



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 5:30 PM

City Hall, 100 E Fountain St, Dodgeville, WI

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hottmann at 5:30 pm. PRESENT: Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Shaun Sersch, Jeff Weber, Dan Meuer, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Larry Tremelling ABSENT: Tom DeVoss

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2024
2. Approval of Temporary Class "B" Alcohol Beverage Licenses for Dodgeville Home Talent 2024 Summer Home Games.
3. Approval of Claims from May 21, 2024
General - \$194,722.09, Water - \$12,682.78, Sewer - \$60,885.64 for a total of \$268,290.51

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

-Jody Vanderloo introduced the new Library Director Carrie Portz.

-Kim McCutchin was present to discuss a bill he received for compost from the Cemetery. He believed the compost was free and didn't feel the bill from Public Works was warranted. DPW Lee received several calls regarding the amount that was taken from Mr. McCutchin. Councilman Meuer stated that a camera is present and the could see if others have also taken. Lee explained that in the past small quantities were allowed to be used by property owners, but not large amounts. Mayor Hottmann stated that the City will work on signage to better communicate the indent of the compost area. No action was taken. Hottmann and Lee will have a follow up discussion.

IV. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

4. *Police Chief Report:* Chief Wilhelm presented an incident report for the department for April 2024. He will plan to present reports monthly. The Chief will plan to work on junk ordinance enforcement this summer. He will assign an officer per ward to enforce these issues and be a point of contact for those areas. Officer Pepper will be working on a school safety plan this summer as well as community resource officer duties. Officer Andrews will be completing her academy training and is working on field training. The new squad is on the assembly line and expected late summer.
5. *Clerk/Treasurer Report:* The Finance Committee has reviewed and approved financial reports through April 2024. Clerk Aulik stated that the Governor has declared May 22, 2024 as Wastewater Professionals Appreciation Day and May 19-25th is also the 50 Anniversary of EMS Week. The Board of Review met May 20th and has now adjourned for 2024. The County has already filed the Statement of Assessment on behalf of the City with the Dept of Revenue. The City received their 2024 Basic Recycling Grant Award of \$15,164.97.
6. *Mayor's Report:* Mayor Hottmann spoke on some items coming in the future. A hotel survey was completed and will be presented on the June 6, 2024. The housing development behind Gorgon Funeral Home was awarded \$1.4 million of WEDA tax credits for 54 housing units to break ground in Spring of 2025. Hottmann discussed using the 105 W Fountain space as a community area in the future but the City is still awaiting the final site assessment. Hottmann also discussed revisiting the dog park; more signage for parking; and issues with delinquent tax parcels. Child care discussions are also in their infancy stages - TIF moneys could be used for child care solutions.

V. NEW BUSINESS

7. *Consideration of a request from the Police Department to approve an agreement with Central Square for Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) services.* Chief Wilhelm presented a quote and agreement for updates to their CAD system. This was a budgeted item. The service comes through Iowa County and we would be paying the County back for the service. Linden is also jumping on at the same time who will also split the one time service costs. The total cost is \$3,643 with annual costs. Reporting is also an optional add-on at a later date. Motion by Tremelling, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve the quote and preauthorize the agreement with Central Square and Iowa County with review from the City attorney. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
8. *Approval of Library Board Appointment: Roxanne Reynolds-Lair to replace Julie Johnson-Solberg as Council Representative.* Motion by Weber, second by Meuer to approve the appointment of Roxanne Reynolds-Lair to the Library Board and to approve Julie Johnson-

Solberg's resignation. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

9. *Discussion regarding the Library Expansion/Remodel Project, Flexible Facilities Grant Application, and Request for Council Support and matching funds from the City.* Library Board President Jody Vanderloo discussed the Flexible Facilities Grant that is due on July 11, 2024. The Library is eligible up to \$4.25M of grant funds. The grant app requires a commitment from the city that the remaining funds be secured or committed to complete the proposed project. The project must be completed by Sept 2026. Vanderloo pointed out that the Library is undersized compared to similar sized Cities and addressed some of the needs of the City and/or additional services they could provide if they had more space. She asked if the City still intends to move out of the Library space or move to a temporary space. The Foundation is willing to contribute \$1M and is asking the City to commit to the remainder should they receive the grant award. They are estimating \$5M of additional funds would be needed. The Library Board is looking for a Grant Writer to assist with completion of this grant. Should the grant be awarded in September, there is still an opportunity to back out of the project. Mayor Hottmann and Clerk Aulik will discuss financing options with Ehlers to bring back to the next Council meeting.
10. *Discussion and possible action to consider purchasing the Wells Fargo property up for auction this month.* Mayor Hottmann stated the building is up for auction with an opening bid of \$300K. He discussed the possibility of buying the property as future development opportunity. He discussed the possibility of reaching out to Well's Fargo to see if they would allow the City to purchase the property for \$100K and donate the rest to the Community. The consideration is to potentially sell it as a developer's agreement. Motion by Sersch, second by Weber to allow Mayor Hottmann to reach out to Well's Fargo to discuss the possibility of purchasing the property of a lesser amount and to see if Well's Fargo would consider donating the remaining value. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
11. *Discussion regarding former Armory building including potential uses of the facility and how to engage the community in the discussion.* Discussion was held regarding the space and land surrounding the former armory building. It could house City Hall and has room for a new street garage. Motion by Tremelling, second by Weber for Council members to meet at a special meeting on the 28th at 5:30 pm to tour the Armory. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
12. *Discussion and possible action to give the Mayor permission to develop a proposal for the creation of steering committees for various community related projects. Examples*

Include: Armory Building, Ley Pavilion, Housing, Room Tax, Dog Park, Parking, Childcare, Comprehensive Plan Review, UTV, bike paths/connecting paths). Motion by Johnson-Solberg second by Weber to allow the Mayor to develop the proposal of the creation of steering committees. Reynolds-Lair discussed having some general direction for the steering committees so they have priorities. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

13. *Proclamation: National Public Works Week May 19-25, 2024.* Mayor Hottman proclaimed May 19-25, 2024 National Public Works Week.

14. *Proclamation in recognition of the twinning of the City of Dodgeville and the City of Oakham, England.* Mayor Hottmann made a proclamation in recognition of the twinning of the City of Dodgeville and the City of Oakham, England.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

15. *Discussion and possible action to approve funding to hire a contract grant writer. Potential projects to include: Armory Building, Ley Pavilion Updates, Library Project, Cyber Security, WEDC grants, Outdoor recreation through DNR for bike paths, and more.* The item from the previous meeting. Mayor Hottmann discussed a 3 year contract or could propose an agreement of offering a possibility of a grant writer. It was discussed contracting at hourly rate for the first couple of grants. Motion by Sersch, second by Reynolds-Lair to pursue contracting with a local grant writer at \$50/hr for the completion of two Flexible Facility grants by July 11 for the Armory and Library. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

VIII. ADJOURN

16. *Motion to Adjourn.* Motion by Tremelling, second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 8-0. Time: 7:21 pm