



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 5:30PM

Iowa County Law Enforcement Center, 109 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, Larry Tremelling. Members absent: Julie Johnson-Solberg.

City Hall Staff Present: Brandon Wilhelm (Dodgeville Police Chief), Carrie Portz (Dodgeville Public Library Director)

Others Present: Vicki Stangel (Dodgeville Resident), Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville Resident)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from October 7, 2025.
2. Approval of Claims from October 21, 2025.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve the 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.*

Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville Resident) presented to the council several concerns he had gathered from other Dodgeville residents. Some of these concerns included residents feeling that their Council Member for their district should be speaking for them regarding issues/concerns, inquiring about the Vibrant Spaces park and what the future of that park looks like, what is happening at the armory and what the former city garage (Quarry Street) will be used for, questioning the Mayor and other council members about if there is a city policy/ordinance that states that the Mayor must own property within the City of Dodgeville in order to run for Mayor, and the status of the former Truck Stop.

Mayor Hottmann and other council members confirmed that there will be a public input session held at a later date to discuss the future of the Vibrant Spaces Park and what this will eventually be used for.

Regarding the Armory, Mayor Hottmann noted that the Street Shop on Quarry Street is NOT moving to the Armory location. The Armory will only be used as a temporary library location, and then will also be used as the permanent site of the new City Hall.

Lastly, Mayor Hottmann stated that the former Truck Stop is currently being evaluated, and plans to develop this location are in the making.

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Library Update

During this report, library director Carrie Portz stated that her and her library staff are finally adjusting to the new temporary library location, in addition to grieving the loss of one of their library employees back in August. Portz stated that she along with Dylan W and Mayor Hottmann are holding regular project update meetings to get a pulse on what is happening with the current library project. Portz states that the furnishings committee attended a meeting last month where they were able to try out new furniture for the new library and that they are hoping to place an order for these items by the end of the year. The 2nd installment of the grant reimbursement has now been received, and Portz states that she will be working and submitting the 3rd request for reimbursement from this grant in the very near future.

Portz has been attending some continuing education classes as well as security classes, including a customer experience course and active shooter training. Portz has also actively working on updating the library website with new information about the library project, as well as organizing this information on the website so that it is easier to find and more user friendly.

Lastly, Portz noted that the hours of operation for the Library Annex will be changing. New hours will be Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm.

4. Clerk/Treasurer Report – There was no Clerk/Treasurer Report

5. Mayor Report

Mayor Hottmann reminded council members and other attendees that Trick or Treating for the City of Dodgeville will be held on Friday, October 31st from 4pm to 7pm.

Mayor Hottmann noted that the first initial budget review of department budgets will occur at the Finance Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 23rd at 5pm.

Hottmann noted that EMS contracts for 2025, payable in 2026 are currently being reviewed and created.

The No Kings Rally held on Saturday, October 18th was well attended.

Approximately 850 in attendance. In this report, Chief Wilhelm stated that this was the first use of the water barricades that the city recently purchased.

Lastly, Mayor Hottmann gave a brief updated regarding the new City Hall building. In this report, Mayor Hottmann stated that several sub-contractors including Johnson Controls, Ahern, etc will be coming to do testing this week, and that the architect ADCI will be coming on Friday, October 24th to do their punch list of items prior to the new city hall taking occupancy.

Finally, Mayor Hottmann noted that a sheriff's sale is planned for January 2026 for the Super 8 hotel here in Dodgeville.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion and possible action to approve library board recommendation of Brian Kulcinski to Library Board of Trustees.

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Sersch to approve library board recommendation of Brian Kulcinski to Library Board of Trustees. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve filling vacant Officer position.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve filling vacant Officer position for Dodgeville Police Department. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried

8. Approval of temporary Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Wine to the Ice Wolves Youth Hockey Association for the following events: U14 Hockey Tournament 12/12/25-12/14/25, Alumni Game 12/27/25, U10 Hockey Tournament 1/9/2026-1/11/2026, Midget/U18 Hockey Tournament 1/23/2026-1/25/2026, and U12 Hockey Tournament 2/13/2026-2/15/2026.

Motion by De Voss, second by Weber to approve temporary Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Wine to the Ice Wolves Youth Hockey Association for their upcoming events. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve a retainer agreement with Boardman & Clark, LLP for 2026 legal services.

Motion by Sersch, second by Reynolds-Lair to table retainer agreement with Boardman & Clark, LLP for 2026 legal services to future council meeting as well as proposal to discuss at future Admin & Personnel Meeting. Voice Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action on Discover Merchant Settlement.

Motion by DeVoss to approve City attorney's recommendation of action on Discover Merchant Settlement. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

11. Consideration and possible action of the recommendation from the Plan Commission to approve the proposed Certified Survey Map for the combining of parcels 216-1132.A, 216-1132.E, and 216-1142 currently owned by the Reynolds and the location of Cindy's Red Wagon.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve recommendation from Plan Commission to approve proposed Certified Survey Map for combining of parcels 216-1132.A, 216-1132.E, and 216-1142 currently owned by the Reynolds and the location of Cindy's Red Wagon. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action on a change in the original estimate from Hollandale Movers.

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by DeVoss to approve using Hollandale Movers for the movement of current City Hall to new City Hall, not to exceed more than 8 hours. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

IX. CLOSED SESSION

13. Motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) e to deliberate and negotiate the potential purchase of several publicly owned properties by the City, where competitive or bargaining reasons make a closed session necessary.

Motion by Olson, second by Weber to adjourn to closed session. Roll Call vote 7-0.
Motion carried.

X. OPEN SESSION

14. The Council may reconvene in open session to take action on matters discussed in closed session or to continue with the regular agenda.

15. Any Action Needed as a Result of Closed Session

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

XI. ADJOURN

16. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Olson, second by Johnson to adjourn.

Time: 6:42pm