

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Roelli at 7:00 PM. Present at roll call were: John Sonsalla, Steve Pickett, Kerry Black, Joe Boll, Cindy Corley, and Dave Roelli. Absent: Mayor McDermott. Also present were: Jesse Westerman, Jeff McCarthy, Szvon Conway, and Amy Johnson.

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

Under new business, presentation and action concerning the proposed 2026 Water Department budget. The budget calls for total revenues of \$795,000.00 and total expenses of \$598,550.00. Total revenues are \$8,400.00 higher than in 2025, and total expenses are \$5,735.00 higher than in 2025. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Black, to approve the proposed 2026 Water Department budget as presented. Motion carried.

Presentation and action concerning the proposed 2026 Sewer Department budget. The budget calls for total revenues of \$1,032,415.00 and total expenses of \$824,581.26. Total revenues are \$20,000.00 higher than in 2025, and total expenses are \$1,822.26 higher than in 2025. After discussion and consideration, motion by Corley, seconded by Sonsalla, to approve the 2026 Sewer Department budget as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning Trick-or-Treat hours for Friday, October 31, 2025. Concerns arose regarding the extra traffic traveling on Main Street and Galena Street to attend the Darlington Redbirds football playoff game starting at 7:00 PM. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Sonsalla, to set Trick-or-Treat hours for Friday, October 31, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.

No action was taken on agenda item 8c because the Finance and Personnel Committee did not provide a recommendation at this time for the Director of Public Works position.

Discussion was also held concerning a Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License application from the Darlington Fire Department for 2:00 PM, November 1, 2025, through 2:00 AM, November 2, 2025, in the Firehouse located at 230 W. Cornelia Street. A copy of the license application was included in the agenda packet, and a letter from the Chief of Police was presented at the meeting. After review and consideration, motion by Black, seconded by Boll, to approve the Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License application from the Darlington Fire Department as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Pickett, seconded by Black, to approve the September 30, 2025, financial statements for the City, Water Department, and Sewer Department as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Pickett, seconded by Corley, to approve payment of the following September 2025 Vouchers: City ACH Vouchers #320; #326 through #344 in the amount of \$114,747.38; City vouchers #46959 through #47050 in the amount of \$498,060.67; Direct Deposit Payroll vouchers #15631 through

#15713 in the amount of \$77,118.60; Library ACH Vouchers #17 in the amount of \$2,541.41; Library vouchers #6524 through #6528 in the amount of \$1,305.33; Sewer Dept. ACH voucher #30 through #31 in the amount of \$19,689.73; Sewer Dept. vouchers #8293 through #8314 in the amount of \$40,637.47; Water Dept. ACH voucher #47 through #48 in the amount of \$14,898.36; Water Dept. vouchers #7694 through #7709 in the amount of \$186,384.02. Motion carried.

Dave Roelli reported that a special meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 6:00 PM to review the overall 2026 City Budget.

It was the consensus that it was not necessary to go into closed session to discuss the contract proposal from the Darlington Professional Police Association.

Motion by Boll, seconded by Black, to approve the proposed agreement between the City of Darlington and the Darlington Professional Police Association for contract years 206-2027 as presented. Motion carried.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Black, seconded by Sonsalla, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Motion carried.

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Amy L. Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer