

**CITY OF DARLINGTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:30 PM
TUESDAY – DECEMBER 4, 2018**

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Mayor Gloria Hines, City Manager, Mr. Howard Garland and Councilpersons: John Segars, Carolyn Bruce, Sheila Baccus, Bryant Gardner, Elaine Reed and John Milling. Also, present: Mrs. Lisa Rock, City Attorney Kevin Etheridge, Police Chief Kelvin Washington, Building Official Alex Gainey, Mr. Kinsaul, Mr. Linwood Epps, Mrs. Betty Jackson, Ms. Jannie Lathan, Mr. Lee Andrews, Ms. Anna DeWitt, Ms. Rosena James, Mr. Steve Abbott, Ms. Gladys Jules, Mr. Robert Thomas, Ms. Harriett Hobbs, Mr. Henry Chapman, Mrs. Ouida Page, Mrs. Linda B. Spearman, Mr. Carl Goodson, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Roger Gore, Mrs. Joyce Thomas and other visitors.

NEWS REPORTERS

Also present were News Reporters from the News & Press and the Morning News.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman John Milling did the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion of Councilwoman Carolyn Bruce, Seconded by Councilwoman Elaine Reed to approve the Minutes of November 13, 2018. All approved the motion.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Carolyn Bruce. All approved the motion.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A) DARLINGTON DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION – MRS. LISA ROCK

Mrs. Rock said they had a great kickoff to the holiday season at their Annual Shop Small Darlington open house last Thursday on the Public Square with Darlington Recreation, DJ Danny Lockemy, Santa Claus and Snow. She said several businesses around the Square stayed open late offering refreshments and special deals for that night only. She said they had craft vendors and a food truck at the Courthouse and they handed out all the Shop Small tote bags and prizes that were donated from the Jewelers Bench, The Darlington Lion's Club, Luna's Closet and the DDRA. Mrs. Rock said thanks to American Express and all the people who participated in this annual event. Mrs. Rock said to continue to encourage residents to shop at Darlington businesses they have their annual Shop Darlington promotion which runs from thanksgiving to Christmas. She said residents are encouraged to shop at Darlington businesses for a chance to win one of three \$100 fuel cards. She said restaurants, retail stores and gift certificates count, but prescriptions, fuel and tobacco do not. Mrs. Rock said every five receipts you get from five different Darlington businesses count as one entry. The entry forms will be located at area businesses, Darlington Chamber of Commerce and City Hall. You can find copies in the News & Press through December 19th, online at buildupdarlington.org or on the DDRA Facebook page. The entries must be postmarked by December 31st and the drawing will be held January 7, 2019. Mrs. Rock said the Downtown Christmas Market is coming up on Saturday December 15, 2018 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM in the fellowship hall at Trinity United Methodist Church on Pearl Street. There will be free face painting, a coloring station for the kids, plenty of vendors, crafts and Santa will be there at noon.

B) GREATER DARLINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – MS. HARRIETT HOBBS

Ms. Harriet Hobbs said everyone would agree that “Light Up Darlington” this year was a huge success. She said the Christmas tree this year is specular. She said it's over thirty-feet tall and she wants to thank everyone who contributed their love, their time and their money to help with this project. She said it was a joint effort and could not have been done without every single person that attended meetings, contributed money and ideas. Ms. Hobbs said they have the “Angel Trees” around the Square and people gave money “In Memory Of” or “In Thanksgiving Of” or because they love Darlington. Ms. Hobbs said they raised a lot of money from the “Angel Trees”. Some of the people “In Memory Of” were: Coach Gene Stokes, Carolyn Applicans, Mary Beth Watts, Brandon, Harold & Vivian Strickland, Roosevelt Segars, Douglas Mims, Bennie Gregory, Owen Kagan, Ray Norwood, Dr. Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Welch, Vivian O'Neal & Sgt. Terrance

Carraway. “In Thanksgiving Of”: Todd Hardee, First Church of God, Bella Dentistry. Those who gave money were: Carolina Bank, King Horn Insurance of the Pee Dee, Glenn & Page Chestnut, Robert June & Fitness Worlds Gyms. Ms. Hobbs said they could not have done this without DSI Metals for their donation of all of the wreaths for the stores on the Square and they donated all the candles for the Courthouse windows. Genesis Healthcare donated the up-lighting at the base of the trees around the Square. Mr. Bill Moore with The Kiwanis Club built the drum that the Christmas Tree sits on. The Chamber’s Annual Banquet will be held on February 28, 2019. They will start taking nominations for awards this coming Monday, December 10th which can be sent by email or snail mail. The nominations for the awards this year will be for Community Pride (Can be a business or a person), Business Leader of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and the Legacy Award.

CITIZENS WISHING TO SPEAK BEFORE COUNCIL (5 MINUTES PER PERSON)

No One Signed Up to Speak.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-18 ZONING OF 110 NEZ PERCE DRIVE

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant Gardner, seconded by Councilwoman Elaine Reed, Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-18 Zoning of 110 Nez Perce Drive, which unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A) SPECIAL RECOGNITION – BOARDS, COMMISSION, CIVIC CLUBS, BUSINESSES

Mayor Hines presented the following Boards, commission, Civic Clubs and Businesses with Certificates of Recognition for helping with clean-up around Darlington, scholarships, the decorations around town, the cleaning of the graveyards, veterans memorial, helping children, any community need, donations of food, providing bicycle helmets for the kids and the Christmas Tree on the Square and she appreciates the Garden Club for that. Mayor Hines said and the fundraisers that have been held over the City for the Carraway Family and others. Mayor Hines presented Certificates to: American Legion Post 210, Darlington Lion’s Club, Darlington Kiwanis Club, Historic Landmark Commission, Pee Dee United Elks 1679, Block “M” Club, Darlington Pilot Club, Darlington Tree Board, The Lord Cares,

The Beautification Board, Darlington Garden Club, Planning Committee, Round O Baptist Church, Flat Creek Baptist Church, Cherry Grove Baptist Church, Fitness World, First Baptist Church, First Church of God and Central Baptist Church. There were a number of churches/groups not present to receive their Certificate of Appreciation.

B) APPROVAL BID FOR VIRGIL WELLS STADIUM TICKET BOOTH

Mayor Hines told Council they have in their packet a bid of \$14,500 for a ticket booth which will be a 10x10 block building, a steel door, metal roof, 2 ticket windows, lighting fixtures, wiring and painting. Mayor Hines said the only thing she did not see was a place to put the air conditioner. Mr. Andrews said they can talk to Mr. Scott about that. Councilman Segars asked, "Why do we need a ticket booth out there, are we charging for admission"? Mayor Hines said, "Yes, I went out there one day and I saw some ladies sitting out there trying to take money and that's kind of unwise". Mr. Andrews said, "We don't take up money for our recreation games, we lease the field out to the Pee Dee Vikings and they take up money from under a tent and that's what you saw that night". Mr. Andrews said, "We don't charge to get into our recreation games". Councilwoman Baccus said, "For example, if a church group or anybody want to rent the stadium for concerts or anything like that and going to charge a fee, we probably need one...Mr. Andrews said we could supply them with a ticket booth then. He said, "We will use it if Council approves it, but they don't charge for people to come to the recreation department games. He said they may have people that rent the field that will use it. Councilwoman Baccus said they need a ticket booth for safety reasons. Councilman Segars asked, "How are we going to pay for it; where's the money coming from"? Mr. Garland said the Hospitality Tax Bond. Councilman Milling said, "Just out of curiosity, does the rent we charge to some entity that wants to use it, does that generate any income that can be used for some of these expenses"? Mr. Andrews said it depends on what we rent it for. Mr. Andrews said if we rent our facility out for a birthday party, we don't charge the same thing that we would charge Mayo Alumni or St. John's Alumni for the weekend because it will be more expenses on the bigger people that are doing it, especially if they are charging. He said that's one of the questions that they ask on any facility that they are renting to and there are steps they have to go through as to how many people are going to be there. He said everything runs through our Police Chief because they have had some incidents and it's mandatory that there's security on site, so they charge that fee whatever it is.

Councilwoman Bruce said she's trying to remember if she's been to a stadium where there wasn't a ticket booth. Mr. Andrews said there are some places and Byerly Park doesn't use a ticket booth. He said there's not ticket booth at Freedom Florence as far as their football facility. He said every big football field has a ticket booth. Councilwoman Bruce said the point she was trying to make is most stadiums have ticket booths. Councilwoman Bruce, "But then we put money into getting this stadium right and then we put Coach Virgil Well's name on it, which is a legacy in the community and has done a lot in the Darlington Public School system and if we are going to put his name on it, I think it needs to be 100% completion so that it's recognized right". Councilwoman Bruce said, "I don't know about the air conditioning part of it Mayor, but I do think we need a ticket booth and I agree with Councilwoman Baccus from a security standpoint. Mr. Andrews said, "If we build it, it will be used". **Councilman John Milling made a motion that we approve the bid of \$14,500 for the ticket booth at Virgil Wells Stadium. Councilman Bryant Gardner seconded the motion. All approved the motion.**

C) BULKY REFUSE ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT DISCUSSION

Councilwoman Baccus said the Bulky Refuse Ordinance is in reference to us trying to clean up the City of Darlington. She said there's trash all over the City and we have continuous offenders that's placing all kind of things in the same spots over and over and they are trying to get that problem solved. Councilwoman Baccus said Mr. Garland has some more information that he wants to give Council about the bulky refuse. Mr. Garland said he, Ms. Karen Carroll and Councilwoman Baccus have met several times about this and they have canvassed the town and identified some streets that have habitual offenders. Mr. Garland said in addition to sending a codes enforcement letter to the offenders, they are going to mention streets this month and if they continue to be offenders on this, we're not only going to follow this up with tickets, but we're going to start mentioning addresses at meetings. Mr. Garland said, "You know these folks, they are putting out mattresses and couches in your neighborhood and then turning a blind eye. It's time for us to stop this". Mr. Garland said the corner of Darlington Avenue & Parrott Street; corner of Parrott & Sycamore Streets; Chestnut Street, W. Broad Street, Jessamine Street, Edwards Avenue, First & Ross Streets, Reid Street, Bacote Street, Avenue D, Second Street, Greenway Drive, Richmond Street, and Shuler Street was called in yesterday. Mr. Garland said if we want to clean up our town we need everyone's help. He said it's an honest effort by your elected officials and appointed officials to

clean up our town and if we go and clean up a couch or take up a mattress or a chair and something is back there three weeks later, it doesn't make any sense to us why you don't take more pride in your neighborhood. He said, "Help us help you out". Councilwoman Reed said, "So what are we going to do"? Mayor Hines said this is just for information and she thinks we've already voted on this. Mr. Garland said this is just information. He said we're sending out enforcement letters and if it continues to be a problem we'll write tickets and then we will follow up with announcement of individual addresses in public.

D) VIDEO CAMERA, TREE CUTTING NOZZLE FOR VACTOR TRUCK

Mayor Hines said vactor truck was a great thing that we purchased for Darlington. She said during the storm vac truck came out and sucked the water up, but what it didn't do because we didn't have a cutter or a camera. Mayor Hines said one day on Jessamine/Chestnut Street the workers had two catch basins on each side of the street and they came by earlier and sucked all the water up, but then when there was another downpour of rain the basin filled back again so that makes her think the water has no place to go. Mayor Hines said she was told we could get a cutter because there are roots that are growing in the sewer lines. Mayor Hines said if you have a ditch and you're throwing furniture, televisions and everything else in the ditch, it stops up and it can't from one ditch to the next, so it has to be cleaned out. Mayor Hines presented Council with two prices for a camera; one for \$9,852.56 & the other for \$9,403.08. The price for the cutter with a rotating chain scraper was \$7,734.15. She said that would help us out a whole lot if we were to get this because right now all they are doing is just sucking up water. She said as far as cutting the roots out of the pipes they can't do that, they have to have this equipment. Mayor Hines said we have this expensive truck, so she feels they need to go ahead and get it. She said it's less than \$25,000 to get the camera and the cutter. Mr. Garland said it's about \$17,000-\$18,000. Councilman Bryant Gardner asked Mr. Kinsaul about the two different camera bids that we have and what is the difference. Mr. Kinsaul said Mayor Hines got these bids and he doesn't know. Councilman Gardner asked Mayor Hines if she knew the difference and she said she doesn't know she gave it to Mr. Garland. Mr. Garland asked Mr. Kinsaul if we have any equipment like this currently on staff. Mr. Kinsaul said we've got an old push camera that they use for sewer lines, and the only thing he see that is different is this one has a battery, but you have to have a generator for ours. Mr. Kinsaul said you push the camera down the drain as far as you

can push it and it works great on 4" to 8" sewer lines as long as you don't have to go too far. Mr. Kinsaul said it's like a sewer snake basically except it has a camera on the end of it and a light and you push it down like a service line, but the camera is small, and it won't video a large pipe.

Councilman Gardner asked how far will it go? Mr. Kinsaul said it depends on any obstruction or how rough the surface is that you are pushing on.

Councilwoman Reed asked if this camera would fit onto the truck? Mr. Kinsaul said, "No, this is a stand-alone camera". Councilwoman Reed asked, "What are they saying they need it for?" Mr. Kinsaul said to use with the vac truck. Councilman Milling said one of the cameras is called a "Ridgid Reel" and one is called a "Ridgid System" and wanted to know how they work one versus the other. Mr. Kinsaul said all of them will be a reel similar to a roll of sewer snake and you pull it out and push it; stick it in the drain and push it. Councilman Milling said one says "compact" and the other one doesn't and wanted to know if the compact is supposed better? Mr. Kinsaul said he thinks it's just a smaller more compact unit.

Councilwoman Baccus asked Mr. Kinsaul how many feet is the one we have now. Mr. Kinsaul said he thinks it's probably 100' or either 200', but he's not sure what it is but usually you can't push it that far. Mayor Hines asked Mr. Kinsaul if he's used this one yet with the vac truck and Mr. Kinsaul said, "No, we have not". Mayor Hines said, "Why not"? She asked if it will work with the vac truck and she didn't know we had one. Mr. Kinsaul said, if you can get it down, depends on where you can push it, but he is sure this is better than what we've got, it's got a little small screen on it. Mr. Kinsaul said that camera was here long before he got here, and you've got to have power (you'll have to carry a generator with you) to run the one we have now. Mayor Hines said this one will work better because it is battery operated. Mr. Kinsaul said, "The problem you're going to get into and I'll use Broad Street (Ms. Pruitt's house), that drain is probably 12-15 feet down the catch basin, so unless somebody's going to do confined entry and go in that catch basin to be at the bottom to push that camera". He said you can't drop it in that hole and make it make that curve and push it. Councilwoman Reed said, "So, Freddie what I'm hearing you don't seem to be so plus the camera as it is". Mr. Kinsaul said, "I've got a quote on another camera, but we can't afford it". It's motorized. Councilwoman Reed asked, "So, what about the cutter part"? Mr. Kinsaul said the cutter will probably work. Mayor Hines said, "Well, we can't use anything without a camera, we've got to have a camera". Mr. Kinsaul said, "I wouldn't and let me give you an example; the storm drain that runs down Wells Street by the Fire Department when we kept having cave-ins and we finally got a company to

come in and run a camera up it and there was a 3-inch high-pressure has line in that storm drain. He said had you run that root cutter in there, you would have blown City Hall up. Mr. Kinsaul said that's his objection, not the roots, but it could be a sewer line, a water line, gas line or anything. Councilwoman Reed said, "So, now that we've got some clarity, there's no point in getting a cutter without a camera". Mr. Kinsaul said he personally would not put a root cutter in a storm drain without knowing what was in it. Mayor Hines said, "And the camera you want cost over \$50,000". Mr. Kinsaul said, "Yes and as of first of the year it will be \$75,000". Councilwoman Bruce asked Mayor Hines, "The gentleman you talked to at this company you think they will be able to give us the information on what's the difference between these two cameras"? Mayor Hines said, "Yes, I'll get the information". Mr. Kinsaul said this is the same company that sold us the vac truck and he got his quote came from the same company. Councilman Milling asked Mr. Kinsaul if he could get us the information about what we need to actually work because he doesn't want to spend any money until he spends it on something that will work. Mr. Kinsaul that is his concern. He said this one you could push in a shallow (possibly the Oakdale area where a lot of the drains or catch basins aren't fifteen feet deep. Councilman Milling asked Mr. Kinsaul if we know how many streets these kinds of cameras would work on versus how many streets need.,(Mr. Kinsaul interrupted Councilman Milling and said it will work on a lot of them because a lot of them will be three to six feet deep. Mayor Hines asked about Chestnut & Jessamine Streets. Mr. Kinsaul said he don't think there's any drain, but if it's deep it's not that deep. Mayor Hines said, "As you know now, it will work on most of the streets except Broad Street"? Mr. Kinsaul said, "If you can get to the end where you can push the camera, you can push it". Councilman Gardner asked, three to six feet down, is something you're comfortable with your guys working"? Mr. Kinsaul said, "If they break the pipe they would have to do confined space if they are sticking their head in that hole". Councilwoman Reed said, "She was thinking this camera would be like an attachment that whatever thing goes down and they have encountered blockage one way or the other they need to know what that is". Mr. Kinsaul said it's totally separate piece of equipment from the vactor truck. He said they will put this on the back of the pickup truck and ride it. He said there is nothing attached to the vactor truck, but the root cutter will attach to it. Councilwoman Reed said, "Once the workers encounter a blockage of some kind, then they will send the camera down and you're saying these cameras that we're looking at now don't have the capacity to go that deep. Mr. Kinsaul said, "Well, you can't push it. If

you've got a hole that's fifteen feet deep you can't drop this and make it turn and then push it up into that pipe". Councilwoman Bruce said so there's no way to maneuver. Councilman Milling said, "three to six feet anticipates somebody dropping it in the hole. Mr. Kinsaul said, "somebody being able to reach or drop down in there and push it in the hole". Mayor Hines said, "So the one for \$75,000 can go around the curve"? Mr. Kinsaul said it motorized and it will go 600" down a pipe. Mr. Garland said, "Why we go ahead and get the \$50,000 camera and finance it"? He said if you're going to do this, go ahead and do it right. Councilwoman Reed asked how many areas are like Broad Street, that's fifteen feet deep. Mr. Kinsaul said there are a lot of them on the Main Streets that will be deep; Cashua Street, Broad Street, Pearl Street; the larger streets). Councilwoman Baccus said, "So Mayor, I'm suggesting that we just-no point in continuing discussing it, because we don't what we're getting. Maybe we can get this company bring it to us and let us see what we what it is instead of continuing to talk about it. Mr. Kinsaul said they can do that. He said in fact, he can bring you both- he can bring the cheaper model and he can bring the more expensive model. Mr. Garland asked Mr. Kinsaul to call and set that up for Council. Mr. Kinsaul asked if they want it at a Council meeting orMr. Garland said I think it's something that will have to be done during the day. Councilman Gardner asked if we can push this demonstration out until January and Mayor Hines said, "Yes". Councilman Segars said, "On the root cutter, what is stated on the paper is 8" to 16"; what's that going to do if you get into a large pipe or do buy different size root cutters". Mr. Kinsaul said you can get large, but what you try to do is cut hole and it may not totally clear the pipe but if you can get through an obstruction then water can go through a lot better. Mayor Hines told Mr. Kinsaul to set up the appointment and let him bring the cameras and they can go somewhere and have them do a demonstration.

E) APPROVAL OF 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Garland made note of a couple of changes on the agenda. He said New Year's Day is Tuesday January 1st, so the meeting was moved to Tuesday January 8th; Election is Tuesday November 5th, so it was moved to Tuesday November 12th. **Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion to approve the 2019 City Council Meeting Calendar. Councilwoman Sheila Baccus seconded the motion. All approved the motion.**

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Gloria Hines said she wants everybody to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She said if you keep Jesus first you'll do alright. She said to remember that Jesus is the reason for the Season! Mayor Hines said try to keep Darlington first and do right by Darlington.

Councilwoman Elaine Reed said on the City Manager's report explained that the EDA Grant Application had been rejected twice and another one was submitted on November 15th and she wanted to know if we had different people. Councilwoman Reed said she noted who the grant application was submitted by and wanted to know if we are still using the same people to submit the grant application. Mr. Garland said Pee Dee COG is still doing it. He said Pee Dee COG said everything got in in time. Councilwoman Reed asked if these are the ones that submitted it twice before and got turned down. Mr. Garland said it wasn't turned down they just sent it back saying the narrative needed to be expanded.

Councilman Bryant Gardner said if that other camera is going to go from \$50,000 to \$75,000 in January, maybe we should have an expedited interest in that to be worked out in December. Councilman Milling asked Mr. Kinsaul to talk to them about holding the price until they can at least give us a chance to look at the camera and root cutter. Mr. Kinsaul said the man said they are going to buy a few so they may have some after January at that price. Mr. Kinsaul said he talked to him today and he said they were planning on stocking a few and try to sell them at that price. Councilwoman Baccus asked if they were the only company available that has those cameras. Mr. Kinsaul said they are the ones local that we brought the truck from (out of Sumter).

Councilwoman Baccus wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday.

REMINDERS

Monday December 24th-Wednesday December 26th Christmas Holidays,
City Offices Closed;
Tuesday January 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM - Regular Monthly Meeting Darlington
City Council

Councilman Milling said to put something in the paper about for those people whose city services is on Monday-Wednesday, letting them know what the makeup days are going to be.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Councilman John Milling, seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Baccus, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk & Treasurer