

**CITY OF DARLINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

April 2, 2019

The Regular Meeting of Darlington City Council was held April 2, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall at 400 Pearl Street.

Present at the meeting: Mayor Gloria C. Hines, Councilpersons John Segars, Shelia Baccus, Carolyn Bruce, John Milling, Bryant Gardner and Elaine Reed. Also present was City Manager, Howard Garland, City Attorney Kevin Etheridge and a room full of citizens.

Copies of the agenda were faxed to The News & Press, The Morning News and the Hartsville Messenger with place, date and time of meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Hines.

PRAYER

Mayor Hines gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Milling made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 council meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reed. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Bruce made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner. All in favor.

DDRA UPDATE – MS. LISA ROCK

Ms. Lisa Rock stated that tomorrow, April 3, 2019 the DDRA would hold their annual Golf Tournament at the Darlington County Club sponsored by Carolina Bank, Darlington Raceway, Fitness World Gyms, and

Nationwide Insurance. The Taste of Darlington will be held on April 11, 2019 at the Darlington Race Track from 7 to 9 p.m. in the infield garage area. She also informed council that businesses, individuals, civic groups, and churches are invited to join the DDRA as members. Ms. Rock also stated the Chamber would be holding a Clean Up Darlington Day on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 9 am-noon and that the first 100 volunteers would receive a free t-shirt. She said that the Bringing Downtown Alive! Concert committee would be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2019 at Mamma Mia's. Also, Monthly Members' Breakfast at 8 a.m., Wednesday, April 24, at Taki's Diner, free for members and \$5 for others.

CHAMBER UPDATE – MS. HARRIET

Ms. Harriett Hobbs stated that the chamber is sponsoring a lunch and learn with guest speaker Doug Grady at the South of Pearl at noon on April 18, 2019. She also said that Freedom Fest will be June 29, 2019 at Darlington Race way from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.

ANYONE WISHING TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. George Chase was present to talk to council about the Historic District that surrounds his resident 379 West Broad Street. He explained the slow decline of the surrounding area, condemned houses that haven't been torn down and rentals dumps. He said that if the City is going to have a Historic District that they should at least take pride in it. He would like to see the City to encourage the people in the district to keep up their properties better.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proclamation-Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault

A representative from the Darlington Pee Dee Coalition, located at 105 Orange Street was present to let council know that the month of April was Domestic and Sexual Assault awareness month. She stated the on April 24, 2019 would be Denim Day to bring awareness to Domestic and Sexual Assault. The Proclamation was read aloud by Mayor Hines.

B. CDBG Fair Housing Resolution adopted by Mayor

CDBG Fair Housing Resolution adopted by Mayor on April 2, 2019. Motioned by Mr. Milling to adopt the CDBG Fair Housing Resolution, Seconded by Ms. Reed. All in Favor.

C. West End Heritage Corporation – Funding Request

Ms. Peggy Sheffield with the West End Heritage Corporation asked Council to help in funding the Darlington Manufacturing Memorial located at the corner of Cleveland Street and Pearl Street. She stated that they are trying to raise the money to finish the memorial and they need about 30-40 thousand more. Motioned by Mr. Gardner to approve a \$5,000 donation. Seconded by Ms. Reed. All in favor.

D. Darlington County First Steps Proclamation

Mayor Hines read the Darlington County First Steps Proclamation aloud to council and citizens at the meeting.

E. First Reading Ordinance 2019-07 Zoning of 504 Young Street R-10

Motion by Mr. Gardner on the First Reading Ordinance 2019-07 to rezone 504 Young Street to R-10. Seconded by Ms. Reed. All in favor.

F. First Reading Ordinance 2019-08 Rezoning of Second Block Pearl Street

Motion by Mr. Milling on the First Reading Ordinance 2019-08 to rezone the Second Block of Pearl Street. Seconded by Ms. Bruce. All in favor.

G. Bid Approval Repair/Replace Carnegie Library Roof

Motion by Mr. Milling to replace the Carnegie Library Roof for \$35,356 by Gardner Roofing and recognizing that it could run an additional amount for any decking or wood work that may be required. Seconded by Ms. Baccus. All in favor.

Council Comments

Mayor Hines said she had visited the Purple Fish and it is a nice place to visit.

Mr. Milling said he would like for Mr. Garland to assign someone to look at our current ordinance pertaining to the Historical District and check with the surrounding areas to see how they are dealing with to help make it enforceable and help a historic district look like what it was intended to.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Gardner, seconded by Ms. Reed, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk & Treasurer

