

CITY OF DARLINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

AUGUST 18, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roelli at 7:00 PM. Present at roll call were: Steve Pickett, John Sonsalla, Kevin Andrews, Joe Boll, Kerry Black, and Cindy Corley. Absent: None. Also present were: Mark Digman with Delta 3 Engineering, Inc., Eric Macke, Attorney Jacob Gardner, Kim Winslow, and Amy Johnson.

Motion by Pickett, seconded by Black, 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 reports, comments, suggestions, and recommendations of citizens present, Mayor Roelli introduced Director of Public Works candidate Eric Macke to the Council.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning proposed Change Order #1 regarding the contract with G-Pro Excavating, LLC, for work completed on the 2026 Splash Pad/Park Improvements Project. Copies of the proposed change order were included in the agenda packets. Mark Digman reported on items that affected the contract price for this project. The net total change is an addition of \$7,033.29 from the original contract amount. Discussion was also held concerning the final pay application from G-Pro Excavating, LLC, for work completed on the 2026 Splash Pad/Park Improvements Project. Copies of the proposed change order were included in the agenda packets. Mr. Digman presented the information and answered questions. The final pay application shows an amount due of \$39,364.09 for this application. Mark stated that he is waiting to hear back from all suppliers to confirm receipt of payment for their portion of the project. With no further discussion, motion by Pickett, seconded by Black, to approve Change Order #1 and the final pay application as presented and to instruct the City Clerk to wait to process the payment until the final punch list items are completed. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

- Approve the Clerk-Treasurer salary of \$92,000.00 beginning with the September 11, 2026, payroll. Motion by Black, seconded by Sonsalla, to approve the recommendation as presented.
- Approve the hiring of Brian Stahlnecker for the Assistant Water Operator/Public Works Position, with the starting wage of \$25.00 an hour until his Water Operator licenses are transferred to the state of Wisconsin; then his wage will increase to \$27.00 an hour. Motion by Pickett, seconded by Sonsalla, to approve the hiring of Brian Stahlnecker as presented. Motion carried.
- Approve the hiring of Eric Macke for the Director of Public Works Position, with full-time benefits and a starting salary of \$95,000 per year. Motion by Black, seconded by Pickett, to approve the hiring of Eric Macke as presented. Motion carried.
- Approve the changes to the revised sick leave policy. The current policy has an accumulation limit of 110 days (880 hours); the revised policy has no accumulation limit but does have a payout limit of a maximum of 110 days (880 hours). Motion by Black, seconded by Sonsalla, to approve the revised sick leave policy as presented. Motion carried.

The proposed 2027 budget approval schedule was presented for review and approval. In order to approve the 2027 City budget at the December 1, 2026, Council meeting, a schedule is provided to the department heads for their use. A copy of the proposed 2027 budget schedule was included in the agenda packet. After review and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Corley, to approve the 2027 budget approval schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the proposed lease renewal agreement between the City of Darlington and Eric Weber, Tubie Tech, for space leased on the second floor of the City of Darlington Municipal Building. Mr. Weber will be leasing a total of four office areas and one storage area. After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Black, to approve the request and the lease renewal agreement. Motion carried.

The July 31, 2026, financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. were then presented for review and approval. Copies of these financial statements were included in the agenda packet. After review and consideration, motion by Pickett, seconded by Boll, to approve the July 31, 2026, financial statements for the City, Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. as presented. Motion carried.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Corley, seconded by Sonsalla, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. Motion carried.

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Amy L. Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer