

**CITY OF DARLINGTON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:30 PM  
TUESDAY – MARCH 5, 2019**

**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, Fire Chief Pat Cavanaugh, Mr. Kinsaul, Mrs. Betty Jackson, Ms. Jannie Lathan, Mr. Lee Andrews, Ms. Rosena James, Ms. Gladys Jules, Mr. George and Mrs. Andrea Knapp, Mr. Calvin King, Mr. Steve Abbott, Mr. Curtis Boyd, Mrs. Linda Brunson, Mr. Linwood Epps, Pastor Leroy Lowery, Mr. Bill Hancock, Fireman James Jett and other visitors.

**NEWS REPORTERS**

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

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilwoman Elaine Reed did the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Upon motion of Councilwoman Elaine Reed, Seconded by Councilman Bryant Gardner to approve the Minutes of February 12, 2019. All approved the motion.** Councilman Milling said with respect to meeting on February 21, 2019 it's entitled "Regular City Council Meeting" and asked that it be changed to "Special City Council Meeting". **Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes of February 21, 2019 Special Meeting with the amended change. Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. All approved the motion.**

**Mayor Hines made a motion to table Item 7C until further discussion, which was seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Baccus. All approved the motion.**

Mayor Hines said she was asked to move Item 8D (Beautification Awards) up to 8A. Mayor Hines asked Mr. Garland if he wanted to move the other item up as well. He said we might move them both up before “Unfinished Business” since they are handing out awards and honoring someone. Mr. Garland said to move 8A & 8D after Item #6 and before Item #7.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to approve the meeting agenda for March 5, 2019. 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 The Annual Taste of Darlington will be held Thursday April 11, 2019 at the Race Track from 7 to 9 PM. The DDRA’s Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday April 3, 2019 at Darlington Country Club sponsored by Carolina Bank, Darlington Raceway, Fitness World Gyms, and Nationwide Insurance. The four-man captain’s choice tournament include mulligans, a lunch buffet, and prizes. Teams are \$240 with a limited number of spots. The next “Bringing Downtown Alive” Concert Committee meeting will be this Thursday, March 7, 2019, 6:00 PM at Mamma Mia’s Italian Kitchen. Anyone interested in helping with these events is encouraged to attend. Mrs. Rock said businesses, individuals, civic groups, and churches are invited to join the DDRA as members. She said they recently welcomed the Free Medical Clinic and their new Executive Director, Mr. Stephen Edward to their group this month. Mrs. Rock said members can give them a call or send them an email and they will feature their news, employee recognitions, sales, new products, special hours and other events with people interested in Darlington as well as TV & Radio stations, and newspapers through their text and email news alert. She said you can sign up for this on their website [www.buildupdarlington.org](http://www.buildupdarlington.org). She said membership is \$150 for most businesses; \$100 for civic groups, churches and nonprofits and \$50 for individuals. The application can be downloaded at the Buildup Darlington website. Mrs. Rock said the DDRA invites businesses to network and learn about the DDRA programs and give feedback for future projects at their monthly Members’ Breakfast at 8:00 AM, Wednesday March 27, 2019 at Takis Diner. Breakfast will be provided for member businesses at no charge. Nonmembers who would like to attend are welcome for a nominal donation of \$5.00 per person to go toward the

meal. She said those meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of every month at 8 AM through October.

**B) GREATER DARLINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – MRS. HARRIETT HOBBS**

(Not present – Nothing to report)

**ANYONE WISHING TO APPEAR**

**Mr. Linwood Epps** said Rhonda Brown was awarded Citizen of the Year and he wanted everybody to know she is also a member of the Kiwanis Club.

**Mr. Walter Beck** said he and his wife own Beck Rental Property, LLC, Beck Family Farm here in Darlington and he said “thank you” to those that serve as Mayor & Council because they are in a unique position of authority and they have been called to do the job before them. He said it is truly a calling to do what they do and put themselves at the desk in front of the citizens of Darlington and for that he thanked them for what they have to go through and have to deal with. Mr. Beck said he pray that they go forward in such a way to move Darlington forward for Darlington to become what it can be. Mr. Beck said not to dwell in the past nor dwell in things that may be hurtful or harmful, but he prays for wisdom upon them to move this town forward because this is his home town and he loves Darlington and they must love it too to come up there and do what they do.

**NAMING OF OLD DARLINGTON FIRE STATION**

Councilman John Segars said Jim Stone dedicated 50 years of his life to the City of Darlington Fire Department including 28 years as Fire Chief. Jim Stone was instrumental in the saving and restoration of the City of Darlington’s first fire engine, “Our Pat” which now sits on display at the old fire department building on Cashua Street. Councilman Segars said Jim Stone and the Stone Family gave the property at the corner of Public Square and Orange Street for the Darlington Veteran’s Memorial and Chief Stone also led the fundraising drive for the Veteran’s Memorial. Jim Stone was a member of the Darlington County Council for nine years and served six years as Darlington County Council Chairman. Jim Stone was an active member of the Darlington community as lifelong member of the Kiwanis Club, Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association and First Baptist

Church where he served many leadership roles. **Councilman John Segars said he therefore feel it is appropriate to make a motion to name the old City of Darlington Fire Department for Chief Jimmy Stone.**

**Councilman Bryant Gardner seconded the motion. All approved the motion.** Councilman John Segars further asked the City Council and City staff work with the Stone family to officially dedicate the building in Chief Stone’s honor. Councilman Segars said, we’re not renaming “Our Pat”, we are just going to name the building. Mayor Hines asked, “Do we need to decide tonight when we’re going to have it”? Mr. Garland said, “No ma’am, that’s up to the family when it’s convenient for them”.

### **BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS**

Mayor Hines said the Beautification Board wanted to do something extra other than what she did for Christmas in thanking everybody for all the help they did for Darlington. Mayor Hines said she thinks about all of the boards helped with the Christmas tree. She said the Beautification Board is under the umbrella of the City of Darlington and would like to express extreme gratitude for all those involved for making Christmas in Darlington a little more magical this year. They thanked everyone that participated in the discussions, gave ideas, contributed funds, and decorated so many corners of the City for Christmas. The Beautification Board wanted to recognize some of the major contributors: DSL Metals delivered the Christmas tree to the Square from North Carolina; Fitness World/Curtis Boyd along with the Light Up Darlington Christmas Committee got lights strung up to the tree surrounding the courthouse; State Farm Insurance/Mr. Bill Moore built the drum base for the Christmas tree; Signs Plus Systems donated their staff and trucks to set up and take down the tree; Darlington Fire Department is always doing something for the City of Darlington and we didn’t have to ask them, they always volunteer. Mayor Hines said the Darlington Fire Department together with Signs Plus, they got the tree put up and taken down safely. The Garden Club collectively purchased the new tree which was the star of the show. Mayor Hines presented awards on behalf of the Beautification Board to the major contributors that were present. Also, a picture was taken with the contributors being presented with the awards.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A) SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 2019-02 ANNEXATION (164-05-02-046) TALLULAH WILLIAMS, 504 YOUNG STREET**

**Upon motion of Councilman Bryant Gardner, seconded by Councilwoman Carolyn Bruce, Second Reading on Ordinance 2019-02**

**Annexation (164-05-02-046) Tallulah Williams, 504 Young Street, which unanimously carried.**

**Public Hearing** – Mayor Hines said we have 30 minutes for the Public Hearing to discuss Ordinance 2019-03 – citizens Appearance Before Council. (6:55 PM.)

**Mr. Linwood Epps** said he is glad Council voted to carry over that second reading and he hopes they keep carrying on out the City because he don't like it. Mr. Epps said he thinks they should be able to sign up like they did tonight and maybe not speak 5 minutes, maybe 3 minutes. He said they should not have to go to Howard six days ahead of time to make an appearance before Council. He told Council to please think about it. Mr. Epps said it's going to be hard for all of them to get in touch with Howard six days ahead of this meeting. He said there are things that come up that sixth day until the day/night of the meeting and sometimes someone is going to want to say something about what's going on. Mr. Epps said he thinks we need to leave it like it is. He said professionalism could be better at times and they might can drop it down from five (5) to three (3) minutes. He told Council they are their representatives and they should be able to talk to them.

**Pastor Leroy Lowery** said his comments will be similar to what Mr. Epps just said with a little difference here and there. (Pastor Lowery passed out copies of his letter to Council earlier in the meeting). Pastor Lowery said after reading in the news paper about this particular matter, he felt like he needed to come and express his feelings on it. He said he is a retired Minister from Southside Freewill Baptist Church and a citizen of the City of Darlington. Pastor Lowery said he is a strong believer in the Constitution & Bill of Rights of our country. He further stated that enshrined in that Constitution and First 10 Amendments are the rights and obligations of the citizens of our nation. Pastor Lowery said the First Amendment guarantees Americans the Freedom of Religion, Speech, Press, Peaceful Assembly and the right to petition our government for a redress of grievances. It also grants to the citizens the right and responsibility to hold our government accountable. Pastor Lower said he came tonight to speak in opposition to the new ordinance concerning the public's access to the City Council in its present form. Pastor Lowery offered the following changes to the proposed ordinance: The matter of requiring the citizens to meet with the City Manager six days before the coming session. He hopes there will be some

changes to that part of the proposal because there are some people that have to work during the hours that the City Manager works and therefore they do not have the ability to meet with him personally. Pastor Lowery asked that a phone call or other means of communication with the City Manager or his secretary be sufficient in this matter. Second, the six-day requirement may cause some difficulty. If the speaker wants to address an item on the current agenda for that meeting is held and the agenda does not become public until 3 days before the meeting, then the citizen would be unable to address his or her concerns. Pastor Lowery asked that Council find a way to allow a citizen to address an agenda item without the six-day requirement. Thirdly, Pastor Lowery said the three minute is probably enough time for the average citizen to express his or her concerns. However, in unusual situations or issues, Pastor Lowery asked that, at the pleasure of Council, this time be made flexible and would be on a case by case basis. Pastor Lowery said it has been reported that some of our citizens have been involved in personal attacks upon the Mayor or members of the Council and this is not right and should be avoided by all. Pastor Lowery told Mayor and Council if they have any questions or if he has not been clear, he will be glad to answer their inquiries at this time.

**Mr. Dan McManus** said he is speaking tonight on behalf of his wife Anna Dewitt, his daughter and himself. Mr. McManus said although they are not disagreeing that the ordinance needs refreshing, they are disagreeing with the process that was taking place at the last meeting. He said the ordinance was read by Mayor Hines, motion by Mayor Hines and seconded by Councilwoman Baccus, then Councilman Gardner began the discussion of amending the ordinance. Mr. McManus said after the discussion was completed and amended and agreed upon, there were no new motions to accept the amended version nor was the amended version read in full. He said it seems that when the vote was taken it was the original ordinance and not the amended version that Council discussed. He said a new ordinance may be needed, but your consistency is needed more. Mr. McManus said the process that we have needs to be done and taken very seriously. He said he knows they are trying, but it needs to be followed and that is what is hurting them currently. Mr. McManus said it should be noted the way the ordinance is currently written, it does not allow for business owners to voice an opinion about city matters. He said if a person owns a business or own property they pay city taxes and this new ordinance is saying perspective city business owners we would want you to invest in town, however we would not want you to have a right a speak. Mayor Hines asked Mr.

McManus to repeat that again. Mr. McManus said the ordinance does not give a city owner a right to speak if they are not a resident. He said in his opinion that is “taxation with representation”.

**Andrew Kiel** said he works for a Consulting Firm called 605 Holdings and they are interested in purchasing some property here in the Darlington area. Mr. Kiel said through a couple of different avenues this idea came to his attention and wanted to address it with Council. He said basically he thinks it’s a foolish and insulting idea that they have put before the Council. He said it’s a red flag for outsiders like him that are considering this area for future business opportunities. Mr. Kiel said there’s a good chance that the idea they have concocted is in violation of the First Amendment, but it’s also in violation in some areas of the State’s open records law that are designed to let the public see what is going on behind government’s closed doors. Mr. Kiel said, “I don’t know why this particular issue came about, I imagine there’s a back story that involved personal attacks or whatever is going on here, that’s irrelevant”. “The issue is, this is not right and it’s not the way to do things here”. Mr. Kiel said limiting the public’s comment, even if it’s just going to the City Manager, seems like the exact opposite thing you want to do to make an open and transparent government. He said, “you guys are elected leaders and you’re expected to endure some criticism on the spot, that’s why you guys get paid the big bucks. He said if someone tosses a personal attack around in the public meeting, he expects them as leaders to have the fortitude to respond to them privately and discuss it in a private situation and not hide behind their status as elected officials. Mr. Kiel told Council he applauds their effort tonight to postpone and table this particular motion because he thinks it needs to be readdressed further. He said there were some great concepts that came from those that spoke before him and he thinks there are some good things they can do with this, but as the ordinance stands now is not the right way to go away it and people like him are going to be scared off.

**Mr. Walter Beck** said he’s going to begin with a quote: All we say to America is to be true to what you said on paper. If I lived in China or even Russia or any totalitarian country, maybe I could understand some of these illegal injunctions; maybe I could understand the denial of certain basic First Amendment privileges because they haven’t committed themselves to that over there, but somewhere I read of Freedom of Assembly, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Press and I read that the greatness of America is the right to protest for right. Mr. Beck said those are not his words, but they are

very powerful and spoken by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the evening of April 3, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee and the next day he gave his life for the Civil Rights Movement; for the movement to protect the rights of all people. Mr. Beck said, "I know two minutes may not seem like a lot and I know signing up six days before may not seem like a big deal, but obviously it is". He said obviously people are upset by this, so he applauds Council for tabling this. Mr. Beck said this ordinance as presented where it states "Meeting in person with the City Manager" is an unnecessary step to inhibit people's First Amendment Rights. Mr. Beck said, "I agree there should be no personal attacks from anybody at this podium on any elected official up here. There should be no personal attacks at all amongst ya'll as a body". Mr. Beck said we need to move forward to make Darlington better and cutting each other down from this way or that way, doesn't help. He said I can disagree with you, but I can still respect you as a person. Mr. Beck said disagreeing does not need to divulge into personal attacks. Mr. Beck said, "And Madam Mayor, you have the right to remove people that are disorderly from this meeting the way the law is written". He said the Freedom of Information Act does not protect people to come up here and attack this Council personally or yourselves, so you already have the means to handle that. Mr. Beck said, "I think this ordinance is unnecessary and I hope that ya'll have also heard from your constituents and heard this isn't a good idea; this is a bad idea that seeks to silence people and I know that's not what ya'll want". He said, "Ya'll want to cut out the personal attacks". I've watched it online, I've watched the recordings, it's ugly, it's bad". Mr. Beck said we don't want any fighting here, we need to make Darlington better. We need to attract businesses, growth and jobs. Mr. Beck said, "Axe this ordinance and work together; make Darlington better; make it what it can be".

**Mr. George Knapp** said, "Because this is a hearing, I was just curious of a show of hands if you don't mind who got my email regarding this ordinance"? He said he sent it to everybody who was on the list and he's sorry if somehow the email didn't get through. Mr. Knapp said he agree with most of what's been said, but he doesn't know for sure if it's a constitutional issue so much. Mr. Knapp said, "I think that the length of notice, I think Howard being the single point of contact, no offense to Howard, but he's a busy person and I'm a busy person. He said he offered him by email some alternatives. Mr. Knapp said he looks forward to this part of the meeting and he enjoys hearing what the citizens have to say even when they don't agree with him or he don't agree with them. He said he also worry about things like if there's going to be an acceptance criterion or

are all comers going to be allowed to speak or is there going to be filtering. Mr. Knapp said if there is, he thinks it's necessary that the filtering is transparent. He told Council they cannot get themselves in a situation where they think something is going on funny behind closed doors and why am I not allowed to speak, but she is, or he is. Mr. Knapp said he's been living in this town for 9 ½ years and coming to the meetings on and off for about 8 years and one of his consistent things regardless of who's been sitting on Council or who has been the Mayor has always been trying to do a better job of thinking things through. Mr. Knapp said concerning the time length-they were timing everybody's discussions and the average time was about five minutes. Mr. Knapp said, "Has it really bogged down the business of Council or you guys feel put out, I don't think so". He said three minutes was kind of a compromise. Bryant and I spoke before the last meeting; three is better than two by at least one minute, but five would be good as well. Mr. Knapp said easier access, transparency if there's any filtering and made to give us as much time as you think is appropriate". He said as far as the personal attacks, I personally don't believe I've been involved in any; if I have or if you believe I have, please seek me out and I am more than willing to have that discussion. He said disagreement and a personal attack are two different things. He said we can agree to disagree, or we can debate issues, but we can do it in a professional way.

**Ms. Jannie Lathan** said she supports the ordinance for citizen appearance before Council. She said she thinks it's necessary that our city government should have such an ordinance as other municipalities have throughout this country. Ms. Lathan said her recommendation would be to model our ordinance around the same form and format that Darlington County is using for their ordinance.

**Mr. Curtis Boyd** said, "I am not a citizen of Darlington. I'm not a citizen that lives in town yet, but I'm going to move into town". "I have purchased a house so that I can run for Mayor, but I have been in business and I have lived here for fifty-four years". Mr. Boyd said, "I'll buy pieces of property, I pay taxes, big taxes, a lot of taxes in the City of Darlington for property that's inside the City Limits". He said, "As this other gentleman spoke a moment ago, it will run business off if they think that they cannot come up here and speak then they've got to go over and talk to Howard to see if he can line things up. Mr. Boyd said he agree that there should be no attacks on any one. He said as it was stated, all of you have the right that if somebody starts attacking you for whatever reason, ask them to leave. Mr. Boyd said

as a business owner that pays taxes and has lived here, to me as I talk to a lot of people they say I would vote for you, but I live in the County, so I ought to run for County Council because I'll probably get more County Council votes. Mr. Boyd said there's a lot of people that live in the County that should be able to come in here and speak. He said you should want to know what it is that we can do to make our town better. Mr. Boyd said, "That is our ultimate goal so that all of us have a nice place to live, and that you're proud to say that you're City Councils, you're proud to say that you live in the City of Darlington and hopefully one day be able to say that you're proud to be a Christian, which is what I am most of all. I'm proud to be a Christian". Mr. Boyd said, I'm very proud to be living in this town and I would love for anybody to come up and talk to me. Call me any time 24/7 and I'm not afraid to talk to anybody. Mr. Boyd said, "Do I please everybody, "No". Jesus Christ did not please everybody; people still cuss Him and curse Him today and He died for your sins. He said, as a citizen that will be moving into town and I have businesses, please let me speak.

**Mrs. Andrea Knapp** said, "She knows that they are supposed to contact Howard, but like George said he emailed everybody on council and the email addresses that he was given, I think Howard gave him, it took Howard two days to contact him back and a bunch of ya'll didn't even email him back". Mrs. Knapp said not necessarily having to agree with anything that you said but just a "we got your email". She said not everybody gets a lunch break. She said people might not work in Darlington, they might work in Florence and it could take twenty minutes to get here to go meet Howard and then drive back to work, that's your lunch hour wasted. Mrs. Knapp said not everybody can make phone calls from work, so you can't call him. If you email him and you don't get a response how are you supposed to know if your email is being accepted and your name is on the list. She said I complained about the building that Curtis Boyd and a bunch of people bought for four days and she was coming to Council meetings being told it's being taken care of. Mrs. Knapp asked, "How would somebody if they had to complain about something and they call Howard to get their name on the list and then they're told....say for example, if I called and said I want to come back to Council, I want to talk about this building again and then I'm told, "No', you're not allowed to speak". She said that's what people are going to think unless it's going to be a good reason why they are not allowed to speak. Mayor Hines asked Mrs. Knapp, "so you're saying that in reference to the ordinance, I mean because that's what we're talking about the ordinance". Mrs. Knapp said, "Yeah, Yeah, the building is bought". She

said people might get the idea that there's a reason why their speech is being quashed. Mrs. Knapp said, "If you all don't want to hear our voices if we were told we could not speak in State Council the general consensus from people that I've spoken to is that you all just don't want complaints to be heard. She said the thing is, not many people come to city council meetings; maybe at the most three or four people unless there's a huge thing like the ballfield and three or four people get up to speak. That is 15 minutes or 20 minutes per month and if you all can't accept from people, I don't know what that says. Mrs. Knapp said, "If y'all don't want to hear what we have to say, again not many people come to the Council meetings, a lot of city people read the newspaper, a lot of city people are on Facebook. If the voices are not heard here where we know ya'll are going to take into consideration what we're saying, everybody's going to go to Facebook, everybody's going to go the newspaper and you won't be able to respond. Mrs. Knapp said three minutes is good but prefer five; the whole six days is pointless. She said like everybody has said, if you don't like what somebody is saying, or somebody is getting aggressive, kick them out. She said the general consensus from people (her friends) is you're trying to silence the voices and it's the wrong impression that people are getting. Mrs. Knapp said, three minutes, no six days and no personal attacks, absolutely, but she thinks it's something they all came up with in a rush judgement and you haven't really thought about what you want to do and she's glad they reassessed it.

**Mr. Bill Moore** said he's a twenty-year resident of Darlington, business owner and he said he's against this ordinance. He said he came here to be able to sign up and address Council. Mr. Moore said if you limit the ordinance to six days prior to city council meeting who knows how you can contact Howard or any City Manager because it's just not all that easy. He said the three minutes-Usually if you can say something in five minutes (5) you can probably say it better or more efficiently in three (3) minutes. No personal matters – He agrees with that, but he also agrees they have the power to reject anybody they need to that's getting ugly and personal. Mr. Moore said he read an article where someone said they are just getting in line with the rest of the municipalities. He said, "I don't think that's a good reason to do it, I think that's a good reason to tell the other municipalities "hey maybe you need to look at us". We honor, cherish and love our citizens enough to sit here and let them have this type of freedom and be able to address us. If they come up the day before the meeting and decide they need to address council, they can do so. They don't have to get prior

permission, they don't have to be screened, but they just have to be polite, professional and appreciate everything we do. Mr. Moore said he is against this new ordinance because it put an undue burden on people that may have an important need and may need to address council.

Mayor Hines said the perception of it was wrong. She said her thoughts were never to silence anybody because she's a person that believe in giving a person a fair shot. Mayor Hines said it was all about the attacks. Mayor Hines said, "We had talks about several ways of changing it and we all brought some stuff tonight but we're not going to do it". Mayor Hines said she appreciates people coming to council to speak, but it was taken out of context. Mayor Hines said, "We're going to talk about it, we're going to study it, and like you said we don't have to copy anybody else, but some of the members said why not do it like the County". She said people are saying a whole lot of things and then they're changing it back and forth but just remember one thing, I am not trying to stop anybody from talking. She said the perception out there in the street was not me, it was somebody else.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ENDS**

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant Gardner, seconded by Councilman Segars, to end the Public Hearing at 7:30 PM.

5 MINUTE BREAK

Meeting reconvened at 7:39 PM

#### **D) SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 2019-04 SALE OF REAL ESTATE (165-00-02-010) 13 ACRES BETWEEN OLD FLORENCE ROAD AND FRIENDSHIP STREET FOR \$127,626.00**

**Councilman John Milling made a motion that we sell parcel of land (165-00-020-10) 13 acres between Old Florence Road & Friendship Street for \$127,626.00. Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. All approved the motion.**

#### **E) SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE 2019-05 SALE OF REAL ESTATE (165-04-01-005) 4 ACRES BETWEEN D AVENUE AND SIXTH STREET FOR \$39,774.00**

**Councilwoman Carolyn Bruce made a motion that we sell parcel of land (165-04-01-005) 4 acres on D Avenue & Sixth Street for \$39,774.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Elaine Reed. All approved the motion.**

**SECOND READING ON ORDINACNE 2019-06 SALE OF REAL ESTATE (165-00-02-011) 5 ACRES AT 323 OLD FLORENCE ROAD FOR \$20,000.00**

**Councilwoman Sheila Baccus made a motion that we sell parcel of land (165-00-02-011) 5 acres at 323 Old Florence Road (Baseball Field) for \$20,000. Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. All approved the motion.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**B) BOARDS/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

Ms. Lisa Rock said they have several openings on the boards and commissions. She said there's one seat and one alternate seat available on the Historic Landmarks Commission; there's one seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals and one seat on the Beautification Board. Mrs. Rock said Ms. Karen Sprott has asked to be placed on the Beautification Board. She's a member of the Garden Club and participates regularly in clean-up days and other Garden Club beautification efforts. **Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion that we accept Ms. Karen Sprott's nomination to the Beautification Board. Councilwoman Sheila Baccus seconded the motion. All approved the motion.**

**C) RESOLUTION: ADOPTION OF 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE**

Mr. Garland said the International Building Codes Council in the State of South Carolina adopt their National Building Code every two years to update ordinances as they relate to plumbing and electrical work and other facets of building codes, so all we're doing is endorsing what's already been done and approved by the International Building Code Council of the State of South Carolina. **Councilwoman Sheila Baccus made a motion to accept the Resolution Adoption of 2015 International Building Codes. Councilwoman Elaine Bruce seconded the motion. All approved the motion.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Mayor Hines thanked everyone for all their remarks tonight.**

Mayor Hines said we need to go into Executive Session to discuss Contractual Audit. She said we will not be voting when we come out. This is for information only.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Upon motion of Councilman John Milling, seconded by Councilman John Segars to go into Executive Session at 7:48 PM to discuss Contractual Audit (Information Only). All approved the motion.**

**REMINDERS**

Tuesday April 2, 2019 at 6:30 PM - Regular Monthly Meeting Darlington City Council

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED**

**Councilman John Milling made a motion to end Executive Session at 8:09 PM, which was seconded by Councilwoman Elaine Reed.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Upon motion of Councilman John Milling, seconded by Councilwoman Elaine Reed, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.*

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk & Treasurer