



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 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 Hottmann. Members present: Shaun Sersch, Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Tom DeVoss, Jeff “Potsie” Weber, Mike Olson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Michelle Peterson. Members absent: Jerry Johnson (excused). Others Present: Megan James (Recreation Director), Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville resident), Pat Sieling (Dodgeville resident), Brandon Wilhelm (Dodgeville Police Chief), Carrie Portz (Library Director), Representative from OTC Nutrition, Wendy Nipple (Dodgeville resident) – joined via Zoom

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from September 1, 2026
2. Approval of minutes from Special Council meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2026
3. Approval of Claims from September 15, 2026
4. Approval of Special Event license for the following events: Spooky HalloWine Walk hosted by the Dodgeville Area Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, October 17, 2026 ; Homecoming Parade 2026 hosted by Dodgeville High School on September 24, 2026
5. Approval of Temporary Class “B” Beer & Temporary “Class B” wine license for the following event: Spooky HalloWine Walk on October 17, 2026

Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve 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, Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville resident) addressed council asking about street projects for 2027. Mayor Hottmann informed DeMuth that at this time, West Division Street was the only street project that was planned for 2027, and that this project cost would be shared with Iowa County, due to West Division Street being a state highway as well. Mayor Hottmann also informed DeMuth that IF there were any other street projects planned for 2027 and beyond, these would be posted on the city’s website, including a priority listing for each project.

Dodgeville resident Wendy Nipple attended the council meeting via Zoom, and provided a letter of her concerns prior to the council meeting, in which this letter was read by Mayor Hottmann during the council meeting.

Lastly, during Public Comment, Dodgeville resident Pat Sieling inquired about why the common council was reducing the amount of Public Comment time from ten minutes to five minutes. Alderperson Olson addressed Sieling and stated that for future council meetings, if there were many in attendance for public comment, the reduction in time for public comment would allow all public in attendance to voice their concerns.

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

6. Library Update

During the library update, Library Director Carrie Portz handed out an information sheet to council members with updated pictures of the construction progress, along with information. Along with this attachment, Portz also stated that the library expansion project is moving along. Portz noted that furniture for the new library will begin on October 15th, and that the library will be closed beginning October 19th to allow moving in to the new location, with hopes of a soft opening on October 31st. Portz also noted that a grand opening would be planned for a weekend in November.

In addition to the library project updates, Portz stated that a copy of the preliminary budget for the 2027 calendar year was submitted to the library board on September 14th for their review. Portz also stated that since the last council meeting, she has had two new employees begin work at the library, and things are going well with both new hires. Lastly, Portz spoke about some upcoming events that the library staff will be taking part in which include system training for employees on September 14th, the Health & Wellness Expo on September 18th, and Folklore Village event on October 1st.

7. Recreation Update

During the Recreation Update, Rec Direct Megan James stated that the Comer Pool is now closed for the season. After the last day of the season, the Comer Pool held a Dog Days event, in which 9 dogs attended this event. James noted that a summary report of the Comer Pool season 2026 will be presented at a future Common Council meeting.

Also during the Rec Report, James noted that the discount tickets sales have now wrapped up for the 2026 season, and that \$486.25 of revenue was generated for these ticket sales in 2026.

Lastly, James noted that she is now working on the Winter/Spring program guide, as well as planning for the Craft/Vendor fair to be held in Spring 2027, as well as budgeting for 2027.

8. Interim Clerk/Treasurer Report

During the Interim Clerk/Treasurer report, Wolfe noted that absentee ballots for the November 3rd General Election were mailed out on September 15th. Wolfe also stated that Fall Clean up for Dodgeville residents is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 30th and run through Saturday, October 3rd. Lastly, Wolfe stated that she is continuing to work on meetings for the new city website upgrade, and also noted that she and Interim Deputy Clerk Danielle Reddell had attended a Caselle Conference on September 9th and 10th. Finally, Wolfe noted that the Ice Wolves hockey association will take over the Ley Pavilion on September 25th, 2026.

9. Mayor Report

During the Mayor report, Mayor Hottmann reminded council members about a Special Council meeting to be held the week of September 28th, and indicated that the agenda for this meeting would include benefits and cost of living adjustments. Mayor Hottmann also informed council members that he was still actively working on the budget process for 2027, and reminded council members that Brian Mooney, the new City Administrator, would be starting with the City on September 22nd. Lastly, Mayor Hottmann noted that the WI DOT had recently placed traffic counters within areas of the City of Dodgeville.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

10. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Plan Commission to approve zoning change application for three lots owned by Upland Hills Health (parcel 216-0876.A, and 216-0876 from MU to R-M and 216-0878 from R-1 to R-M)

Motion by DeVoss, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve zoning change application for three lots owned by Upland Hills Health (parcel 216-0876.A and 216-0876 from MU to R-M and 216-0878 from R-1 to R-M). Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Ordinance Committee to approve amendment to the City's Municipal Code to create Section 14.11, Section 14.12, and update to Section 25.045 relating to E-Plan and commercial plan review

Motion by DeVoss, second by Olson to approve amendment to the City's Municipal Code to create Section 14.11, Section 14.12, and update to Section 25.045 relating to E-Plan and commercial plan review. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action to pursue RFP for garbage and recycling collection services

Motion by Olson, second by Reynolds-Lair to invite Matthew Pivit from Republic Services to future Common Council meeting, and to also allow city staff to begin internal research options into other garbage and recycling services. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action to amend Sec. 9.05 relating to possession, sale and use of fireworks.

Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by Weber to approve amending Sec. 9.05 relating to possession, sale, and use of fireworks. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action to amend Sec. 2.03(c)(4) relating to Citizen's comments for council meetings.

Motion by Olson, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve amending Sec. 2.03(c)(4) relating to Citizen's comments for council meetings. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURN

15. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by DeVoss, second by Peterson to adjourn. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

Time: 6:19pm