CITY OF DARLINGTON
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:00 PM
&
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COURTROOM/COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT
400 PEARL STREET, DARLINGTON, SC
FEBRUARY 2, 2021 AT 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Curtis Boyd, City Manager Howard Garland, Councilpersons Howard Nettles, Elaine Reed, Sheila Baccus, John Segars, Bryant Gardner, and John Milling. Also present was Mrs. Lisa Rock, City Attorney Kevin Etheridge, Mr. Lee Andrews, and Mr. Bobby Bryant from The News & Press.

Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:03 PM to discuss a personnel issue; Economic Development-Darlington Raceway Annexation Agreement, Personnel Associate Municipal Judge hiring, Economic Development – Potential Carnegie Library Lease (The City of Darlington May or May Not Vote After Executive Session). Councilman John Milling seconded the motion to go into executive session. Councilpersons Nettles, Reed, Gardner, Baccus and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion. Upon motion of Councilman John Segars, seconded by Councilman Howard Nettles, the Executive Session ended at 7:16 PM.

Break

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mayor Curtis Boyd, City Manager Howard Garland, Councilpersons Howard Nettles, Elaine Reed, Sheila Baccus, John Segars, Bryant Gardner, and John Milling. Also present was Mrs. Lisa Rock, City Attorney Kevin Etheridge, Mr. Lee Andrews, Mrs. Anna DeWitt, Assistant Fire Chief Charles Bailey, Fire Chief Pat Cavanaugh, W&S Superintendent Freddie Kinsaul, Building & Codes Official Sheila Jones, Street & Sanitation Supt. Mr. Alex Gainey, Police Chief Kelvin Washington and Mr. Bobby Bryant from The News & Press,

Mayor Curtis Boyd called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Prayer by Councilwoman Elaine Reed which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING 1/5/2021
Councilman John Milling made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021 council meeting. Councilman Bryant Gardner seconded the motion. Councilpersons Nettles, Reed, Baccus, Segars, and Mayor Boyd approved the motion.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Councilwoman Elaine Reed made a motion to approve the meeting agenda for Tuesday, February 2, 2021 city council meeting. Councilman Bryant Gardner seconded the motion. Councilpersons Nettles, Baccus, Milling, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association

Report for Council – February 2, 2021

The DDRA is collaborating with Joe's Grill for its **Annual Chili Championship & Car Show** on Saturday, March 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cook teams will vie for the title of Best Chili in Town, and the proceeds will go to the fire department. Tasting wristbands can be purchased that morning at Joe's Grill for $5, and the people will choose the champion!

The DDRA will present its **2020 Member of the Year Award** during the Chamber's annual banquet on March 18. Members will be receiving a survey in the mail soon to make their selection for the person or business that has impacted the economic climate in Darlington the most in 2020. As members of City Council, you may also vote on behalf of the City.

We invite teams to participate in our **Annual DDRA Golf Tournament on Wednesday, April 14,** at Darlington Country Club. The four-man captain's choice tournament includes a delicious lunch, beverages, and a wonderful afternoon of golf. **Thank you to Carolina Bank, Darlington Raceway, Nationwide Insurance, Fitness World Gyms, and MPD Electric for their support that makes this event possible!** We are still looking for golf teams, hole sponsors, and goodie bag donations for this fun day on the golf course.

The DDRA will continue our monthly **Member Breakfasts at 8 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, at Taki's Diner, 609 Pearl St.** These meals are at no charge for members and a small $5 fee towards the meal for all others. The events allow our businesses to build connections and strengthen our local economy.

In the meantime, **we continue to promote Darlington and its businesses on Social Media and through our News Alert System each week.** Our alerts reach more than 2,700 people! We continually update our Web page, www.BuildUpDarlington.org, where individuals can submit information or sign up to receive these alerts.

DDRA Membership is open to Businesses, Individuals, Civic groups, and Churches. Members can give us a **call, 843-992-1561, or send us an email, info@buildupdarlington.org**, and we will feature their news, employee recognitions, sales, new products, special hours, and events with people interested in Darlington as well as TV stations, radio stations, and newspapers through our text and email News Alerts.

GREATER DARLINGTON GREATER OF COMMERCE – MS. CARLA ODOM ELVINGTON

Ms. Elvington said she was most recently appointed President at the Darlington Chamber of Commerce for Lamar and Society Hill. Ms. Elvington said the Chamber is hosting their next event which is "Business After Hours" this Thursday from 5:30 – 7:00 at the Chamber. The next event will be the Annual Membership meeting which will be held at The Grand Old Post

Office on March 18th at 6:00 PM. Tickets are $25.00. Ms. Elvington said they are planning a spectacular "Freedom Fest" this year which will be held downtown Darlington on July 3rd. She said the tentative time to begin right now will be 6:00 PM. Ms. Elvington said she's in the office Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Councilman Gardner said, "We talked about having an executive session or a work session in the coming weeks, maybe we should tag along the hospitality fund and where we're going to be donating to in the coming fiscal year". He said, "I know our revenues have been down dramatically so we need to get a good idea of where we spent last year for donations and different causes and if we need to curtail those potentially for the coming fiscal year and maybe put that as a second topic for that meeting".

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

Mrs. Rock said she received a written letter from Mr. Lincoln Privette, Sr. Mrs. Rock read the following letter that was sent in:

Re: PRAISE REPORT and suggestions

To Whom it May Concern:

I have noticed a change for the better in regard to personnel and what I see on a daily basis with my eyes. While there are still too many potholes, I have witnessed newly paved streets, problem trees being removed, and sidewalks being repaired. With this being said, I want to suggest three or four items than can be easily addressed. There are five potholes on Darlington Avenue between Edwards Avenue and Dargan Street-paving this small stretch of roadway would make a big difference. Also, there are two drains at intersections that are causing damage to vehicles due to pavement on top of pavement thus causing the drains to be 4" to 6" deep. You only notice these deep drains if there is a car at the intersection while you are making your turn. These intersections are located at Liberty and Orange Street as well as E. Hampton and Grove Streets. The final item is the litter beside the road going down Reservoir Street toward the bridge and the City limit sign. Thank you for all you have done and are continuing to do.

Sincerely,

Lincoln L. Privette, Sr.

LLPsr/cgp

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2021-01 TRANSFER OWNERSHIP FOUNTAIN/HEWITT STREETS TO DARLINGTON COUNTY

Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion to approve Second Reading on Ordinance 2021-01 Transfer Ownership of Fountain and Hewitt Streets to Darlington County. Councilman Howard Nettles seconded the motion. Councilpersons Milling, Baccus, Reed, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted for the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2021-02 ANNEXATION YOUNG/WINDHAM STREETS

Mr. Garland said these are the properties that have recently been built up. He said they have added some new houses in that area, so the request is that we have first reading on the annexation. Mr. Garland said within the last six months we voted to except the water/sewer lines when they were completed. Councilman Gardner asked, "What are the annexation"? Mr. Garland said the properties don't have addresses yet, so he had to put at the corner of Young and Windham streets. Councilman Reed asked, "Are there other streets in this area that's inside the City"? Mrs. Rock showed Councilwoman Reed the four parcels on the drawing she passed out. Councilman Milling said, "Elaine we would not be annexing the street, we would be annexing the property". Mayor Boyd said, "So you got an 8A pointing at a lot there". Mrs. Rock said, "That's the lot". Councilman Gardner said, "And then 8B we develop it". Mrs. Rock said, 8B is going to be the next item on the agenda". Councilman Milling asked, "How many actual lots fronting on Windham Street? Is it one lot at the corner of Windham and Young or is it more lots"? Mrs. Rock said there's three lots facing Windham and one lot facing Young Street.
Councilman Bryant Gardner made a motion to approve First Reading on Ordinance 2021-02 Annexation of Young/Windham Street four lots. Councilwoman Elaine Reed seconded the motion. Councilpersons Nettles, Baccus, Milling, Segars and Mayor Boyd all voted in favor of the motion.

ANNEXATION REQUEST BETH LAMBERT

Mr. Garland said Mrs. Lambert called the last few months asking about annexing 111 Laurel Lane because she's been having a problem with her septic tank and sewage coming into her house. Mr. Garland said she sits in a low area so she would get a benefit of having sewer and we would have the benefit of her coming in. He said the only issue that we've had is the tap fee is $1,600 but the cost is $29,425 plus the engineering design and survey which is around $35,000 to do that. Mr. Garland said Mrs. Lambert asked to come before council and he told her he would put it on the agenda so she could ask to have her property annexed in. Mrs. Rock told council 8B on their map is Mrs. Lambert's house. Mrs. Lambert said they do have a good bit of trouble with their septic tank at times and she said she's here to ask if they can join the city and city sewage to try and correct that problem. Mr. Lambert said, "We think other neighbors would probably join in and it would be extra revenue for the City with city sewer and trash pickup". Councilman Gardner asked Mr. Kinsaul how many houses do we have in between them and the sewer line? Mr. Kinsaul said the sewer line ends before Laurel starts.
Mr. Gainey said the manhole is in front of Rodney Langley's old house. Mr. Kinsaul said that would be in the curve on Laurel. Mr. Gainey said, you've got Byrd Avenue, you've got the house on the corner; the house right behind that is where Rodney Langley used to live and the manhole is there so there's one house in between where the sewer stops in their house.
Councilman Gardner said, so the sewer line goes halfway up Byrd Avenue, is that correct?
Mayor Boyd said you would have to go up Byrd. Mr. Lambert said Tallulah Williams house is hooked up to the city. She was annexed a year or two ago. Mayor Boyd said, "So you said it goes up to the corner of Young and Laurel"? Mr. Lambert said if you were looking out our front door her house is right across the street. Councilman Gardner said, "It looks like there's two properties separating you and sewer. Mr. Lambert said there's one house separating them and the sewer. Councilman Gardner said, "And that is $39,000 to go one house down"? Mr.

Kinsaul said that's the price to run 134 feet to Laurel Street. Councilman Nettles asked, "To run the whole street or just that section of it"? Mr. Kinsaul said the figure is to run down Laurel Street. Councilman Gardner said, "Lisa, previously whenever we were talking about annexation and one of the things we discussed was annexing the back of the Country Club and a payoff amount that would tell us the probability of adding sewer to those houses and it would pay off in 7- 11 years. He asked, "Lisa can you give me the payoff for just running Laurel Street on these houses or give us that next week"? Mrs. Lisa Rock said, "Yes she can get it to them next week". She said she didn't realize it went all the way to Anderson. Mrs. Rock asked if that would be able to catch both sides of the street. Mr. Kinsaul said it will be on their side of the street. Councilman Bryant Gardner asked if we would have to run a line on the other side of the street. Mr. Kinsaul said, "Either that or they will have to bore across each one". councilman Gardner asked if we have the capability inhouse to bore and Mr. Kinsaul said, "No". Councilman Gardner asked, "How much does it cost to bore, and Mr. Kinsaul said, "I don't have any idea". Mrs. Lisa Rock said she can get the numbers for that one side. Councilman Gardner said, "Yes, get the numbers for that and then how much it will cost to bore and then figure out if it will cost more each time or if we should run two pipes on each side of the road". Mr. Kinsaul said, "That or we run down the center of the road and we would just have to rebuild the road". Councilman Gardner asked, "We can't just cut like we do every other street as long as the neighbors are fine and don't yell so much"? Mr. Kinsaul said if you go down the center of the street you just have to repair it. Councilman Gardner said, "I am interested in the idea. I want to annex any house that touches our perimeter". Councilman Gardner said, "My perspective is, I can't pay $39,000 for one house and you all have to understand that. From a financial standpoint it only adds cost and there's no pay out for us it's just an extra liability, but maybe we can get some of your neighbors (Lisa will get the numbers) to see if this is something that's profitable for you all which it probably will be from a long term perspective. Mr. Lambert asked, "If you did it, would you have to take it all the way to Anderson"? Councilman Gardner said, "That would be another question. I was going to ask that, so Lisa please I guess get with our other department and get that answered-how much would it cost to go just to their house"? Mayor Boyd said, "So you already have county water correct? and the Lamberts said, "Yes". Mayor Boyd asked Mr. Kinsaul if they would be charged for just sewer and Mr. Kinsaul said yes. Mayor Boyd asked, "About what would that run"? Mr. Kinsaul said it's based on their water bill. He said we would get the meter reading from the County and the sewer charges will be based off of the water bill. Mayor Boyd said, "Again I would suggest while we're working on this maybe you can talk to your neighbors and say you will get trash pickup for it. Mrs. Lambert said she has talked with two neighbors. Mr. Lambert asked, "If we are able to do it would we be on city water too"? Mr. Garland said, "You would have to keep the county water we can't take anybody off of the county". Councilman John Milling said, "**From the standpoint of utilizing our time I would make a motion that we approve First Reading if that's the status of things and then that way we can get our information together and when we come back in March we will know whether we can financially afford to approve Second Reading on it**. Mrs. Lambert said so we can go to our neighbors and ask them and…..Lisa said they can contact me. Councilman Gardner said, "And Lisa, if you get her email address maybe you can get her a list and send something that she can get somebody to sign with the name, address, and email address and then we can help speed this whole process up. **Councilman Gardner seconded**

the motion. Councilpersons Nettles, Baccus, Reed, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Boyd said motion is carried for First Reading of Annexation Request Ordinance 2021-03 from Beth Lambert.

PAVING FIRE DEPARTMENT PARKING LOT BID APPROVAL

Mr. Garland said everyone seen how bad the parking lot looks at the fire department. he said we have two bids for the paving. Mr. Garland said one is from the company that's doing the work now R. E. Goodson Construction For $15,100 and the second bid is $28,000 and he did not Include that one because it was so high Mr. Garland said we do have the money listed in the budget under line item 580-388 which is for paving/curbs and gutters. Mr. Garland recommends that once they finish work over there that they go ahead pave the fire department parking lot Mr. Garland said within the next six months we need to begin planning to move into another fire department. He said, we've had a number of cracks in the foundation and with construction going on at Orange and Wells streets I don't think long-term we will be able to stay in that building. Mr. Garland said, "We are working on an exit strategy and we will discuss it possibly with council approval at a future executive session in the next month or so". Councilman Bryant Gardner said, "I understand the concerns and it sounds very worrisome, but could we get a structural engineer to go in there….Mr. Garland interjected and said he's coming Monday". Councilman John Segars asked, "If that parking lot is in that bad of repair that we could be moving shortly…..Mr. Garland said it could be several years before we move...Mr. Garland said, I would rather talk about this in executive session. Councilman John Milling made a motion to approve low bid of $15,100 from R.E. Goodson **Construction Company. Councilwoman Reed seconded the motion. Councilpersons Nettles, Baccus, Segars, and Mayor Boyd approved the motion. Councilman Bryant Gardner abstained from voting because he is related to the owner of R.E. Goodson Construction.**

HOUSING DEMOLITION LIST APPROVAL

Ms. Sheila Jones said, "We still have several houses on the demolition list from 2020 approval, but I wanted to add six other houses to our commercial properties". Ms. Jones said, "The old auto repair on S. Main St.(the Old Hunter station) & then the old laundromat that they keep acting like they are going to do something with it and all they've done is took the roof off so it looks even worse. The other is grossly dilapidated houses - one on the corner of Tallulah & Syracuse Streets and one is on Darlington Street. Ms. Jones said she would like to add those six structures to the demo list. Councilman Gardner asked, "Can we publicize this list? I don't know the timeline of these new adds but is this something that you are going to be doing after our council meeting tonight? I'd love to have some lag of a week or two weeks; I don't know, I don't think we legally have to have any lag, but I would love a lag of at least one week to A) publicize on all of our social media platforms the city owns and B) get it to our Historic Society because he has had an expressed interest in a previous one". Mrs. Rock said she has already sent the list to the Historic Society and Ms. Jones said she also sent him a list as well. Mayor Boyd said let the record be shown that he was also sent a list for the house that was torn down on Broad Street. Ms. Jones said she has the list and she goes around and rank them from what's worse and what's best. Ms. Jones said, "Once I rank it and decides it's going to be on the schedule (the next 5) I actually send a letter to the property owners to let them know you are

scheduled for demolition. Ms. Jones said, if you still want to publicize it on social media I can do that". Councilman Gardner said, "I don't think that will harm anything and then maybe some investor that has capital to turn these things around that we don't know about and has a vested interest…. Ms. Jones said if that's what Council would like for her to do; she will do it. Mayor Boyd asked, "Once these are approved they are not going out next week"? Ms. Jones said, "No. Once it gets on the schedule if you guys would like for me to put it on social media kind of what's coming up next we can do that for sure". Councilman Gardner said, "Yes, once this list gets authenticated through council then let's get that on social media". Mayor Boyd asked what's on the list for next? Ms. Jones said whenever the machine is available, and weather cooperates…. We had some catch basins that needed to be rebuild and some stormwater issues that the machine was being used for. So when the machine is available and weather allows us to…unfortunately some of these houses are in bottoms so once it does get wet it takes a long time for it to dry out so it gets saturated and a day or two of it not raining dries out a little bit but not enough for that heavy machine and we don't want to bog it down, and then it rains again. So right now, it's not a good season for it because of all of the precipitation that we've been receiving, but once it dries out we are going to get back on it. Mayor Boyd asked, "So what's on the list next? Ms. Jones said at the bottom of the list under ***"Tentative Schedule"*** it lists four houses- 405 Second Street, 409 First Street, 502 Washington Street and 218 Edwards Street which are the next four that's scheduled to be removed. Mayor Boyd asked, "Is the 502 Washington Street at the bottom is that a different 502 Washington Street that's at the top"? Ms. Jones said, "The ones that are at the top are a carryover of the current list, the middle section is what's proposed and so the bottom four, all of them are going to be on the top list because that's what's been scheduled". Councilman John Milling said, "So in essence what we are acting on is that second group the ***"Proposed 2020 – 2021"?***
Councilman Gardner made a motion to approve the revised demolition list. Councilwoman Sheila Baccus seconded the motion. Councilpersons Nettles, Milling, Reed, Segars and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.

LED OUTDOOR LIGHTING UPDATE SOUTH MAIN STREET

Mr. Garland said he and Lisa had a conference call with Duke Energy last week and they've come to an agreement to test some lights out on S. Main Street at 4000 lumen LED lights. Mr. Garland said they are supposed to meet with them tomorrow sometime in the late afternoon and they are going to pick out 2 or 4 lights to put up to see what they look like so they should be up in the next two weeks or so and then we will wait for any comments to come back and if everything looks good we will go ahead and do the entire area with 4000 lumen lights. He said they had over an hour zoom discussion about what type of lumens we have and what type of light coverage it would give. The Duke folks were saying some of the things we have in our ordinance they don't have in their catalog to order so we are going to be working with them. Mr. Garland said we think we came to an understanding through a good amount of conversation of what that looks like, but we wanted to go ahead and test it first instead of putting everything out all at once. He said we will meet tomorrow, we'll put in where it's going to be on S. Main Street and then will let everybody know through texting and social media to give any comments on what it looks like (such as it looks too bright, it's not bright enough, etc.) Mr. Garland said they will have that up before the next council meeting. Mayor Boyd asked, "Does it cost us to

change the lights"? Mr. Garland said, "No it does not. We are charged the same amount regardless whether it's LEDs or the sodium vapor lights". Mayor Boyd said, "So if we like those lights then they could actually go through and do all the lights in the whole City the same"? Mr. Garland said, "If that's the desire of Council, but we are specifically talking about the area on South Main where it's so dark and we've had three pedestrian deaths in the last five years". Mr. Garland said it's especially dangerous with the addition of Walmart since 2016 and folks going across to Circle B and different places. He said it's been a problem for a while, and this is a way we can address it to make things safer for folks walking and driving". Mayor Boyd said, "My question was, if it's agreed upon on that area and then we can also ask if it's agreed upon amongst everybody to go ahead and change the whole town there wouldn't be any cost to the city to update everything"? Mr. Garland said, "No it would not, but the issue you're going to run into then Is mostly in commercial areas there are some residences but if you go into residential areas ——-Mayor Boyd said, "I understand commercial areas". Mr. Garland said, "Commercial is different". Councilman Gardner said if our ordinance needs to be changed to accept the style of lighting that they have then we obviously need to update that. Mr. Garland said they are going to meet again and work with them to update the ordinance because they want to have input as to what it looks like. Mr. Garland said, "I feel like also that since they are such a large company they should be able to provide lighting that's safe and shielded completely down. Councilwoman Reed asked, "These lights that will shine down, and not up, are they on Pearl Street"? Mr. Garland said, "We're talking specifically right now about the issue with pedestrian traffic on South Main but as Mayor Boyd just said we can put it in other commercial areas too. Mayor Boyd said, "If those work well and they are shining down, and they are bright and safe then we can go and do that throughout the whole town and the whole town would be consistent". Councilwoman Reed said, "Nobody else is complaining but whatever we got on Pearl Street…. he was telling me we did something against the law which I don't believe but since we are talking about it". Mrs. Rock said there are several properties on Pearl Street that don't have shielded lighting. Mr. Garland said, "But we are talking about lighting that Duke Energy provides for us not so much what commercial businesses provide for their parking lots". Councilman Bryant Gardner said, "Elaine mentioned a street, but I had mentioned the corner of Wyandot and Arapaho. Around that curve is one of the darkest places in town and it's a very dangerous area. Councilman Gardner said one light will probably handle that area maybe two, but definitely one. Councilman Gardner said right there at the playground near Siskron & Russell Streets there needs to be at least one light there". Mayor Boyd said they asked for more lighting on Richmond Street as well. Councilman Gardner asked Alex Gainey if he would run that road and give them an opinion. Mr. Gainey said, "I have looked at the Country Club and there's actually a light in that curve. I don't know if it's out or not but there is a light in that curve". Councilman Gardner said, "I've come through there my whole life and if it's there it's darker then we need one more somewhere". Councilwoman Reed said, "That light might be like the light on Milling Street. She said if the light stays on it's fine, but it does not stay on. Councilman John Milling said he has a pole number that he's going to get to Lisa tonight so they can check out. Mayor Boyd said, "Anytime you see something like that if you get the pole number they'll come fix it. Get the pole number and send it to Lisa and she can take care of it".

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman John Milling asked about item #2 on the Water Department report. He asked if that was previous information or if something new was going on East Broad Street? Mr. Kinsaul said all they lack is the road. Councilman Milling said, "The report said, "major sewer issue" on E. Broad Street and I didn't know whether that was something new or whether that was a carryover". Councilman Gardner asked, "So for an update on the project, we're just waiting for it to dry off and then they'll repave it and then we're done"? Kinsaul said, "Yes, dry out enough so they can fix the road". Councilman Milling asked, "Are we off of the By-Pass now"? Mr. Kinsaul said the sewer is repaired. Councilman Gardner said he inquired to a few of the administration about fixing the water leaks on our brand-new roads, but we were waiting on our tags did we get that situated"? Mr. Gainey said, "We got everything taken care of, we're just waiting on Reed Davis who will come to do training with them because they haven't done any official training on it".

Mayor Curtis Boyd asked, "Would we be able to (like the corner of Hampton & Main that are real rough, but aren't our roads- they are DOT roads) will we have the ability to patch and touch up some of the state roads without causing a problem"? Mr. Gainey said, "You have to be careful because when you start patching the roads they are liable to give it to us. Mr. Gainey said DOT bought a hotbox just like the one we purchased. Mr. Gainey said, "Our hot box that we bought is actually off of the DOT specs. The only thing we've got that they don't is the Infrared unit". Councilman Gardner said, "My understanding from my time I asked the same exact question was as long as we ask real nice beforehand and get the OK, we're good to go". Councilman Gardner asked Mr. Gainey if he had any further conversation on that subject about Medford"? Mr. Gainey said I talked to Treasure about it and Leslie McClellan and it's on the list to be resurfaced, but I don't know when. Councilman Gardner said, "Will somebody correct me if I'm wrong; am I too rude to ask the question if DOT would provide us with a list of streets in the City of Darlington they paved for us in the last five years"? Some Councilmembers said they didn't think it was rude. Councilman Gardner asked Mr. Gainey if he would ask that question to DOT officials. Mr. Gainey said he will call Treasure tomorrow and see if he can get it. Mr. Gainey said he knows they have a few more streets that are supposed to be coming up in the next year, but he'll find out where those streets are. Mayor Boyd said, "Pearl Street is on the list to be bid on in March and once they bid on it they have up to 18 months (the contractor does) to pave it. He said from his understanding 52 By-Pass from Bi-lo out to the Pizza Hut is on the list to be paved real soon also".

Councilwoman Sheila Baccus asked, "So I'd like to know what's the status of First Street for the manhole on First Street"? Mr. Gainey asked, "You speaking to me or Mr. Kinsaul"? Councilwoman Baccus said, "Kinsaul I done asked him the same question three months in a row". Mr. Kinsaul said, "Manhole that's the one you….Councilwoman Baccus said, that sinkhole on First Street. Mr. Kinsaul said, "You said sinkhole not manhole". Councilwoman Baccus said, "That sinkhole on First Street. Every month I ask you the same question - what is the status of that sinkhole"? Mr. Gainey said, "We went out there and I met DOT out there. Mr. Gainey said it's actually a storm drain. We think it's a storm drain. Mr. Gainey said he talked to Treasure

and Leslie about it and they met him out there, so he will follow up with them tomorrow to see what their plans are. He said first they were talking about just putting dirt in it, but he said that's not going to work. Mr. Gainey said he will check with them to see what they have done as far as trying to get a timeframe to fix it.

Mayor Curtis Boyd told Mr. Gainey to also add Hardee's to his list. Mr. Gainey said he talked to Treasure about that the other day and he said he was going to follow up with Leslie and Kevin and see where they were at with that. Mayor Boyd asked about the fire hydrant on Broad Street. Mr. Kinsaul said it will be put in Thursday. Mayor Boyd asked, "There were two more that are in the works eventually"? Mr. Kinsaul said, "Not hydrants. We've got a removal line on Old Florence Road for Georgia Pacific. (conversations among council members were going on at the same time). Councilman Gardner said, "Freddie, I believe it's Second Street, correct me if I'm wrong, but there's a big old pile of dirt in the middle of that road and houses you can't get to right now". Mr. Kinsaul said, "That's the same thing. They are rocking it trying to get it repaired. Mr. Kinsaul said that's where they replaced the sewer down Second Street". Councilman Gardner said, "I was there two weeks ago, maybe a week ago and you can't drive down that road". Mr. Kinsaul said, "That section they have to come in and out from the ends. Councilman Gardner said, "Are we not going to put it back to rock so that they can travel on that road until we get it fixed"? Mr. Kinsaul said, "They are trying to, but they are bogging down".

Councilwoman Baccus asked Mr. Gainey if he ever got back with the guy from DOT about Brunson Street? Mr. Gainey said, "I met Treasure there a month or month and a half ago and he said he was going to put in a work order on it. He said he asked him again the other day and he said he was going to check and see where it was at in the work order system". Mr. Gainey said what Treasure told him was they are twenty people short and they've got hundreds of work orders and they have to prioritize them. Mr. Gainey said, "When you've got a hole that somebody can fall in and get hurt, to me that should be a….and it's not going to be a hard fix". Councilwoman Baccus asked, "What's the status of the study on Farm Street"? Mr. Kinsaul said they are working on getting the addresses so they can do salary surveys or income surveys. Councilwoman Baccus said, "No, no there was a study y'all said started four months ago". Mr. Kinsaul said, "They are working on it, that's for the grant". Councilwoman Baccus said, "I know that. I'm asking you what the status is, and all you can say is they are working on it". Mr. Kinsaul said, "She's getting ready to do income surveys". Mrs. Rock said they are also doing the needs assessment public hearing on February 12th at 2 o'clock at the City Administration Building. She said they are accepting comments on the needs assessment that they've done, the work they've been doing the last four months.

Mayor Boyd congratulated Chief Washington on an SUV the police department purchased. Chief Washington said he received 3 SUV's from the USDA grant that council approved and supported.

REMINDERS

Tuesday March 2, 2021 Monthly Meeting Darlington City Council, 6:30 PM

ADJOURN

Upon motion of councilman John Milling second by Councilman John Segars, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

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Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

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Mayor