



PUBLIC NOTICE

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 07, 2023 at 5:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers, 100 E Fountain St, Dodgeville, WI

DRAFT MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Shaun Sersch, Jeff Weber, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Larry Tremelling

ABSENT: Tom DeVoss, Dan Meuer

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Johnson-Solberg, seconded by Johnson to approve the consent agenda to include: Minutes from February 22, 2023; rabies vaccine waiver request for Troy & Dody Cockerman, and Claims as follows: General \$188,933.22, Sewer - \$17,999.67, and Water - \$18,715.37 for a total of \$225,648.26. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, Weber, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg, Tremelling

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

4. *Police Department Update:* Chief Bauer was present to a report on the Dodgeville Police Department (DPD). DPD has a stronger employees retention over the majority of communities in the State and Chief Bauer attributes this to actions of the department and Council. Crime rates in Dodgeville are lower than the national average and crimes being solved is much higher. DPD has continued to receive positive support from the Community. On a fiscal level, the department's budget has remained strong and under budget the last several years. DPD also maintains a large carryover balance.

Chief Bauer has served 33 years with the City and he is announcing his retirement on June 9, 2023. Chief Bauer would like to thank his family, friends and colleagues for their support. Mayor Novak stated that Chief Bauer has created tremendous change as Chief and is highly respected in the area.

City Council will have limited control over Chief Bauer's replacement. Attorney Hagen stated that the Police and Fire Commission will have the primary role in hiring the position, while council will approve filling the position, job description and the compensation package.

5. *Clerk's Office Update:* Clerk Aulik stated that the final audit visit with Johnson Block had been completed. She stated that she received positive feedback from the auditors about improvements in the record keeping and processes. Aulik would like to specifically thank her staff who are all new or new to their role in the past year.

Absentees are also going in the mail for the April 4, 2023 election.

V. NEW BUSINESS

6. *Resolution 2023-01 Authorizing Disbanding the Digital Television Committee and Donating City Owned Equipment to the Dodgeville School District.* Current digital TV equipment at the Dodgeville school district needs repair, there is limited staff availability, and there is little usage of the PEG channel as most content is now streamed online. The School District and Dodgeville both feel it is time to dissolve the channel and therefore no longer need the committee. The City would donate existing equipment to the school district.

Motion made by Johnson, Seconded by Weber approve Resolution 2023-01. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, Weber, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg, Tremelling

7. *Resolution 2023-02 Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Site Assessment Grant.* PW Director Lee has been working with WEDC to apply for a site assessment grant for the property to clean up the property located at 108 W Fountain St. Application requirements include passage of this resolution.

Motion made by Reynolds-Lair, Seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 2023-02. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, Weber, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg, Tremelling

8. *Approval of a Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement with Jennifer Squire and Blair Lingk (Parcel 216-0081).* This property is located near the cemetery. The City has sewer located on the property and due to a change of ownership, it was a good opportunity to grant the City a formal easement. In return the City will be giving them a 76 sq. ft. piece of land to square off

the existing lot.

Motion made by Weber, Seconded by Tremelling to approve the sanitary sewer easement agreement with Jennifer Squires and Blair Lingk over Parcel 216-0081. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, Weber, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg, Tremelling

9. *Approval of a Quit Claim Deed to Jennifer Squire and Blair Lingk being part of the NENW of Section 34, T6N-R3E, City of Dodgeville (Parcel 216-0091.A).* Motion made by Johnson, Seconded by Reynolds-Lair to approve the QCD to Jennifer Squire and Blair Lingk. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, Weber, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg, Tremelling
10. *Discussion and selection of 2023 Fountain Street Construction Bids.* The City received two bids on the W Fountain Street project. The low bid was from Rule Construction for \$1,961,898 which includes Option 2. The project will likely begin in May.

Motion made by Tremelling, Seconded by Johnson to award the W Fountain Street Construction bid to Rule Construction for \$1,961,898. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, Weber, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg, Tremelling

11. *Permission to fill Streets Department Foreman Position.* Street Department Foreman Mark Wasley announced is retirement after 35 years of service to the City. The City thanks Mark for his many years of service.

Motion made by Weber, Seconded by Reynolds-Lair to fill the Streets Department Foreman Position. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, Weber, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg, Tremelling

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

None

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

9. *Consideration of adjourning to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(e), which permits convening in closed session for the purpose of 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 consideration of a recommendation from the Police and Fire Commission on the salary range for a Police Department position.*

Motion made by Johnson-Solberg, Seconded by Weber to adjourn pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(e) for consideration of a recommendation from the Police and Fire Commission on the salary range for a Police Department position. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, Weber, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg, Tremelling

IX. OPEN SESSION

10. *Reconvene to Open Session.*

Motion made by Reynolds-Lair, Seconded by Johnson to reconvene to open session. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, Weber, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg, Tremelling

11. *Any Action Needed as a Result of Closed Session*

Motion made by Johnson, Seconded by Weber to approve filling the Police Chief position with updated job description and salary range of \$80-95K.

Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, Weber, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg, Tremelling

X. ADJOURN

12. *Motion to Adjourn*

Motion made by Johnson, Seconded by Johnson-Solberg to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, Weber, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg, Tremelling

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