concerning the following recommendation from the Plan Commission:

1. Certified survey map approval request from Avon Locker Properties, LLC.

Motion by Pickett, seconded by Boll, to approve the certified survey map as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a Unanimous Petition for Direct Annexation from John and Christine Virtue for their property located at 11891 Center Hill Road, Darlington, WI. A memorandum from City Attorney Rick Manthe with Stafford Rosenbaum LLP, the Petition for Direct Annexation, Annexation Description, and site map were included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Boll, to approve the Annexation Petition from John and Christine Virtue for the land they own along Center Hill Road, as presented. By roll call vote: Kerry Black-Yes; Joe Boll-Yes; Cindy Corley-No; Dave Roelli-No; John Sonsalla-Yes; Steve Pickett-Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning Ordinance 03-2025, An Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Darlington, Wisconsin. A copy of the proposed ordinance was included in the agenda packet. This ordinance pertains to the Petition for Direct Annexation of Territory to the City of Darlington from John and Christine Virtue, accepted during this meeting. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Boll, to adopt Ordinance 03-2025, An Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Darlington,

Wisconsin, as presented. By roll call vote: Joe Boll-Yes; Cindy Corley-No; Dave Roelli-No; John Sonsalla-Yes; Steve Pickett-Yes; Kerry Black-Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the proposed zoning designation for the land being annexed. The Plan Commission recommends that the annexed land be zoned B-2 Highway Business District. After discussion and consideration, motion by Boll, seconded by Black, to accept the zoning recommendation of the B-2 Highway Business District zoning designation for the property being annexed. By roll call vote: Dave Roelli-No; John Sonsalla-Yes; Steve Pickett-Yes; Kerry Black-Yes; Joe Boll-Yes; Cindy Corley-No. Motion carried.

Discussion was also held concerning Ordinance 04-2025, An Ordinance amending Chapter 2.075 to create Ward 9 for voting purposes after the annexation of land from the Town of Darlington to the City of Darlington. A copy of the proposed ordinance was included in the agenda packet. This ordinance pertains to creating a new ward for John and Christine Virtue's land being annexed by the City of Darlington. There are currently no voters who will be affected by the creation of the wards of the previous annexations. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Roelli, to adopt Ordinance 03-2025, An Ordinance amending Chapter 2.075 to create Ward 9 for voting purposes after the annexation of land from the Town of Darlington to the City of Darlington as presented. By roll call vote: Dave Roelli-Yes; John Sonsalla-Yes; Steve Pickett-Yes; Kerry Black-Yes; Cindy Corley-Yes; Joe Boll-Yes4-2. Motion carried.

Steve Pickett reported that the Chamber Main Street program hired a new director, Jesse Westerman.

Karina Corona, Amber McComish, Abby McKillip, Gretchen Jackson, Cale Jackson, Jeremy Saunders, Brian Saunders, Keigan Kent, Nathan Russell, Jason Cullen, Candi Fitzsimons, Jason Furman, Amber Welp, Christine Virtue, and John Virtue then left the meeting.

Motion by Roelli, seconded by Pickett, to go into closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Motion by Pickett, seconded by Roelli, to reconvene to regular session in accordance with Section 19.85 (2) Wis. Stats. to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Roelli, seconded by Corley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Motion carried.

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Amy L. Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer