



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 5:30PM

City Hall, 410 E Leffler Street, Dodgeville, WI

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Barry Hottmann. Members present: Shaun Sersch, Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Jeff “Potsie” Weber, Mike Olson, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Michelle Peterson. Members absent: Tom DeVoss (excused).

Others present: Philip Ley (Dodgeville resident), Logan Hanson (Vierbicher), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works), Pat Sieling (Dodgeville resident), Carrie Portz (library director), Brandon Wilhelm (Police Chief), Joe Reisen (Dodgeville resident), Wendy Nipple (Dodgeville resident – attended via Zoom)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2026
2. Approval of Claims from September 1, 2026
3. Approval of Temporary Class “B” Beer & Temporary “Class B” wine license for the following event: Pio Palooza hosted by St. Pius of Pietrelcina on September 13, 2026.

Motion by Sersch, second by Johnson to approve the consent agenda. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT *Citizen or delegation presentations, requests or comments and discussion of same, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.83 (2) and Sec. 19.84 (2). Ten minute limit except by consent of council. No action will be taken on any item that is not specifically listed on the agenda.*

During public comment, Philip Ley (Dodgeville resident) addressed council with some zoning concerns he had about his property, and asked why the city was not supporting his request for detention ponds, etc.

Joe Reisen (Dodgeville resident) expressed concerns about there not being a stop sign at the end of the driveway when coming out of the new city hall location. Reisen also spoke about his concerns with noxious weeds especially in his neighbor’s yard, which he feels is out of control. Reisen also expressed concerns with grass clippings in the street, and asked if the Police Department could issue warnings for grass clippings in the streets, similar to how they issue alternate side parking violations. Lastly, Reisen asked about having speed bumps in parks, especially Centennial Park where people drive way to fast through there. Finally, Reisen asked about the cameras in the parks and at the cemetery, as he has found multiple times where residents are disposing more than just brush in the brush pile near the cemetery. Multiple times, Reisen has noted that he has seen construction materials, pallets, etc disposed of near the city’s brush pile.

Wendy Nipple (Dodgeville resident) was unable to attend the council meeting in person, so she attended via zoom. During public comment, Mayor Hottmann read aloud to the council members and others present a letter that Wendy Nipple had submitted prior to the council meeting on September 1, 2026.

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Police Report

During the Police Report, Chief Brandon Wilhelm noted that there were 292 calls for service in August 2026. He also noted that the speed limit electronic sign near the Kwik Trip on Bequette street is fully functional. Chief Wilhelm noted that he and his team have been involved in some recent community outreach events including the Youth Emergency Services (YES Program) Touch A Truck event, recently held at the Ley Pavilion. Chief Wilhelm also noted that Officer Pepper recently assisted with some staff training at the Dodgeville schools, to help teachers get ready for a new school year. Lastly, Chief Wilhelm noted that he made a recent visit to the two officers who are currently going through the police academy (Corey and Alex), and they are set to complete this academy in October 2026. Finally, Chief Wilhelm noted that with the recent job posting that the Dodgeville Police Department had, there were 5 applicants, and that the interviewing process for these 5 candidates would soon be starting.

5. Interim Clerk/Treasurer Report

During the Interim Clerk/Treasurer report, Wolfe noted that she had recently attended a Clerk's Conference in Green Bay. Wolfe also noted that she will be taking a variety of trainings in the coming weeks. Lastly, Wolfe noted that the clerks office is starting to gear up for the November 3rd election, and that absentee ballots need to be mailed out by September 17th.

6. Mayor Report

During the Mayor report, Mayor Hottmann noted that he recently attended the ribbon cutting ceremonies at both Upland Hills Health and Villas at Fox Pointe. Mayor Hottmann also noted that budgeting process for 2027 has now started and that he would be meeting with department heads soon, as well as asking for the new City Administrator (Brian) to help assist with this process after Brian started with the city later in September. Lastly, Mayor Hottmann noted that the library project was coming along. Finally, Mayor Hottmann noted that any other projects he had been working on or updates he had were agenda items for the council meeting on September 1st.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

7. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve estimate from Dubuque Hardwoods not to exceed \$26,000.

Motion by Olson, second by Weber to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve estimate from Dubuque Hardwoods not to exceed \$26,000. Roll call vote 6-1 (Sersch voted No). Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Plan Commission to approve Service Agreement with E-Plan contingent to changes requested by the City Attorney

Motion by Sersch, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve recommendation from the Plan Commission to approve Service Agreement with E-Plan contingent to changes requested by the City Attorney. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from Plan Commission to approve Certified Survey Map to subdivide lot currently owned by the City of Dodgeville relating to the TID 3 Truck Stop Development project (Parcel #216-1400.A)

Motion by Sersch, second by Peterson to approve recommendation from Plan Commission to approve Certified Survey Map to subdivide lot currently owned by the City of Dodgeville relating to the TID 3 Truck Stop Development project (Parcel #216-1400.A). Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from Plan Commission to approve Certified Survey Map to combine lots currently owned by Upland Hills Health contingent to zoning change approval (Parcel #216-1224, 216-0877, 216-0876.A, 216-0876, 216-1224.03, and 216-0878)

Motion by Sersch, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve recommendation from Plan Commission to approve Certified Survey Map to combine lots currently owned by Upland Hills Health contingent to zoning change approval (Parcel #216-1224, 216-0877, 216-0876.A, 216-0876, 216-1224.03, and 216-0878). Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve quote for the replacement of a malfunctioning City Hall boiler

Motion by Weber, second by Olson to approve quote for the replacement of a malfunctioning City Hall boiler, for work to be done by Collins & Hying. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

12. Discussion of the current financial position of the city and no need for additional borrowing in 2026.

This was a discussion only. No action was taken.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

13. Motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate and negotiate the potential purchase of publicly owned property by the City, where competitive or bargaining reasons make a closed session necessary.

Motion by Sersch, second by Peterson to adjourn to closed session, allowing for Kurt, Logan, and Dylan Wadzinski (DPW) to be included for the closed session. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

IX. OPEN SESSION

14. The council may reconvene in open session to take action on matters discussed in closed session or to continue with the regular agenda

The council did not reconvene to open session, so no motion was made to reconvene to open session.

15. Any action needed as a result of closed session

The council did not reconvene to open session, so no action was taken in open session.

X. ADJOURN

16. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Olson, second by Peterson to adjourn. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

Time: 7:15pm