MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 5:30PM

City Hall Council Chambers, 410 E Leffler Street, Dodgeville, WI

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Barry Hottmann. Members present: Shaun Sersch, Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Tom DeVoss, Jeff "Potsie" Weber, Mike Olson, Michelle Peterson. Members absent: Jerry Johnson (excused), Julie Johnson-Solberg (excused)

Others present: Jenna Vondra (Chamber), Pat Sieling (Dodgeville resident), Brandon Wilhelm (Dodgeville Police Chief), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works), Brian Mooney (City Administrator), Matthew Pivit (Representative from Republic Services), Wendy Nipple (Dodgeville resident) – attended via Zoom

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from October 20, 2026
2. Approval of minutes from October 26, 2026 special council meeting
3. Approval of claims from November 4, 2026
4. Approval of a Special Event License for the following event: Home for the Holidays Light Parade hosted by the Dodgeville Area Chamber of Commerce on November 28, 2026

Motion by DeVoss, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve the consent agenda. Voice vote 6-0. 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). Five minute limit except by consent of council. No action will be taken on any item that is not specifically listed on the agenda*

During public comment, Dodgeville resident Pat Sieling inquired about the monetary payment from the City of Dodgeville to the Dodgeville Senior Citizens program for 2027. Mayor Hottmann noted that this was included in the 2027 budget. City Administrator Brian Mooney noted that he would follow up separately with Sieling about when this payment would be made to the Dodgeville Seniors program.

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Police Report

During the Police Report, Police Chief Brandon Wilhelm noted that there were 306 calls for service in October 2026, which is a 29% increase from October 2025. Chief Wilhelm also informed council that Trick or Treating was recently held in Dodgeville on Saturday, October 31st, and the event went well. Chief Wilhelm noted that the

No Kings Rally went well in October 2026, in which approximately 180 people were in attendance. Chief Wilhelm notified council members and those in attendance that new hires Kory and Alex, who recently completed the law enforcement academy, are now beginning to complete their field training with fellow officers. Lastly, Chief Wilhelm noted that there will be a new hire (Erin Frederick) signed up to begin the police academy in January 2027. Lastly, Chief Wilhelm reminded council members and those in attendance that alternate side parking begins November 15, 2026 and runs through April 1st, 2027.

6. Chamber Update

During the chamber update, Jenna Vondra (Chamber Director) noted that the Spooky HalloWine walk was well attended, in which there were 77 attendees and 14 businesses participating. Jenna noted that they are actively working on preparing for the Home for the holidays event planned for later November 2026. Vondra noted that at this time, there are 16 floats registered for the lights parade, and the theme for this years parade is "250 Years of Holiday Cheer". Finally, Vondra noted that they are finalizing dates for 2027 events as well as continuing to work on the tourism guide for 2027. She also noted that there are two more commerce after 5 events planned for the 2026 year.

7. Interim Clerk/Treasurer Report

During the Interim Clerk/Treasurer report, Wolfe indicated that the November 3rd election is now over, and noted that the City had 2285 voters for this election, including 965 absentee ballots returned out of 992 issued. Wolfe noted that she is continuing to work on the City's new website, and noted that the target launch date for this new website is Monday, November 23rd. Lastly, Wolfe noted that pet licenses for the 2026 year has now been closed out with Iowa County, and finally that her as well as Danielle Reddell would be attending tax training offered by Iowa County Treasurer Debi Heisner on Tuesday, November 17th, 2026.

8. Mayor Report

During the Mayor Report, Mayor Hottmann gave kudos to Wolfe as well as all of those who were involved in working for the November 3rd election, and making this election process go smoothly. Mayor Hottmann also noted that the 2027 budget process is currently in full swing, and that the draft budget for 2027 would be included in the November 5th edition of the Dodgeville Chronicle. Mayor Hottmann noted that a link to the 2027 budget would be added to the city's website in the coming weeks, and that a budget discussion would be included on the November 17th common council agenda, in hopes of holding the budget hearing on Tuesday, December 1st. Lastly, Mayor Hottmann noted that the Dodgeville Public Library is now open at their new location (139 S Iowa Street) and that the frontage road at the truckstop property is now completely paved.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2027 Stray and Abandoned Dog Contract for Services with the Iowa County Humane Society

Motion by DeVoss, second by Olson to table this to the meeting on November 17, 2026 and for City Administrator Brian Mooney to invite a member from the Iowa County Humane Society to the meeting on November 17th, in order to provide

updates on why the fees for 2027 increased to $10,000 as opposed to $7,000 in 2026. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the garbage & recycling services contract with Republic Services

Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve the garbage & recycling services contract with Republic Services and recommend the 65 gallon tote for garbage and 95 gallon tote for recycling. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

11. Deer Donation Month Proclamation

The Deer Donation Month proclamation was read aloud by Mayor Barry Hottmann. No action was taken on this item.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve helping the Dodgeville Area Chamber with costs for the holiday lights that are put up along the street.

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Weber to approve paying 50% of costs incurred ($3,000) for holiday lights that are put up along the street in downtown Dodgeville. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURN

13. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Peterson, second by Sersch to adjourn. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Time: 6:08pm