CITY OF DARLINGTON
BUDGET WORK SESSION
MONDAY APRIL 13, 2020 AT 6:00 PM (ZOOM MEETING)

The City of Darlington held a Budget Work Session online (Zoom Meeting) On Monday April 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Present at the meeting: Mayor Curtis Boyd. City Manager Howard Garland; Council Members: Mayor Pro-Tem John Segars, Elaine Reed, John Milling, Sheila Baccus, Howard Nettles and Bryant Gardner. Others in attendance included: City Attorney Kevin Etheridge, Police Chief Kelvin Washington.

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRAYER
Prayer was led by Mayor Curtis Boyd.

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASES – MR. KINSAUL
Mayor Boyd asked Mr. Kinsaul when the last time we had a rate increase. Mr. Kinsaul said, "We did a 3% increase in July of last year". Mayor Boyd asked, "Do we know where we're at in accordance with other areas and towns"? Mr. Kinsaul said, "If I do a 40% increase on water and a 60% increase on sewer, we will still be a little below a lot of them". Councilwoman Reed asked, "If it's imperative that we have another increase to actually function and to really do what we need to do as far as water & sewer"? Mr. Kinsaul said, "In my opinion Mrs. Reed, if we don't do what I'm suggesting, we're making a vote to sell the system". Mayor Boyd said, "If we sell the system to whomever, you know they are going to raise the rates and then you have no control over it". Mayor Boyd said, "I'm not in favor of selling the system, I'm in favor of fixing the system". Mayor Boyd said his suggestion is to raise the rate. He said we don't need to shock the citizens, but we need to have a steady incline of where we constantly get it back to where it needs to be so that we can fix the system. Mayor Boyd said, "I don't think there's anybody in town that's against us fixing the sewer and water and issues that we have". He said, "I think the problem that most people would have is problems with us raising the rates if the money is not appropriated correctly". Mr. Kinsaul said the last estimate for the Broad Street issue (to repair four blocks) will cost between $1 – $1.2 million dollars. He said, hopefully we will get a grant for $500,000 but then we're looking at $500,000 - $700,000 that we've got to come up with from

somewhere. Mr. Garland said we only have $533,000 in our W&S reserve account. Mayor Boyd asked, "Where are we right now if we didn't have to fix anything, but we know we do"? Mr. Kinsaul said, "If we spent the budget, which we don't do because we know the funds will not be there, we will be a little short on funds for the budget". He said we have done no proactive work of fixing anything other than what broke. Mr. Garland said we are $20,000 short right now for calculations in the water & sewer department. Mayor Boyd said, "We can't continue to function that way. For the City to do what the residents want and for us to function correctly and improve and actually survive, it's got to make money". Councilwoman Baccus said, "So if we raise the rates, the answer that you gave originally, I'm not sure who it's going to put us in line with because the answer didn't specifically say if we raise the rates who are we comparing this to". Mr. Kinsaul said, "Darlington County Water & Sewer, City of Hartsville, Florence, Lamar and Timmonsville; that's pretty well our surrounding. Councilwoman Baccus said, "So you're saying we're 60% below all of these people". Mr. Kinsaul said, "That's correct. water & sewer we will be slightly over, but they are talking at least a 5% increase; everybody is going to increase in July or more than likely". Councilwoman Reed said, "We're lower than Lamar"? Councilwoman Baccus said, "So Darlington is running 60% in rate lower than those four cities you just named"? Mr. Kinsaul said, all the sewer we'll still be lower than several of them with a 60% rate increase". Councilman Gardner asked, "What does it translate to in dollar amounts, this 40% and 60%"? Mr. Kinsaul said the minimum bill would increase $9.55 if we did the 40% -60% on water and sewer. Mr. Kinsaul said that's with a 40% water increase and 60% sewer. Mayor Boyd said, "Here is his other issue, the City of Darlington has approximately 2,900 customers and that customer has water and sanitation, they should not be allowed to walk up and say they don't want sanitation. He said he's understanding that they have been able to do that. Mayor Boyd said, "If I walk in and take the sanitation off because I don't want it right now and then I put debris out there and the guys drive by with the truck they don't know if I'm paying for sanitation or not , then the City is picking it up and it's costing the City". Mr. Kinsaul said, "Our policy and the water is we do what we're told from sanitation, but we tell them "No" just for that reason because you don't know what they put out there". Mayor Boyd said he's been told some were able to take it off and that was his question. He said there should be a policy that they aren't allowed to take it off, correct"? Mr. Kinsaul said, "That's the water department policy if they ask us, but we get our instructions from sanitation". Councilwoman Reed asked, "So Freddie

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how long we've been doing that? What made us decide to do that"? Mr. Kinsaul said, "I never have given it. I don't have control of sanitation. All we do is bill for sanitation". Mayor Boyd said, "Here's my other question- the large containers, there are three different sizes in trash containers from sanitation; if I choose to get a green can, what does it cost me to have a green can"? Mr. Garland said, "why don't we let Alex answer that. That wouldn't be Freddie, that would be Alex. Mr. Alex Gainey said, "Right now at this point and time a commercial roll cart costs $22.50 which is the same amount it cost for a residential roll cart. Mayor Boyd asked, "Is the sanitation department allowing me to forfeit that if I don't want a can"? Mr. Alex Gainey said, " I don't know of any commercials that don't either have a roll cart or a dumpster that's active". Mayor Boyd said, "If I don't want sanitation, am I allowed to forfeit"? Mr. Gainey said, "I don't know of any. That has not been brought to my attention. That's the first time I heard it when you said something about it". Mayor Boyd said, "So, if I have a green can it's $22.50; and my business, if I choose to remove the green can and I put a blue can there, what's the smallest blue can cost"? Mr. Gainey said, "Right now a 2-yard dumpster, we're charging $37.50 for one dump a week". Mayor Boyd asked, "What the medium size". Mr. Gainey said, "you've got a 2-yard, a 4-yard, a 6-yard and an 8-yard. The 4-yard right now is $50; the 6-yard is $75, and the 8-yard is $100 based on one dump per week. Mayor Boyd wanted to know how much the $37.50 dumpster is costing the City. Mr. Gainey said the $37.50 dumpster costs the City $41.48, so we're going in the hole on 2-yard dumpsters. Mr. Garland said Alex has a presentation tonight that he was going to make so you may want to just let him go over what he was proposing". Mayor Boyd said, "Well that's fine Howard, but what I want the people to see is that the reason that we don't have the money to fix the $1.2 million hole over there and all of the other pipes is because we have holes everywhere". Mayor Boyd asked Mr. Gainey to give him the next can". Mr. Gainey said we charge $50 to the customer and it's costing us $50.59 so we're making .59 cents a month on that customer. Mr. Gainey said on the 6-yard can we charge the customer $75 and it's costing the city $80.20. On the 8-yard can we charge $100 to the customer and it's costing us $68.93 so we're making money on this one. Councilman Segars said, "I have the big dumpster and I get it dumped twice a week; I'm paying $200 a month on mine". Mayor Boyd said, "So therefore on these three smaller dumpsters you're losing on all three and if it's being dumped twice, you're losing twice on all three of them. Like yours Mr. Segars we're making money on that one". Mayor Boyd said, " I know Alex has got a proposal for this so there's a major hole in that. If

people can see that if we go up on these prices on the sanitation it's not because we're behind, we're way behind". Alex asked if they were finished talking with Mr. Kinsaul about the water & sewer because they were talking to him and then started asking about street and sanitation rates. Mayor Boyd said, "I'm finished with him and I think we need to go up and we need to decide on to go up on it somehow and gradually go up on it and make sure we're going up to where we can get ourselves up to par". Mayor Boyd said, "I personally would say we need to go up that $9 and then after that go up each year a small percentage so that we don't shock the customers, but we've got to get ourselves back in line". Councilman Gardner asked Mr. Kinsaul and Alex to email the figures to them and their proposed rate increase.

MR ALEX GAINEY

Mr. Gainey said his proposal for one dump on the 2-yard dumpster is $55 a month and then go up in $45 increments per dump. Mayor Boyd asked, Mr. Gainey approximately how much out of $22.50 is the City clearing off of that? Mr. Gainey said, "Right now we're spending about $1,295 a month tipping fees and that's for 321 cans. (that's paying the landfill roughly $1,295 for commercial roll carts). Mr. Gainey said right now we're charging $50 a month for a 4-yard dumpster. His proposal is $75, going up $50 increments per dump; We're charging $75 for a 6-yard dumpster. His proposal is $125 with $50 increments; and we're charging $100 for an 8-yard dumpster. His proposal is $150. Mr. Gainey said we haven't done bids in about eight years on commercial pickup. Mr. Gainey said he is getting ready to put commercial and residential out for bids. He said he's going to put the residential out for bids just to see where we come in at. He said we're going to put commercial out for bids and everything we've got right now is based on the current rates, but we don't know that the rates want go up so we've got to make sure that if we do a rate increase that we're still leaving some cushion so that we still can make a little money. Mr. Gainey said his plans are, as long as Howard is fine with it, is whenever we put it out for bids, whoever gets the contract will have to lock in for five years at whatever their bid price is. Mr. Garland said, "I think they would do that, but they would want to do some type of increase for fuel every year". Mayor Boyd said, "I feel like with the water & sewer or sanitation, what we need to do is get to a point that we need to be at and then make sure that each year we are going to agree that it's either a 1%, 2%, 4% whatever it is increase each year so that way the citizens know it's going to go up a little bit each year". Mr. Gainey said, "On the commercial dumpsters with my

proposals, right now our monthly income on the dumpster is $24,155.10 and it's costing us $16,289.62. His proposal is to take it up to $31,740.00 which would be a $15,450.38 a month profit. Mr. Gainey said right now we are clearing right at $8,000 a month. Mr. Gainey said this is on the commercial dumpster side. Mr. Gainey said we have 2,530 residential customers and we're charging $22.50 and that's not just for your roll cart, this is for yard debris as well. Mr. Gainey said everybody is complaining about yard debris pickup. They put furniture and other items beside the road. Mr. Gainey said his proposal is to go up to $28.50 and pick up anything they put out beside the road. Mayor Boyd said, "I agree with you, but I wouldn't agree to go up $6.00 to pick up all of that, you ain't done nothing then". Mr. Gainey said You're increasing your revenue roughly $15,000-$16,000 a year. Mayor Boyd said, "Yeah, but you just opened up a can of worms. Everybody will put whatever they want on the side of the road". Councilwoman Reed said, "But they are doing that now". Mayor Boyd said, "I know, and I agree with you a 100% they are doing that now, but if you open up the door, they will all do it and put whatever they want to out there, then we'll have *more than Mr. Kinsaul can pick up on the back of his pickup truck*. Mr. Alex said at some point and time they've got to run out of stuff to put beside the road. Mr. Gainey said, "Right now the whole thing is we wind up having to pick this stuff up and it's costing us money, so if we go up on the sanitation fee and start picking it up, at least it's not costing the city that much money". Mr. Gainey said he thinks we can make it work. Mayor Boyd said we need to go up more than $6.00 if we're going to do all of that. Mr. Gainey said that would be up to Council. Mayor Boyd said if they go up 60% like Mr. Kinsaul used would take it up to $36.00. He said his proposal on that was to fine the people. If they put debris beside the road, give them 7 days to move it and then if they don't move it in 7 days, put a $100 fine on their water bills. Mr. Gainey said, "then the problem you going to run into then is then you're going to start finding more and more stuff that's going to show up on vacant lots". Mr. Gainey said if a person owns five lots (because they don't have a water bill) in the city and he's getting furniture and stuff put on his lot every month, it's not fair to him to have to pay a $100 fine (times five) because somebody else is putting stuff on his lot whereas if we put it in there and we pick it up, you'll fine a lot less stuff going on these vacant lots in the City. Councilwoman Baccus told Mr. Gainey she agrees with him. Mayor Boyd said, " I agree with that and I'm fine either way, but something needs to be done. Mayor Boyd said, " I think $4.00 is enough to go up". Mr. Garland said, "there's a $1.50 that's not being accounted for (capital fee) for the sanitation department that brings in about $45,000 a year".

Councilwoman Baccus said, “So, I think $6.00 is a good start. I’m not saying that’s a final start, but I think it’s a good opening start and then if it gets to the point where they are abusing it then I think we need to go up higher”. Mr. Gainey said, “If we write the ordinance in such a way that they start abusing it and then at that point…..I don’t know how we would write it. We would have to put our brains together and figure it out”. Councilwoman Baccus said, I think it needs to specify we’re only going to pick up furniture once a month when they can do that”. Councilwoman Baccus asked, “How is this going to affect rental property”? Mr. Gainey said, “When they do a “set out”, it’s the property owners’ responsibility to haul it off. He said what we can do with them is we can give them 48 hours and if it’s out there we go pick it up and put it on the water bill and make sure when the next tenant comes in to have the water turned on, if that outstanding balance is still there, they can’t get the water turned on until the property owner pays the outstanding balance. Councilman John Milling said, “when you’re thinking about increasing your pickup fees another $6.00 or so try to think in there how you are treating other people….like I’ve lived in this neighborhood for 40 years and I’ve never seen a couch or refrigerator on the side of the road. So, you’ve got 40 or 50 homeowners in here who are not abusing the system and yet they are being required to pay an increase because someone else in a different neighborhood is creating a problem. Councilman Milling said, “So give some consideration to that as we’re thinking about it as to how we can work it so that it treats everybody fairly including those who are abusing the system by putting couches, and refrigerators and such things as that and just put out yard debris”. Mayor Boyd said, “I agree with you Mr. Milling and the other issue with that Mr. Milling is that as you just said, “in your neighborhood for forty years”; let’s just say Bryant has lived beside you for 40 years and he’s never put a couch or refrigerator out there and Bryant decides to go ahead and get rid of all this stuff and fifteen more people in the neighborhood decide they are going to get rid of it. All of a sudden, you’ve got extra trash laying out there and it will become more of an eyesore. Mayor Boyd said, “I see Alex’s side and I agree with Alex’s side, but when I see your side, I think it kind of opens more of a can of worms compared to just fining the people”. Councilman Milling said Lisa Rock just sent out a text that talks about where she says there are some municipalities that if you’re putting things out, you go and buy stickers for what you’re putting out. It’s so much per sticker and what you have paid for gets picked up based on how many stickers you buy”. Councilman Gardner asked, “Alex, what’s the price and isn’t it by weight when we go out to the dump”? Mr. Gainey said, “yes, we have to pay tipping fees, but I don’t know exactly

what it is". Mr. Garland said we pay approximately $18,000 a year in tipping fees right now and it's based on the weight. Mayor Boyd said, I propose that we go ahead and move on, but everybody need to think on that between now and the next time we discuss this either at the next council meeting or workshop. Mr. Gainey said, "One thing you need to take into consideration when we're talking about our rate increases, it's not just yard debris and couches, we also have to pull money out of there to do asphalt paving on roadways". He said, "Street and sanitation has a lot of stuff they are responsible for and we've got to have the funds to do it". Mayor Boyd asked Alex, "Do you do just patch or do you actually….there's supposed to be money available to pave roads". Mr. Gainey said, "We did the millage increase to generate funds to be able to do asphalt paving, but that's not going to put a dent in the bucket. We need to generate more funds to be able to do it". Mr. Gainey said, "One of the things he was looking at is whenever we increase the fees then that's another means of generating funds to be able to pave the roads because about every city street needs to be resurfaced". Mayor Boyd said, I don't think anybody…Mr. Milling I think you would agree with me. I don't think you would have a problem with us going up a random rate if the roads are paved". Mayor Boyd said if the citizens see they are taking the money and using it for the purpose it was set aside for, I don't think they will have a problem. Councilman Milling said, "It may be if we're trying to sort of be open about and clear about what we're doing if we go up $6.00 a month on the $22.50 that we're charging for the roll carts which also includes the yard debris". If we go up some dollar amount, maybe we ought to identify a portion of that as being dedicated to building a fund for street paving and street repairs so that the public sees that we're doing that and also earmark that money, so it doesn't end up getting spent on something else." Mayor Boyd said he agrees one hundred percent with what Councilman Milling said. Mayor Boyd said, I want those that are listening and those that will tune in later, please know that I'm sorry, I'm sure the rest of City Council is sorry; we don't want to go up on anything. Now is not the time to want to go up on anything". Mayor Boyd said, "I'm the last person that wants to go up on anything because with this virus at this moment, I have zero percent of my money coming through the door, I have been cut to nothing. The only money I'm making is the little bit that I'm donating back to the City. My gyms are zero dollars at this moment". Mayor Boyd went on to say we need funds to fix things and we've got all of our city employees that we need to take care of. Councilman Milling said, "When we get into the budget side of it, we've got to take some of this

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projected revenue and decide what's going to be allocated to salaries and what's going to be allocated to benefits".

MR. GARLAND

Mr. Garland said we need to have an executive session at some time to talk about the fee-in-lieu of tax agreement with Project Peach. He said we have a number of folks that haven't had a chance to chime in on that. Mr. Garland said the business license person has been out because she had a surgical procedure done and won't be back until May, so he will feel better talking about business licenses when she gets back.

RESIDENTIAL LOT CLEANING

Mr. Alex Gainey said in the past, what they've done was put it out for bids. Right now, they have a contract with Steger Lawn Care out of Florence. Mr. Gainey said since he has taken over street and sanitation, we have 95 – 99% of the equipment we need to have to do that kind of stuff. He said, "Once we get everything squared away and get all of our personnel back, my plans are to start doing 95 – 100% of it in-house, so I don't think the lot cleaning is going to be a problem moving forward". Mayor Boyd asked, "How may lots do you think that we have"? Mr. Gainey said, I wouldn't be a bit surprised to say that we don't have 75 or 100 lots around the city. Mr. Gainey said they currently have five openings in his department. He would like to put a crew together that can help him do some asphalt repair and sidewalks. That same crew would be the crew that would take the tractor and bush hog the lots. Mayor Boyd said let's use my and the other guy's lot where they tore the warehouse down on Russell Street. If I decided not to cut that grass and I let it grow and looks awful and Sheila calls me and tells me it looks bad and I don't cut it, and you come cut it, who pays for that? Mr. Gainey said what we're going to do is come up with a fee and send you a bill for it. Mr. Gainey said we're not in the lot cleaning so we're not going to be the cheapest people in town. Mr. Gainey said this is not a service we want to offer, but it's a service that sometimes we have to offer. Mayor Boyd wanted to know what happens when he is sent a bill and he doesn't pay it? Mr. Gainey said, "If you don't pay it, in the past what we've done is try to assess it on taxes". Mr. Gainey said he want to do something different so that we can try to take it a different avenue. He said we've got people in the city that own a bunch of lots that are abusing the city because we will send them a bill and they are never paying it and then half of them don't pay their taxes and it goes to the tax office and somebody buys the lot for a little or nothing. Mayor Boyd said we've got to make sure there's a secure way

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that we're going to collect that money back. Sheila Jones said, "We do have the "Habitual Offender" citation that we have used in the past the problem is getting the City Judge to back us up on it". Mayor Boyd said, "My question is, after the first time of not paying the bill and you go back out two months later and cut it again and send me another $200 bill, at what point can we either take the land or whatever"? Mr. Gainey said, "My thing is, I want to put an ordinance in place and if the city has a vested interest in it and if people don't pay it, then we take the legal steps to take that property from them". Mr. Gainey said, "If we send you a bill for $200 and you don't pay it in 30 days, then we can resend that bill a second time and put a $500 citation on it and give them a court date. If we can get the Judge to back us up, they either pay $500 or they pay the $200 bill". Mayor Boyd said, "It's not if we can get the Judge to back us up, the Judge needs to back us up, period". Councilman Milling said, "Remember that the Judge exercises his own judicial discretion separate from the legislative body so you can't tell the Judge you've got to do thus and such". Mayor Boyd said, I understand I can't tell him, but I'm saying it. Somebody needs to back it up. I told the people when I became Mayor, I was going to speak what needs to be spoken". Councilman Gardner said in the coming work session he would love for council to talk about downtown and the zoning ordinance to make sure all those buildings are up to par.

SCDOT – MR. GARLAND

Mr. Garland said we have multiple issues with them (SCDOT), but he's going to try one more time for a back channel to see if we can get something done and then we will come back on that.

DRAWINGS FOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELDS

Mayor Boyd said one thing they would like for the citizens to understand is that we purchased that property (1755 Harry Byrd Highway) with money allocated just for purchasing the ballfields. He said now that we're at that point, we would like to see if we can go ahead to where we could start selling it to the public and industries. Mayor Boyd said if we could go ahead and propose on having a drawing that's done to make a master plan of what needs to be out there and what you would want to be seen out there. Mr. Lee Andrews asked, "Do you have in mind what you want on the property already"? Mayor Boyd told everybody to throw in the hat what they would like to see out there. Mayor Boyd said, "We know we need how many ballfields"? Mr. Andrews said, "Eight". Mayor Boyd asked how many softball fields? Mr. Andrews said the fields will be multipurpose use.

Mayor Boyd told Council to get their ideas to Lee and then he will get them to the designer. Councilman Nettles asked, "Mayor Boyd, can you give us a date that you'd like our ideas submitted by so we can have those to Lee, and we can move forward with it"? Councilmembers agrees to have the ideas submitted to Lee by Friday April 22nd.

TENNIS COURTS – MR. GARLAND

Mr. Garland said we resurfaced part of the tennis courts three years ago at a cost of approximately $19,000, but the surface below the tennis courts is shifting and it's due to all the rain infiltration which has caused multiple cracks along all six courts. He said the cracks now are to the point where some places its five or six inches deep. He said we're not looking at something where we put pavement over it and seal it, cut it's going to have to be redone completely. Mr. Garland said he asked Lee to talk to folk and see if we could get some bids on it. He said Lee was able to get just one company to come in and make a bid on it. Mr. Garland said it seems like COVID-19 has closed down a lot of the folks that do that kind of work. The bid that came in from that one company was $191,258. Mr. Garland said we have a previous existing relationship with the school district because they use those courts for girls and boy's tennis. He said in the past, the school district has paid half of those costs. Mr. Garland said now is a good time to get this done since we may not have any high school athletic activity possibly until the fall. He said we need to do something, and we need to affirm that the school district will pay for half of this. Mayor Boyd asked when was the last time something was done there? Mr. Garland said we had some minor cracks in 2017 and we had a local company come in and fill the cracks and seal them but with the movement of the earth below there the cracks are much more serious now. Councilman Nettles asked if it was a safety risk. Mr. Garland said not yet, but with the water intrusion we're getting it will cause the cracks to go deeper and be much more pronounce in the next few months. Mr. Andrews said in repairing these tennis courts it's just a process where they come and fill the cracks and with the weather the way it is around here; when it's cold they contract and when it heats up it expands. Mr. Andrews said that is what is causing the cracks too. They have a problem with it being on a hill but it's at the point now where it needs to be replaced. Councilman Milling asked, "If it's time to talk with school district about building six new courts somewhere on the Kirven property we just brought"? It would be across from the existing middle school. Mayor Boyd said, "What Mr. Milling is saying and what I'm thinking, I'm agreeing with Mr. Milling and Howard is saying is that you can spend $191,000 to

replace it and it all looks pretty, it's still sitting on top of the hill. Mayor Boyd said if you talk to the county and they put it out then on the Kirven property, then its on a solid flat ground compared to being on a hill. Councilman Nettles said, "I wouldn't support it right now to spend that kind of money, even if the school divides it in half , but I think we owe it to ourselves to look at can the school agree to build them on the other property or something at this time." Councilman Segars said, "Or what about the Brunson-Dargan property"? Councilman Gardner said, "I would be more in agreeance with Brunson-Dargan property. I don't want to move everything out to the County and right now that's what we're doing". Mr. Andrews said, "I would see the high school wanting to do it closer to campus if not on campus. He said I don't see them moving their varsity tennis courts out to the middle school. Mr. Andrews said he hasn't talked with them about anything yet, so they don't even know about this quote yet. Councilman Nettles said, "I would support that. I just don't think doing it where they are now is just going to put a band aid on the problem at $190,000". Councilman Gardner said, "Once a crack is formed in concrete, you can patch as much as you want, but it's going to come back as soon you go from hot to cold". He said he's not sure the hill is such an issue because construction companies build on hills all the time. Councilmembers continued to discuss possible options of where the courts should be. Mayor Boyd said his proposal is to talk to the school district and see what they are willing to do and see if they would like to keep it there, move it somewhere and are they willing to pay half on it for sure. Mayor Boyd asked Lee to talk with the school district and see what they say and give them everybody's thoughts about where they think the courts should go.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION – MAYOR BOYD

Mayor Boyd said he spoke with Audrey with the school district and she was fine with what he proposed. She said the children will have a graduation. He said Audrey told him if they don't have it in June, then they will move it to July. Mayor Boyd said Audrey can get him a picture of all the 2020 seniors that stay in Darlington and he plans to put their pictures on a banner (approximately 10' tall x 200 ' long) and display them on the metal wall at the cotton gin building. Mayor Boyd said there wouldn't be any cost to the City, but I would like to be able to put the City's name on it saying it's coming from the City. He said he'd like for the council to be a part of that and we can show recognition to the students with all they have had to go through this year and not actually be in school. He said the seniors can actually have their picture taken in front of the banner.

Upon motion of Councilman Nettles, seconded by Councilwoman Reed, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

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