



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Common Council Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 5:30 PM**

**City Hall, 100 E Fountain St, Dodgeville, WI**

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**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Novak. PRESENT: Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Shaun Sersch, Tom DeVoss, Jeff Weber, Dan Meuer, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Larry Tremelling OTHERS: Attorney Hagen, PWD Lee, several members of the Dodgeville PD and Rebecca Hofer were also present.

**I. SWEARING IN OF OFFICER**

1. *Swearing in of Officer Charlie Pepper.* Emotional Support Officer Charlie Pepper was sworn into office. Charlie is an English Cream Retriever who will server with Officer Joe Pepper.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve the following consent agenda. Voice vote. Motion carried 8-0.

2. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2024.
3. Approval of a Temporary Class B license for the Wisconsin Grilled Cheese Championship on April 20, 2024.
4. Approval of Claims from March 19, 2024. General - \$330,095.82, Water - \$17,449.71, Sewer - \$18,460.88 = Total of \$366,006.41

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

None

**IV. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

5. *Update from the Chamber of Commerce.* Jenna Vondra for the Dodgeville Area Chamber of Commerce was present to discuss recent updates with the Chamber. The Dodgeville guides are getting printed and will be sent our regionally in the near future The tourism QR plaques are being finalized, and the Chamber has worked with PWD Lee regarding park locations. There will be approximately 12-13 QR location plaques. The Grilled Cheese Champs are coming up on April 20th.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

6. *Discussion and possible action to approve the 2024 Iowa County Youth Soccer Contract.*

The contract is the same as last year. Motion by Meuer, second by Tremelling to approve the 2024 Iowa County Youth Soccer Contract with a date correction that was missed. Roll call vote. Motion carried 8-0.

7. *Discussion and possible action to approve updates to the Employee Handbook as recommended by the Admin & Personnel Committee.* The Admin and Personnel Committee met at the end of February to make needed updates to the City's Employee Handbook. Attorney Hagen outlined the main changes proposed.

Motion by Meuer to grandfather anyone hired before January 1, 2020 to get 6 weeks of vacation after 25 years of service. Second by DeVoss. Roll call vote - 4 yea's (DeVoss, Weber, Meuer, Johnson-Solberg), 4 nay's (Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, Johnson, Tremelling). Tie breaker by Mayor Novak - Yea. Motion carries 5-4.

Motion by Meuer, Second by Weber to approve the updates to the Employee Handbook as amended. Roll call vote. Motion carried 8-0.

8. *Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2024-02: Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance of Real Estate for Lots 8, 9, 10, 18, 19 & 20 in the Northeast Acres Subdivision in TID 3.* Josh Fowler with Northeast Acres Rentals LLC would like to continue developing duplexes in TID 3. He is buying 3 lots across from Peterson Dr and 3 lots across from Lisa St. The total investment will be at least \$1.5 million. He is paying \$25K/lot and he will receive an incentive of \$5K/lot as long as the buildings have a minimum assessed value of \$250K when completed. Motion by DeVoss, second by Sersch to approve Resolution 2024-02: Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance of Real Estate. Roll call vote. Motion carried 8-0.

9. *Discussion and possible action to approve a Developer's Agreement for Phase 3 of the Diamond Oaks Subdivision between the City of Dodgeville and Diamond Oaks LLC.* Diamond Oaks LLC, owned by Dave Rule, would like to continue developing lots in the Diamond Oaks Subdivision. Phase 3 would be for 22 lots. The agreement would utilize remaining funds in the Affordable Housing fund from the closure of TID 2. The incentive would be \$10K/lot for \$220,000 of total incentive. The project is likely to start this spring. Motion by Tremelling, second by Reynold's-Lair to approve a Developer's Agreement for Phase 3 of the Diamond Oaks Subdivision between the City of Dodgeville and Diamond Oaks LLC. Roll call vote. Motion carried 8-0.

10. *Discussion and possible action to disallow a claim submitted by Afni o.b.o Artisan and Truckers Casualty Company, for damage their insured vehicle sustained on September 4, 2023.* The claim is related to an event last fall where a vehicle struck a gate at Centennial Park. The gate was left open by a third party who did not have permission to open the gate. Motion by Meuer, second by Weber to disallow a claim submitted by Afni o.b.o Artisan and Truckers Casualty Company, for damage their insured vehicle sustained on September 4, 2023. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW**

None.

**VII. ADJOURN**

11. *Motion to Adjourn.* Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by Reynolds-Lair to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 8-0. Time: 6:12 pm