

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

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: Dave Lindecker, Attorney Stauffacher, Bart Nies with Delta 3 Engineering, Inc., 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 Roelli, to approve the minutes of previous meetings. Motion carried.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the bids received for the Proposed Municipal Well #4 Project. A copy of the bid tabulations was included in the agenda packet. Bart Nies from Delta 3 Engineering, Inc., attended the meeting to present information and answer any questions. Funding for the project will be obtained through the DNR's Safe Drinking Water Loan Program and through grant funding from the DNR.

- Five bids were received for Contract #1 – Site and Utility Construction. The two lowest bidders were Owen's Excavating and Trenching, Inc. from Hazel Green, WI, who submitted the lowest bid for the amount of \$1,226,459.83, and H. James & Sons, Inc. from Fennimore, WI, who submitted the second lowest bid for the amount of \$1,326,097.10. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Corley, to approve Owen's Excavating and Trenching, Inc's bid for the amount of \$1,226,459.83. All ayes. Motion carried.
- One bid was received for Contract #2 – Well and Well Pump Construction. Midwest Well Services, dba Municipal Well & Pump, from Waupun, WI, submitted the only bid for \$802,146.75. After discussion, motion by Pickett, seconded by Roelli, to approve Midwest Well Services, dba Municipal Well & Pump's bid for the amount of \$802,146.75. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Four bids were received for Contract #3 – Well House Building Construction. The two lowest bidders were Owen's Excavating and Trenching, Inc. from Hazel Green, WI, who submitted the lowest bid for the amount of \$698,034.00, and CCJ Construction, LLC from Muscoda, WI, who submitted the second lowest bid for the amount of \$760,160.00. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Boll, to approve Owen's Excavating and Trenching, Inc's bid for the amount of \$698,034.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a Grant Administration Contract with Delta 3 Engineering, Inc. Delta 3 Engineering will provide the Professional Grant Administration Services necessary for the awarded financing from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) for the Proposed Municipal Well #4 Project to occur in Walnut Ridge Subdivision. The fee for these services to be provided by Delta 3 Engineering, Inc. is \$15,000.00. After consideration, motion by Boll, seconded by Sonsalla, to approve the Grant Administration Contract with Delta 3 Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000.00. Motion carried.

Discussion was also held concerning a Bond Counsel Agreement for the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program. Mr. Nies explained that it is a requirement to retain bond counsel for this loan program. A copy of a proposed agreement from Quarles and Brady, LLP was included in the packet. The City has worked with Quarles and Brady, LLP on previous projects. The Bond Counsel Agreement is for the amount of \$16,850.00. After discussion, motion by Roelli, seconded by Black, to approve the Bond Counsel Agreement with Quarles and Brady, LLP as presented. Motion carried. Bart Nies then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning Resolution 2026-02, a Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. A copy of the proposed resolution was included in the agenda packet. Jesse Westerman attended the meeting on behalf of Darlington Community Revitalization, Inc., to explain their plans if they are awarded the Vibrant Spaces Grant. After review and consideration, motion by Boll, seconded by Black, to approve Resolution 2026-02, A Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation as presented. Motion carried

Under reports of committees, Alderperson Cindy Corley reported on the Library Board meeting held on February 16, 2026. Alderperson Steve Pickett reported on the Canor Fest Committee and the Darlington Chamber Committee.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Pickett, seconded by Roelli, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion carried.

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Amy L. Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer