



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 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 by Mayor Barry Hottmann at 5:30pm. Members present: Tom DeVoss, Jeff "Potsie" Weber, Mike Olson, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Michelle Peterson. Members absent: Shaun Sersch (excused), Roxanne Reynolds-Lair (excused). Others present: Megan James (Recreation Director), Jenna Vondra (Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce Director), Carrie Portz (Dodgeville Library Director), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works), Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville resident), Kurtis Bennett (Dodgeville resident), Pat Sieling (Dodgeville resident)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from August 4, 2026
2. Approval of Claims from August 18, 2026

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve the consent agenda. Voice vote 6-0. 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, Dodgeville resident Steve DeMuth addressed Common Council about the city's snow removal process, and asked if this could be possibly contracted out. Council member DeVoss stated that he had brought that up to former Public Works Director Greg Lee, and that Lee had stated that this was not feasible due to costs associated with this contracted service, and what costs were for paying city staff. Lastly, DeMuth addressed common council about where work orders for the new City Hall were published. Mayor Hottmann informed DeMuth that these work orders were not published on the city website and asked DeMuth that if he wanted copies of any of these or review any of these, a public records request would have to be submitted.

Kurtis Bennett, Dodgeville resident, also addressed common council about snow removal and asked who was responsible for snow removal on sidewalks downtown. Director of Public Works Dylan Wadzinski informed Bennett that business owners of downtown businesses are responsible for snow removal from sidewalks near their businesses, however, there are times where city staff will remove snow from these sidewalks when they are removing snow from streets downtown. Bennet also inquired of common council about trees in the downtown area, and stated that he was not aware of many cities in the local area that had trees in their downtown

area. Council representative Johnson stated that there were many municipalities that had trees in their downtown area. Mayor Hottmann also noted that the City of Dodgeville was unique in that we are designated as a “Tree City”. Lastly, Bennett expressed concerns of trash cans in the downtown area, and the need for them to be emptied.

Pat Sieling, Dodgeville resident, addressed common council with similar concerns of snow removal in the downtown area. She also expressed concerns of one way traffic on designated street(s) downtown, and stated her concern of having trees downtown and that trees would have to be cared for, watered, etc.

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Chamber Update

During the Chamber update, Chamber Director Jenna Vondra gave updates of recent happenings within the city, including the annual Chamber golf outing, which occurred in June 2026, in which 80 golfers were in attendance. Vondra also noted that in July and August, Town Square and DodgeFest events were well attended, even though rare situations occurred like: water main break, extreme heat, rain on set up day for DodgeFest, etc. Lastly, Vondra spoke about upcoming events as well things the Chamber were going to be working on including Commerce After 5 events, volunteer appreciation tailgate at a future football game, Spooky Halloween event, Home for the Holidays event, continuing to work on Tourism Guide, etc.

4. Recreation Update

During the recreation update, Rec Director Megan James stated that summer programs were starting to close out, and stated that there have been over 1300 participants in Summer programs this year. James also stated that there have been 8 fence signs installed so far at Harris Park, and that the last fence sign is in production at this time. James noted that she has participated in several community events as well including the Back to school event sponsored by Upland Hills Health and also participated in the Culvers Share Day event. Regarding the Comer Pool, James noted that the last day of open swim for the season for residents will be Friday, August 28th, and there will be a dog swim planned for Saturday, August 29th. James stated that record board for the Swim Team has been installed at the Comer Pool, and that the pool recently held their second pool fundraiser for the season. Lastly, James noted that registration for fall programming is now open, and that she will now begin working on Winter/Spring programming, which she hopes be available in November 2026.

5. Library Update

During the library update, Library Director Carrie Portz informed council of some of the community involvement projects she had been involved in recently including Partnering with Community Health Outreach, to provide health and wellness outreach. She also indicated that she has been involved with coordinating events with Folklore Village, and also noted that she is partnering with Clean Wisconsin regarding environmental education. Portz also noted that she participated a local history event as part of the Town Square event. Lastly, Portz noted that summer programming for the library is now starting to wrap up, and gave kudos to Carol Gleichauf for all of her efforts with summer programming. Finally, Portz noted that she has extended job offers to two candidates, in hopes to fill one full time and one

part time job opening at the library. Portz also noted that much of her efforts in the future will be preparing for the move to the new library location, in which this project has to be substantially completed by the end of September. Prior to the Council meeting on Tuesday, August 18th, Portz provided several library updates as part of the packet for this meeting.

6. Mayor Report

During the mayor report, Mayor Hottmann noted that the 2027 Budget season started, and that other items that he has been working on are included as agenda items for the Tuesday, August 18th common council meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

7. Discussion and possible action to approve work quote from CivicPlus for the Municipal Websites Central and Agenda & Meeting Management (AMM) Select mitigations.

Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by Olson to approve quote from CivicPlus for the Municipal Websites Central and Agenda & Meeting Management (AMM) Select mitigations in the amount of \$10,600.00. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

8. Discussion and possible action to approve renewal contract for TC Networks

Motion by DeVoss to approve, second by Johnson to approve renewal contract for TC Networks in the amount of \$45,311.93. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried

9. Discussion and possible action to approve quote from Municipal Well and Pump to do additional test pumping related to the Well #8 Rehabilitation project

Motion by DeVoss, second by Peterson to approve quote from Municipal Well and Pump to do additional test pumping related to the Well #8 Rehabilitation project. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to waive the City's public bid requirement to purchase a new street sweeper from Envirotech Equipment.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to waive the City's public bid requirement to purchase a new street sweeper from Envirotech Equipment in the amount of \$261,284.00. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried

11. Discussion and possible action to approve the employment contract with Brian Mooney as the City of Dodgeville City Administrator.

Motion by Olson, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve the employment contract with Brian Mooney as the City of Dodgeville City Administrator. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURN

12. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Weber, second by Peterson

Time: 6:20pm

