



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 03, 2024 at 5:30 PM
City Hall, 100 E Fountain St, Dodgeville, WI 53533

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2024.
2. Approval of a contract with Chrome Fireworks & Displays LLC for the 2025 Farmer's Appreciation Day fireworks.
3. Approval of Claims from December 3, 2024.
General = \$247,397.39, Water \$19,808.15, Sewer \$15,283.31, Total = \$282,488.85

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee presented a new activity schedule from the Rec Director, Megan James.

IV. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

4. *Police Report.* Chief Wilhelm provided call statistics from November which continue to be up. The interview room is now complete. The Department would like to thank the Public Works for helping with the "Home from Holidays" parade.
5. *Clerk/Treasurer Report.* City Staff is working on stuffing tax bills, which will go out later this week. They are available now on the County's land records website. The overall mill rate went down from \$20.04/\$1K to \$19.13/\$1K mostly thanks to increases in state aid. That means most residents should a small decrease with their tax bill. FPP Grant Update - pre-agreement documents have been finalized. Aulik is working on documentation to show

"secured" match funds from the City. Remaining ARPA expenditures will be coming next meeting along with 2025 Fee Schedule updates. Reminder regarding taking out/circulating papers OR submitting a Notification of Noncandidacy. Deadline for nomination papers is 5 pm January 7th. Noncandidacy is December 27th. This will be the last election cycle where the Campaign Finance form is filed with the Municipal Clerk.

6. *Mayor Report.* Mayor Hottmann states that he working on the Vibrant Spaces grant. Room Tax updates are expected next meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

7. *Discussion and possible action to approve an agreement with Architectural Design Consultants, Inc for design services related to the city hall conversion project.* DPW Lee has been working with ADCI already on this project. This will be a formal contract for design services at \$52,400. Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve an agreement with Architectural Design Consultants, Inc for \$52,400. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.
8. *Discussion and possible action to grant permission to the Clerk/Treasurer to discuss updating the City's records retention schedule with the WI Historical Society.* Clerk Aulik is looking to update the City's records retention schedule to mirror the State's schedule. She first needs permission to speak with the WI Historical Society about modifying the schedule. Then once permission is given, the modification would come back as an ordinance change. Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Johnson-Solberg to grant permission to the Clerk/Treasurer to discuss updating the City's records retention schedule with the WI Historical Society. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
9. *Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2024-13: Designating Officials Authorized to Declare Official Intent Under Reimbursement Bond Regulations.* This resolution allows the Clerk/Treasurer to complete a "Declaration of Official Intent" reimbursement document when bonding is being considered for a future expense. This declaration, if made timely, will allow the bonds to be tax-exempt. The 1st declaration of intent, which includes any possible 2025 borrowing, including the library project, is also attached to executed by the Clerk/Treasurer after approval of the resolution. Motion by DeVoss, second by Sersch to approve Resolution 2024-14. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-1 (Meuer).
10. *Discussion and possible action to approve an agreement with Community Development Alternatives Inc for closeout services related to the relocation of households in 2019-2020.*

Aulik stated that Mr Klemme, of Community Development Alternatives, stated that a formal contract for these services was never put into place prior to covid, but it was his intent to do so. The State is now reaching out to finalize the reports and he's offering the contract at a nearly 50% reduction of his normal rates. Aulik did review with Attorney Hagen and reach out to the former mayor. Alderman Meuer thought the former Attorney Brownlee may have some files regarding the situation. Motion by Meuer, second by DeVoss to table this item until the December 17th Council meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

11. *Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2024-14 Supporting the Vibrant Spaces Grant Application.* This action was already taken at the last meeting, but a formal resolution is required for the grant application. Match funds would come out of Environmental Improvement funds. Motion by Johnson, second by Weber to approve Resolution 2024-14 Supporting the Vibrant Spaces Grant Application. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

8. *Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. State Statute 19.85(1): 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 for the purposes of discussing: TID 3 development negotiations.* Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by Weber to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. State Statute 19.85(1) for the purposes of discussing TID 3 development negotiations and to allow DPW Lee to stay. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.

VIII. OPEN SESSION

9. *Reconvene to Open Session.* Motion by Meuer, second by DeVoss to reconvene to Open Session. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
10. *Any Action Needed as a Result of Closed Session.* Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Weber to approve the recommendation that was made in Closed Session. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

IX. ADJOURN

11. *Motion to Adjourn.* Motion by Weber, second by Meuer to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 6:08 pm