

MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF DARLINGTON, DECEMBER 2, 2025

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Mike McDermott at 6:45 PM. Present at the hearing were: Mayor McDermott, Steve Pickett, John Sonsalla, Kerry Black, Dave Roelli, Joe Boll, Jeff McCarthy, Janet Trout, and Amy Johnson.

The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the November 13, 2025, edition of the Republican Journal. The City of Darlington 2026 budget calls for total revenues of \$3,378,269.11; total expenditures of \$3,378,269.11; and includes a tax levy of \$1,404,784.00. If the budget is approved, the mill rate will be \$18.89 per \$1000 assessed value; which is \$0.20 lower than the previous year's mill rate. Due to revised regulations from the Department of Revenue, the proposed budget does not qualify for additional shared revenue under the expenditure restraint program. General fund expenditures for 2026 increased 7.90% over 2025 general fund expenditures. Cindy Corley arrived at 6:48 PM.

Mayor McDermott asked if there were any questions concerning the 2026 proposed budget. No objections were raised concerning the 2026 proposed budget. It was also reported that the 2025 lottery credit will be \$174.69 and the 2025 first-dollar credit will be \$58.23. These credits will be shown on the real estate tax statements.

There being no further business for this Public Hearing, motion by Boll, seconded by Roelli, to close the Public Hearing at 6:51 PM. Motion carried.

CITY OF DARLINGTON

Amy L. Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer