



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 5:30PM

City Hall, 100 E Fountain St, Dodgeville, WI

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hottmann at 5:30pm. Members present: Shaun Sersch, Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Jeff “Potsie” Weber, Mike Olson, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Larry Tremelling. Members Absent: Tom DeVoss

City Hall Staff Present: Carrie Portz – Library Director, Brandon Wilhelm – Police Chief, Dylan Wadzinski – Director of Public Works, Megan James – Recreation Director

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Johnson-Solberg, Second by Johnson to approve the following consent agenda items. Voice Vote. Motion Carried 7-0

1. Approval of Minutes from 07/1/2025.
2. Approval of Claims from 07/15/2025.

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.*

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Recreation Update

Recreation Director Megan James states that it has been a very busy summer so far for the recreation department. Baseball and softball programs are now completed, with the exception of grades 7 and 8 due to tournaments currently being in process. James also states that planning for 2026 has been started. With this, James has begun looking at what worked well and what needed improvement for the 2025 seasons and what she will need to look at changing for 2026.

The Park and Rec Commission, which meets monthly, is working to create a community survey that will go out to all residents within the City of Dodgeville, asking where community members would like the Park & Rec Commission to focus their projects on, and what community members feel the Park and Rec commission could improve upon within the city.

The Pool Fundraising committee has begun meeting to discuss pool shades and additional seating at the pool.

Lastly, James states that she is actively working on the fall activity flyer, which she hopes will be released early August.

4. Clerk/Treasurer Report

There was no Clerk/Treasurer Report

5. Mayor Report

Mayor Hottmann reports that the Farmers Appreciation event held on Sunday, 7/13 was very successful. Mayor Hottmann gave kudos to the Dodgeville Police Department and various City of Dodgeville Public Works departments for their hardwork of preparing the streets with signs, barricades, etc. for this event.

Mayor Hottmann reports that a few City Hall staff attended a Budgeting training on Tuesday, 7/15, which will help begin the 2026 budget process.

During this report, Library Director Carrie Portz stated that the library is now open at the Armory Building, and the space is working great.

To piggy back on this, Mayor Hottmann reports that Phase 2 for the new City Hall building is moving along, and that the plan is to move City Hall to this new facility sometime in August 2025.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the Special Event license application for the 2025 Upland Hills Family Fun Day Event.

Motion by Weber, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve the Special Event license application for the 2025 Upland Hills Family Fun Day Event. Voice Vote 7-0. Motion Carried.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the Special Event license application for the 2025 Military Ridge Veterinary Service Customer Appreciation Event.

Motion by Johnson, second by Weber to approve the Special Event license application for the 2025 Military Ridge Veterinary Service Customer Appreciation Event. Voice Vote 7-0. Motion Carried.

8. Consideration of recommendation from Plan Commission to set temporary zoning for the soon to be annexed property belonging to Compeer Financial to Business Highway (B-H).

Motion by Weber, second by Tremelling to approve the recommendation from Plan Commission to set temporary zoning for the soon to be annexed property belonging to Compeer Financial to Business Highway (B-H). Voice Vote 7-0. Motion Carried.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance 2025-17: An Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin.

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Weber to approve Ordinance 2025-17: An Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin. Voice Vote 7-0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Olson to adjourn to Closed Session.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

10. Consider adjourning to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. secs. 19.85(1)(a), (b), (c), and (f) for the purposes of deliberation concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before the Common Council; considering licensing of any person licensed by the Common Council; considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Common Council has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and considering social or personal histories of specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories, specifically for:
 - Hearing evidence of T. Brown's rehabilitation and fitness to hold an Operator's License and related deliberations (Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(a), (b), and (f)).
 - Discussion of performance and compensation for Assistant Director of Public Works and general staff position.

Prior to the meeting on July 15th, a representative on behalf of Ms. Brown called City Hall and stated that Ms. Brown would not be attending the closed session for the July 15th meeting, so this item was removed from the Council agenda July 15th.

In other closed session, Mayor Hottmann presented to the council some personnel items that had already been discussed at a previous Admin and Personnel meeting, regarding the Assistant Director of Public Works.

Motion by Weber, second by Johnson to approve the proposal made by Admin and Personnel to the Common Council regarding the Assistant Director of Public Works.

Lastly, Mayor Hottmann presented to the council some personnel items that had already been discussed at a previous Admin & Personnel meeting, regarding a few other City employees.

Motion by Olson, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve the proposal made by Admin and Personnel to the Common Council regarding other City employees.

VIII. OPEN SESSION

11. Return to Open Session
12. Possible discussion or action on any matter properly discussed in closed session.
13. Determination on T. Brown's rehabilitation and fitness to hold an Operator's License.
14. Possible approval of Operator's License for T. Brown.

Due to Ms. Brown not attending the Closed Session for the Tuesday, July 15th, the council did not reconvene back to Open Session.

VIII. ADJOURN

15. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Tremelling, second by Sersch to adjourn.

Time: 6:30pm