

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

NOVEMBER 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDermott at 7:00 PM. Present at roll call were: Kerry Black, Joe Boll, Cindy Corley, Dave Roelli, John Sonsalla, and Steve Pickett. Absent: None. Also present were: Mark Digman with Delta 3 Engineering, Inc., Jeff McCarthy, Molly Wiegel, Mary Jo Erickson, Tammy King, Janet Trout, Sonja Wiegel, Matt Walter, and Amy Johnson.

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

Mayor McDermott reported on the upcoming Lighted Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 6, 2025, and asked about interest in participating.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning Splashpad Project plans, specifications, and estimates. Mark Digman from Delta 3 Engineering attended the meeting to present the information and answer any questions. Copies of the project plans were distributed to Council members at this meeting. Several questions were asked by those present related to the project specifications. It was reported that the bid opening date would be November 13, 2025. The estimated completion date will be May 22, 2026, before Memorial Day. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Boll, to approve the Splashpad Project plans and specifications as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. Molly Wiegel, Mary Jo Erickson, and Tammy King then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed Change Order #1 regarding the contract with Bill Lepke Excavating, LLC, for work completed on the 2024 Infrastructure Improvement Project on E. Mary Street. Copies of the proposed change order were distributed to Council members at this meeting. Mark Digman reported on items that affected the contract price for this project. The net total change is a subtraction of \$17,080.64 from the original contract amount, decreasing the total contract price to \$748,258.36. After discussion and consideration, motion by Roelli, seconded by Boll, to approve the proposed Change Order #1 regarding the contract with Bill Lepke Excavating, LLC, for work completed on the 2024 Infrastructure Improvement Project on E. Mary Street as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was also held concerning the final pay application from Bill Lepke Excavating, LLC, for work completed on the 2024 Infrastructure Improvement Project on E. Mary Street. Copies of the final pay application were distributed to Council members at this meeting. Mr. Digman presented the information and answered questions. The final pay application shows an amount due of \$33,394.42 for this application. Mark stated that he is waiting to hear back from the bank that bonded Bill Lepke Excavating, LLC for the project regarding how the final payment from the City should be distributed, due to multiple contractors not being paid by Bill Lepke Excavating, LLC. There being no further discussion, motion by Roelli, seconded by Boll, to approve the final pay application as presented and to instruct Mark Digman to work with the City Clerk to process the payment. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the following recommendations from the Finance and Personnel Committee:

- Approve the proposed 2026 City of Darlington Budget Advertisement. The notice for the

Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget for the City of Darlington calls for a hearing to be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:45 PM. After review and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Corley, to accept the committee's recommendation and approve the 2026 City of Darlington Budget Advertisement as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Approve the 2026 Salary and Wage Schedule. Copies of the salary and wage schedule were included in the packet. After review and consideration, motion by Roelli, seconded by Sonsalla, to approve the 2026 Salary and Wage Schedule as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the following recommendation from the Plan Commission. The Plan Commission meeting was held just prior to this Council meeting.

- Certified survey map approval request from Joseph Wiegel. Mayor McDermott stated the Plan Commission is recommending approval of the certified survey map as presented. After discussion and consideration, motion by Boll, seconded by Pickett, to accept the Plan Commission recommendation and approve the certified survey map from Joseph Wiegel as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was also held concerning the 2025 Committee Appointments for the Zoning Board. Mayor McDermott stated that two alternates were added to the Zoning Board: Walker Wiegel and Bill North. After review, motion by Pickett, seconded by Sonsalla, to approve the updated 2025 Committee Appointments as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning adding land back to TID #8 and adding new land to TID #8. Mayor McDermott stated that the City is beginning the process with Vierbicher for this amendment to the TID #8, as they have handled the TID projects in the past.

Aldersperson Cindy Corley reported on the Library Board meeting held on Monday, October 27, 2025. Aldersperson Joe Boll reported on the Park and Recreation meeting held on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. Matt Walter, Sonja Wiegel, and Janet Trout then left the meeting.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Black, seconded by Pickett, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. Motion carried.

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Amy L. Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer