MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 5:30PM

City Hall Council Chambers, 410 E Leffler Street, Dodgeville, WI

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Barry Hottmann. Members present: Shaun Sersch, Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Tom DeVoss, Jeff "Potsie" Weber, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Michelle Peterson. Members absent: Mike Olson (excused)

Others present: Philip Ley (Dodgeville resident), Brandon Wilhelm (Dodgeville Police Chief), Matthew Pivit (Representative from Republic Services), Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville resident), Pat Sieling (Dodgeville resident), Wendy Nipple (Dodgeville resident) – attended via Zoom, Logan Hanson (Vierbicher representative), Brian Mooney (City Administrator), Megan James (Recreation Director), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from October 6, 2026
2. Approval of claims from October 20, 2026

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Recreation Update

During the recreation update, Recreation Director Megan James informed council the fall programming was coming to a close, with one of the last programs for the fall being an adult charcuterie class to be held on Thursday, October 22nd at City Hall. James also informed council that she had recently completed a Ninja Tots class with children ages 3 and 4, in which at the last class, each student received a certificate of completion and a ninja headband. James also stated that she had been holding a parent/child basketball program at Harris Park, and taking full advantage of the beautiful fall temps that they were having during this program. James noted that the winter/spring activity guide is currently being created, in hopes that this will be released the first week of November. James also noted that they recently received a donation from Upland Hills Health to help fund the city's financial assistance program. Lastly, James gave highlights on the 2026 pool report, which she included in the Common Council agenda packet ahead of time. According to James, membership sold in 2026 was 283 . James also noted that the weather was

not always in our favor, which lessened attendance at the pool in 2026 at times. Lastly, James made a call out stating the pool fundraising committee is looking to add members, and stated that if council members knew of someone who might be interested in joining this committee, to please reach out to James for more information.

4. Interim Clerk/Treasurer Report

During the Interim Clerk/Treasurer report, Wolfe noted that she was busily preparing for the upcoming November election. Wolfe noted that on the first day of early in person absentee voting (Tuesday, October 20th) there were approximately 70 early in person voters at City Hall. Wolfe also noted that with the completion of the 2026 Fall Clean up, Friday, October 2nd was the busiest day, and that the most popular item disposed during the 2026 fall clean up was flat screen tvs. Lastly, Wolfe noted that she was still involved with the City's new website upgrade. And finally, Wolfe reminded council and those in attendance that in person absentee voting was taking place at City Hall, and that voting on election day would be held at the Iowa County Law Enforcement Center.

5. Mayor Report

During the Mayor report, Mayor Hottmann shared that the library had began moving items from City Hall to their new library location, with a soft opening at the new library being planned for Tuesday, November 3rd. Mayor Hottmann also informed council members that the driveway in front of City Hall had now opened, and indicated that the back entry off of the parking lot at City Hall would only be used as an employee entrance AND for when meetings were held at City Hall. Residents and visitors will be required to use the front entrance facing Wal-Mart during normal business hours. Hottmann also noted that a Special Council meeting is being planned for Monday, October 26th beginning at 5:30pm, at which the 2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and 2027 preliminary City budget will be reviewed. A finance committee meeting will also be held prior to the Special Council meeting on Monday, October 26th beginning at 4:45pm. Lastly, Mayor Hottmann noted that a copy of the 2027 preliminary budget will be sent to the paper for publication on Monday, October 26th.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion of garbage & recycling services offered by Republic Services

This was a discussion only topic. No action was taken

7. Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) Proclamation November 2-6, 2026

Mayor Hottmann read a proclamation proclaiming November 2-6, 2026 as Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) by the City of Dodgeville. No action was taken.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the recreation contract/quote for software upgrade with Civic Plus

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve the recreation contract/quote with Civic Plus Rec for an initial amount of $8,693 and annual recurring amount of $3,620. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2027 Stray and Abandoned Dog Contract for Services with the Iowa County Humane Society

Motion by Johnson, second by Peterson to approve the 2027 Stray and Abandoned Dog Contract for Services with the Iowa County Humane Society barring no changes from the 2026 contract. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

10. Discussion on 10 year street analysis

This was a discussion only topic. No action was taken.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from Plan Commission to approve Zoning change application for lot owned by Philip Ley (Parcel 216-1078, 20.7 acres) located to the north and south of E North St from B-H General Highway Business District to R-1 One and Two Family Residential District

Motion by DeVoss, second by Peterson to approve recommendation from Plan Commission to approve Zoning change application for lot owned by Philip Ley (parcel 216-1078, 20.7 acres) from B-H General Highway Business District to R-1 One and Two Family Residential District. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action on Reimbursement Agreement for Professional Services with Diamond Oak Properties LLC related to reimbursement of professional services provided by City to Diamond Oak Properties LLC

Motion by Weber, second by DeVoss to approve the Reimbursement Agreement for Professional Services with Diamond Oak Properties LLC related to reimbursement of professional services provide by City to Diamond Oak Properties LLC. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action to appoint Stephanie Bennett as an election worker for the City of Dodgeville for the remaining 2026-2027 election cycle.

Motion by Johnson, second by Weber to approve appointment of Stephanie Bennett as an election worker for the City of Dodgeville for the remaining 2026-2027 election cycle. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

14. Discussion on new City Hall sign

This was a discussion only topic. Request for approval of work on the sign will be presented at the Common Council meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2026.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve proposal from Fehr Graham Engineering for annual safety training

Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve proposal from Fehr Graham Engineering for annual safety training. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

16. Motion to convene in 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.

Motion by Sersch, second by Peterson to adjourn to closed session, and to include Brian Mooney (City Administrator) as part of closed session discussions. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

IX. OPEN SESSION

17. Reconvene to Open Session

The Common Council did not reconvene to open session, due to no action needed as a result of closed session

18. Any Action Needed as a Result of Closed Session

No action needed as a result of closed session

X. ADJOURN

19. Motion to Adjourn

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

Time: 7:35pm