

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDermott at 7:00 PM. Present at roll call were: Joe Boll, Cindy Corley, Dave Roelli, John Sonsalla, Steve Pickett, and Kerry Black. Absent: None. Also present were: Attorney Aaron Stauffacher, Mark Digman with Delta 3 Engineering, Inc., Jeff McCarthy, Jesse Westerman, and Amy Johnson.

Motion by Sonsalla, seconded by Pickett, the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Pickett, seconded by Boll, 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 unfinished business, discussion was held concerning funding for the proposed Municipal Well #4 Project. Mark Digman with Delta 3 Engineering attended the meeting to present the information and answer any questions. Mr. Digman stated that the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) has completed their initial review of the City's Safe Water Drinking Loan application. The City has made the funding list, with a proposed loan amount of \$2,837,422.00 and a grant amount of \$1,527,843.00. Several questions were asked by those present. After discussion and consideration, motion by Roelli, seconded by Boll, to authorize Delta 3 Engineering to continue with the process with the DOA for the Safe Water Drinking Loan. Motion carried.

Under new business, Mayor McDermott and Aaron Stauffacher reported on the Public Hearing held just prior to the Council meeting regarding the Discontinuance of a Christensen Drive as located on the Plat of the First Addition to the Darlington Business Park. No one from the public attended the Public Hearing.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed Resolution 2025-07, A Final Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue a Portion of Christensen Drive Located in the Plat of the First Addition to the Darlington Business Park, Pursuant to Section 66.1003(4), Wis. Stat. A copy of the proposed resolution was included in the agenda packet, along with a map of the street segment. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Sonsalla, to adopt and approve Resolution 2025-07, A Final Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue a Portion of Christensen Drive Located in the Plat of the First Addition to the Darlington Business Park as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the bids received for the 2026 Splash Pad/Park Improvements. Mark Digman from Delta 3 Engineering attended the meeting to present the information and answer any questions. Mark stated that there were seven bids received. The low bid was submitted by G-Pro Excavating, LLC of Montfort, WI, in the amount of \$525,765.50.

Several questions were asked by those present. Mark then stated they reviewed each bid submitted, and they are recommending the Council accept the bid from G-Pro Excavating, LLC of Montfort, WI, in the amount of \$525,765.50. After review and consideration, motion by Boll, seconded by Roelli, to accept the recommendation from Delta 3 Engineering, and award the contract for the 2026 Splash Pad/Park Improvements to G-Pro Excavating, LLC of Montfort, WI, in the amount of \$525,765.50. Motion carried.

The Notice of Spring Election was presented. The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents: Mayor – Mike McDermott; Alderperson, First Aldermanic District – Kerry Black; Alderperson, Second Aldermanic District – Stephen J. Pickett; and Alderperson, Third Aldermanic District – Joseph Boll. If necessary, a primary will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Discussion was held concerning the original Class “B” Retailers Combination alcohol beverage license application from Kelley’s Riverside, Kelley McGranahan, Agent, 300 Washington St, Darlington, WI. After review and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Black, to approve the original Class “B” Retailers Combination alcohol beverage license application from Kelley’s Riverside, Kelley McGranahan, Agent, 300 Washington St, Darlington, WI. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the original Class “B” Retailers Combination alcohol beverage license application from Tequila Barra by MiCasita LLC, Karina Corona-Ruiz, Agent, 414 Main St, Darlington, WI. After review and consideration, motion by Black, seconded by Sonsalla, to approve the original Class “B” Retailers Combination alcohol beverage license application from Tequila Barra by MiCasita LLC, Karina Corona-Ruiz, Agent, 414 Main St, Darlington, WI. Motion carried.

Motion by Pickett, seconded by Roelli, to approve the October 31, 2025, financial statements for the City, Water Department, and Sewer Department as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Roelli, seconded by Pickett, to approve payment of the following October 2025 Vouchers: City ACH Vouchers #343 through #356 in the amount of \$86,171.94; City vouchers #47051 through #47111 in the amount of \$149,330.00; Direct Deposit Payroll vouchers #15631 through #15713 in the amount of \$77,118.60; Library ACH Vouchers #18 in the amount of \$2,541.41; Library vouchers #4794; #6529 through #6532 in the amount of \$1,027.73; Sewer Dept. ACH voucher #32 in the amount of \$1,268.51; Sewer Dept. vouchers #8315 through #8335 in the amount of \$341,667.65; Water Dept. ACH voucher #49 in the amount of \$1,268.49; Water Dept. vouchers #7710 through #7723 in the amount of \$15,880.17.

Alderperson Joe Boll reported that the Park and Recreation meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025.

Motion by Roelli, seconded by Corley, to go into closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1)(e). Wis. Stats., to consider the development agreement for lots in the business park. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Roelli, seconded by Sonsalla, to reconvene to regular session in accordance with Section 19.85 (2) Wis. Stats., to take action if necessary, concerning the development agreement for lots in the business park; and adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Roelli, to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to release Stainless Technologies LLC. from the first business park covenant contained within the deed to require the property improvements to be completed by July 1, 2025, if requested. Motion carried.

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