



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 06, 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: Shaun Sersch, Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Tom DeVoss, Jeff “Potsie” Weber, Mike Olson, Jerry Johnson, Michelle Peterson. Members absent: Julie Johnson-Solberg (excused)

Others present: Brian Whitehouse (Dodgeville Fire Chief), Dan Meuer (Dodgeville resident), Pat Sieling (Dodgeville resident), Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville resident), Kari Wunderlin (Representative from Mound City Bank), Logan Hanson (Vierbicher representative), Philip Ley (Dodgeville resident), Mike Philips (representative from Mound City Bank), Brian Cushman (Dodgeville Ambulance Chief), Brian Mooney (City Administrator), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works), Brandon Wilhelm (Dodgeville Police Chief), Carrie Portz (Dodgeville Library Director), Wendy Nipple (Dodgeville resident – attended via zoom)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from September 15, 2026
2. Approval of minutes from Special Council meeting on September 28, 2026
3. Approval of claims from October 6, 2026
4. Approval of a Special Event license for the following event: No Kings Vote Early hosted by Indivisible Southwest Wisconsin on October 17, 2026

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

During public comment, Dodgeville resident Philip Ley asked council members to consider looking into solar possibilities, that would help heat water heaters, and also provide heat to Dodgeville Schools.

Dodgeville resident Steve DeMuth addressed council about the vacant land on Fountain & Level Streets, and asked if there had been any discussion about this in what the city would eventually be doing with this land. Mayor Hottmann indicated that this land is currently not being rented out for use, however, there have been a few organizations use this vacant space throughout the year this year. During public comment, Dodgeville resident DeMuth also inquired about what is happening with the vacant area of City Hall, once the library moves out. Mayor Hottmann informed DeMuth that no formal discussions about this space had been taking place, however, there have been internal conversations with internal city staff about ideas for this space. DeMuth also addressed council about the Bea Ann Drive project, and

asked the council if residents on Bea Ann Drive would have to pay for the new curb & gutter work that is being done on this street in front of residents homes. Lastly, DeMuth asked council where the city was at financially on the new city hall project, now that there is work being done on the drive-up in front of City Hall, and asked how much more costs are going to be incurred for renovations at this building.

Dodgeville resident Wendy Nipple attended the common council via Zoom. Prior to the meeting, Wendy Nipple submitted a letter to council, which was read by Mayor Hottmann at the Common Council meeting.

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Police Report

During the Police Report, Dodgeville Police Chief Brandon Wilhelm noted that there were 333 calls for service in September 2026. Chief Wilhelm also noted that there were 157 arrests made YTD 2026. Chief Wilhelm excitedly noted that the two new officers who are currently attending police academy were scheduled to graduate on Friday, October 9th. Lastly, Wilhelm notes that after the most recent officer position opening, two applicants remain from this submittal, in which interviews for this will be held at the Police & Fire Commission meeting on Monday, October 19th. Finally, Chief Wilhelm gave kudos to the Streets Department for their assistance in setting up for the Dodgeville Homecoming Parade.

6. Interim Clerk/Treasurer Report

During the Interim Clerk/Treasurer Report, Wolfe noted that she recently attended an Election Safety training in Rothschild in preparation of the November 3rd Election. Wolfe also noted that she is continuing to prepare for the November 3rd election. Lastly, Wolfe noted that the Fall City Clean Up for Dodgeville residents completed on Saturday, October 3rd, in which she is hoping to be able to share a summary of collection report at the Tuesday, October 20th council meeting. Finally, Wolfe reminded council members and those in attendance that early in person absentee voting for the November 3rd election begins on Tuesday, October 20th at City Hall.

7. Mayor Report

During the Mayor report, Mayor Hottmann informed council that he had attended a WEDC summit last week in Eau Claire, in which he met Mayors from Madison, Milwaukee, and Superior. Mayor Hottmann also noted that the library project continues to move along, and that moving to this new location will begin the week of October 19th. Finally, Mayor Hottmann introduced Brian Mooney as the newly hired City Administrator for the City of Dodgeville.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

8. Discussion and possible action to approve a financial institution for holding some of our financial accounts

Motion by DeVoss, second by Sersch to approve an already existing financial institution that the city uses for holding some of the city's financial accounts. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

- 9.** Discussion and possible action to approve Trick or Treating Hours for 2026 to be held October 31st, 2026 from 4pm to 7pm

Motion by Weber, second by Peterson to approve Trick or Treating Hours for 2026 to be held October 31st, 2026 from 4pm to 7pm. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

- 10.** Discussion and possible action on a recommendation from the Mayor to appoint Natalie Duran as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission

Motion by DeVoss, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve a recommendation from the Mayor to appoint Natalie Duran as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

- 11.** Discussion and possible action on a quote to apply a graphics package to the recently purchased fire truck

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Olson to approve a quote to apply a graphics package to the recently purchased fire truck up to \$13,000. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

- 12.** Discussion and possible action to authorize Fire Chief to find a buyer for the fire truck being retired from service

Motion by Weber, second by Peterson to authorize Fire Chief Brian Whitehouse to find a buyer for the fire truck being retired from service. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

- 13.** Discussion and possible action on a contract amendment related to EMS collections on bad debt through KOVO RCM

Motion by Weber, second by Johnson to approve a contract amendment related to EMS collections on bad debt through KOVO RCM. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

- 14.** Discussion and possible action on a library change order for additional charges from Daniels for winter work

Motion by DeVoss, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve library change order for additional charges from Daniels for winter work. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

- 15.** Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve resolution for 2 new stop signs at the intersection of E Grace St and E Madison St

Motion by Weber, second by Peterson to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve resolution for 2 new stop signs at the intersection of E Grace St and E Madison St. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

- 16.** Discussion and possible action to approve agreement with Merjent related TID 3 Development Project

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve agreement with Merjent related TID 3 Development Project. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

- 17.** Motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate and negotiate the terms and conditions of the potential sale of City-owned property, where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; and pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) to consider performance

evaluation data and compensation of the Streets Foreman, a public employee over whom the City exercises responsibility.

Motion by Sersch, second by Johnson to adjourn to closed session, and allow Logan Hanson (Vierbicher), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works), and Brian Mooney (City Administrator) to attend closed session. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

IX. OPEN SESSION

18. Reconvene to Open Session

Motion by Olson, second by Weber to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

19. Any action needed as a result of closed session

Motion by Johnson, second by DeVoss to approve recommendation from Admin Personnel Committee on Street Foreman compensation. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURN

20. Motion to Adjourn

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

Time: 7:05pm