

May 2025 Monthly Activity Report

Department of Community & Economic Development

Economic Development and Tourism

- Through CDA, First Impressions program community assessment and marketing program is being implemented with Dodgeville, WI in June. UWEX is assisting with the program.
- Several facade grants have been approved this year between \$500 and \$5,100. All in downtown. Two grant applications have been received in May.
- The Tourism Commission will review 9 applications for its reimbursement funding grant focusing on events, development, and marketing. Staff met with 6 organizations for pre-application meetings. The applications will be reviewed and scored, and organizations will send a final report to receive reimbursement.
- Held meeting with potential small data center business.
- Met with the new intern and discussed economic development marketing project.
- David Bennett attended the Downtown Wisconsin Conference in Beloit.

Planning, Zoning, and Building Inspections

- Zoning Re-write – Pre-project activities were conducted including gathering current plans, codes and GIS. Staff kick off meeting coming up first week of June.
- Zoning Map Amendments, CUP, others. Plan Commission reviewed property maintenance ordinance related to grass and recreational vehicle storage. Staff research for June meeting.
- On-line Permitting System continues to move forward. We are learning the back end of the software. The online payment module is moving forward with other City Hall staff in training.
- City Hall Local Designation– The public hearing has been set for June 25th to locally designate City Hall as a historic structure.
- Site Plan review letters sent out to Prairie Ridge Health, Estes, and Zion Lutheran Church
- Responding to inquiries for development (residential and commercial)
- Responding to inquiries regarding zoning and permitting
- Training regarding the payment side of on-line permit software
- Building and Zoning Permits Issued and/or Pending (Year To Date)
 - Year-to-date Zoning Permits Issued: 31
 - Year-To-Date Building Permits Issued: 62

Historic Preservation

- HLPC is currently in process to locally designate City Hall as a historic property. The designation application has been approved, and a preliminary hearing has been held. A public hearing is scheduled for June 5, 2025, with possible action taken.
- HLPC will be hosting its Summer Concert series in June, July, and August again this year.
- Staff is working with DPW to place markers of an existing historic district
- Staff is working with HLPC to right size a smaller scope for the remodeling of the Resthaven building.