



## MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 04, 2024 at 5:30 PM

City Hall, 100 E Fountain St, Dodgeville, WI

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### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hottmann at 5:30 pm. PRESENT: Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Shaun Sersch, Tom DeVoss, Dan Meuer, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Larry Tremelling. ABSENT: Jeff Weber

### I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2024.
2. Approval of Mobile Home Park License Renewals for 2024-2025: Martin Mobile Home Park, Slaney Mobile Home Park & Starr Mobile Home Park.
3. Approval of Dance License Renewals for 2024-2025: Dodger Bowl Lanes & Banquet Hall, Jeffrey's House of Foolishness, The Red Room Bar & Restaurant, Dino's Bar & Grill, and MAG Entertainment dba Duke's Brew Pub & Ale House.
4. Approval of Claims from June 4, 2024. General - \$265,799.70, Water - \$30,385.40, Sewer - \$25,781.43, Total - \$321,966.53

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### IV. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

5. *Hotel Study Update* - Jessica Junker with Core Distinction Group discussed the hotel study completed by Iowa County for the City of Dodgeville. The study gauges hotel room need based on quantity or quality. Based on numbers, an upper mid-scale hotel had growth potential vs another economy hotel within the City. An upper mid-scale could conservatively bring in \$13.875M in economic impact. Larry Bierke, County Admin, stated that Iowa County would like to invest more in economic development. The County did a feasibility study for

Dodgeville and Barneveld. The City can use this study to attract a new hotel and to help grow the economy.

6. *2023 Consumer Confidence Report* - DPW Lee presented the 2023 Consumer Confidence Report which satisfies the DNR water quality reporting. The City's water is clean.
7. *Police Chief Report* - Chief Wilhelm reviewed May statistics. The Chief is hoping to have a lieutenant starting in July.
8. *Clerk/Treasurer Report* - Clerk Aulik updated the Council on the 2023 audit process and discussed a proposal from Ehlers for a Financial Management plan.
9. *Mayor Report including update on the Well's Fargo Building* - Mayor Hottmann discussed the Well's Fargo Building. There was a winning bidder, but Well's Fargo would reach out after the vetting of the new buyer. The Mayor has a "Community Listening Session" planned for June 26, 2024. Mayor Hottmann shared a press release from Upland Hills who has plans to expand to create senior housing and assisted living facilities. The Mayor proclaimed June 1, 2024 "It's a great day to be a Dodger Day" in honor of Coach Bob Buck.

## **V. APPOINTMENTS**

10. *Consideration of an appointment to the Police and Fire Commission.* Motion by Meuer, second by DeVoss to appoint Tom Demuth to the PFC. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
11. *Consideration of an appointment to the Library Board.* The item was tabled as the individual being considered had not yet confirmed.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

12. *Discussion and possible action for Council members to waive their special meeting fee from May 28, 2024.* Motion by Sersch, second by Tremelling to waive the special meeting fee from the May 28, 2024 meeting to tour the former Armory building. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
13. *Discussion and possible action to Renew Extension of Premises requests from Bob's Bitchin BBQ and Dino's Bar & Grill for 2024-2025.* Motion by Sersch, second by Johnson to Renew Extension of Premises requests from Bob's Bitchin BBQ and Dino's Bar & Grill for 2024-2025. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

14. *Approval of the following liquor license renewals for 2024-2025: Class "A" Retailers Fermented Malt Beverage & Class "A" Intoxicating Liquor License Renewals: Dean's Liquor LLC-Dean W. Rogers, Agent; Kwik Trip, Inc. dba Kwik Trip #340 - Scott F. Oomens, Agent; Kwik Trip, Inc. dba Kwik Trip #765 - Harry G. Hying, Agent; New Horizons Supply Cooperative – Jennifer Christianson, Agent; Piggly Wiggly Midwest, LLC dba Piggly Wiggly Supermarket #403 – Nicholas M Bearer, Agent; Walgreen Co. dba Walgreens #10962 - Rebecca S. Wentworth, Agent; Wal-Mart Stores East, LP dba Walmart #847 – David C. Murphy, Agent; Lori Cerutti, Designs by Lori LLC dba Roots to Branches, Lori L Cerutti, Agent.*

*Class "B" Retailer's Fermented Malt Beverage & "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License Renewals for: Bobs Bitchin BBQ, LLC - Robert L. Page, Agent; Dodger Bowl Lanes & Catering LLC dba Dodger Bowl – Ashley E Price, Agent; Jeffrey W Krier dba Jeffrey's House of Foolishness – Jeffrey W Krier, Agent; MAG Entertainment LLC dba Duke's Brew Pub & Ale House - Dennis J. Marklein, Agent; The Red Room, Inc. dba Red Room Bar & Restaurant – Kelly I. U'Ren, Agent; Whitish & Wickless, LLC dba Dino's Bar & Grill - Richard D. Whitish, Agent; Corralejo Mexican Grill, LLC - Thalia Leon Parras, Agent.*

*Class "B" Retailer's Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class C" Wine License for: Cathryn's Market LLC dba Cathyrn's Market - Cathyrn M. Gonyer, Agent.*

*Class "B" Retailer's Fermented Malt Beverage License Renewal for: Southern Wisconsin Huts LLC. dba Pizza Hut – Clint J. Miller, Agent*

Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by Reynolds-Lair to renew the Class A combo, Class B combo, Class B beer, and Class BC alcohol licenses for 2024-2025. The Red Room is approved for renewal contingent upon notification from Frank Beverage that past statements have been cleared. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

15. *Approval of Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License Renewals for 2024-2025: Dean's Liquor LLC; Kwik Trip, Inc. dba Kwik Trip Store #340 and Kwik Trip Store #765; New Horizons Supply Cooperative; Piggly Wiggly Midwest, LLC dba Piggly Wiggly Supermarket #403; and Walgreen Co. dba Walgreens #10962. Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by Tremelling to approve Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License Renewals for 2024-2025. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.*

16. *Consideration of a request from Public Works to purchase a snow blower for the skid loader.*

DPW Lee presented bids for a snow blower attachment for the skid loader which was a budgeted item. The recommended bid was from K&L Bobcat for an Erksine snow blower. Motion by DeVoss, second by Meuer to approve the bid for a Erksine snow blower from K&L Bobcat for \$11,830. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

17. *Discussion and possible action to approve filling the reconfigured Assistant Director of Public Works position.* DPW Lee presented a newly reconfigured Assistant Director of Public Works position with engineering background. The Building Inspection portion is still being reviewed and the City will use short term contracting for the time being. Motion by Meuer, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve filling the Assistant Director of Public Works position. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

18. *Discussion & Possible action regarding the Library Expansion & Remodel Project, Flexible Facilities Grant Application, and Request for Council Support and matching funds from the City.* Jody Vanderloo discussed that the cost right now of the project is just under \$9M and they plan to apply for the whole grant of \$4.25M. They have an additional \$1M, so they would need the City to kick in remainder funds. This item will return in resolution form at the next Council meeting.
19. *Discussion and possible action regarding the former Armory building including potential uses for the facility.* Council members felt that the former Armory Building would be a good location to move City Hall and a future City garage, community center. Lee is still working on preliminary cost figures. Tremelling suggested using the space as Fire training tower and Council members suggested other possible ideas. The Mayor would like to produce a video to better engage the public on the possibilities of the site. Motion by Meuer, second Reynolds-Lair to allow John Dalton along with Mayor Hottmann and DPW Lee to tape a video of the armory for the public. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
20. *Consideration of an agreement with Julia Oellerich for Grant Writing services for the City of Dodgeville.* Motion by Sersch, second by Tremelling to approve an agreement with Julia Oellerich for Grant Writing services for the City of Dodgeville to include recommendations from Attorney Hagen for a 1-year contract term. The Council discussed that they would like Admin & Personnel to review grant proposals. Roll call vote. Motion carried.  
Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Meuer, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg, Tremelling

21. *Consideration of a proposal from the Mayor regarding the creation of multiple Steering Committees.* The Mayor would like to introduce 3 steering committees to Armory, Downtown and Ley Pavilion. The Council would like the armory left off this initial list, as they feel like it will likely be City Hall. Tremelling recommended someone from Land's End and Lion's club be on the steering committee for the Ley Pavilion. Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by Johnson to create steering committees for Downtown and Ley Pavilion. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

## **VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

22. *Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. State Statute 19.85(1)(e), which permits convening in closed session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically for discussion on setting a salary range for the reconfigured Assistant Director of Public Works position; and pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(g), which permits convening in closed session to confer with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Council with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, specifically related to an invoice for compost.* Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by Meuer to adjourn to Closed Session and to allow DPW Lee to remain. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Meuer, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg, Tremelling

## **IX. OPEN SESSION**

23. *Reconvene to Open Session.* Motion by DeVoss, second by Meuer to reconvene to open session. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
24. *Any Action Needed as a Result of Closed Session.* Motion by Johnson, second by DeVoss to waive the invoice to Kim McCutchin for compost fees with instructions that if this action is repeated there will be consequences. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
25. *Approval of a salary range for the reconfigured Assistant Director of Public Works position.* Motion by Meuer, Second by Johnson to approve a salary range for the Assistant DPW position of \$65-85K. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

26. *Discussion and possible action on a policy for public use of the City's compost.* Motion by Meuer, second by Reynolds-Lair for the Mayor and DPW Lee to develop signage and a policy regarding compost. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

**X. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW**

None

**XI. ADJOURN**

27. *Motion to Adjourn.* Motion by Meuer, second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 7:20 pm