



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 5:30PM

City Hall, 410 E Leffler Street, Dodgeville, WI

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Barry Hottmann.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. OATHS OF OFFICE

1. Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials

At the Tuesday, April 21st, 2026 Common Council meeting, the following were sworn in as elected officials as result of the April 7, 2026 Spring Election: Mayor Barry Hottmann, Council member Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Council member Jeff "Potsie" Weber, Council member Jerry Johnson, and newly elected Council member Michelle Peterson.

IV. ROLL CALL

Members present were: Shaun Sersch, Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Tom DeVoss, Jeff "Potsie" Weber, Mike Olson, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Michelle Peterson. Others present: Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works), Logan Hanson (Vierbicher), Brandon Wilhelm (Dodgeville Police Chief), Megan James (Recreation Director), Pat Sieling (Dodgeville resident), Wendy Nipple (Dodgeville resident)

V. CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2026
3. Approval of Claims from April 21, 2026
4. Approval of Special Event License for the following event: Babies Gone Too Soon Annual Pregnancy & Infant Loss Memorial Walk hosted by Babies Gone Too Soon on May 23, 2026 at the Ley Pavilion ; All American Circus hosted by All American Circus on July 6, 2026 at the Ley Pavilion
5. Approval of Temporary B Alcohol Beverage License for the following event: 2026 Dodgeville Mat Club Fundraiser hosted by the Dodgeville Mat Club Inc on May 9, 2026 at the Ley Pavilion

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

VI. 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.*

During public comment, Dodgeville resident Wendy Nipple addressed the common council with various concerns including ADA access to downtown businesses, handicapped stall availability, etc. While stating these concerns, Nipple also

informed council about research she had done about the city needing an ADA coordinator if over 50 employees, and was concerned in finding out that the City of Dodgeville had not had an ADA coordinator since June 2025. During public comment, Nipple also stated her concerns with the Dodgeville Police Department not having any handicapped stalls, and stated her concerns with how handicapped stalls are not marked at the Merrimac and Main Center. Nipple also voiced concerns about snow removal downtown, and expressed concerns with how snow had not been removed in a couple of stalls near Jeffrey's bar. Nipple requested from the council that an ADA coordinator be assigned ASAP, and asked for this ADA Coordinator to address these concerns that she brought forth to council. Lastly, Nipple presented her concerns about the cross walk located near her residence, and noted that these are trip hazards, and asked for these to be fixed ASAP to avoid trips/falls.

As a response to Nipple's concerns, Council Member Olson addressed Nipple and stated that the snow removal policy is currently being reviewed and will be worked on at future committee meetings.

Mayor Hottmann also addressed Nipple's concerns about the city not having an ADA Coordinator, and stated that the city is working on getting someone re-assigned to this role.

VII. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

6. Police Report

During the Police Report, Dodgeville Police Chief Brandon Wilhelm stated that the concerns of handicapped stall at the Dodgeville Police Department would be brought up at the next Public Works Committee meeting. Chief Wilhelm also noted that there are no issues so far with the road construction project occurring on Johns Street and Highway 18. Lastly, Chief Wilhelm inquired about designating a storm shelter for the City of Dodgeville, and asked that this be included on the next Public Works Committee agenda.

7. Library Building Project Update

Library director Carrie Portz was unable to attend the April 21st council meeting, but provided a handout as part of the agenda packet for the April 21st council meeting.

8. Recreation Update

During the Recreation Update, Rec Director Megan James stated that the flashlight egg hut was a success. James stated that there was an estimated 150 kids in attendance, with 1200 + eggs filled and distributed. James stated that summer registration was now open. The Comer Pool will open on June 1, 2026. James also stated that the pool shade at Comer Pool had been installed. Local sponsorships along with sponsorship for fence signs at Harris Park and donations for the newly created financial assistance program had started being received. Softball and baseball practices began week of April 20th. City of Dodgeville hosts their flag football tournament of games the weekend of May 2nd. Lastly, James stated that she is currently in need of umpires for the summer recreation season. James also stated that she is working on promoting adult programming for summer programs as well.

9. Interim Clerk/Treasurer Report

During the Interim Clerk/Treasurer report, Wolfe informed council about attending the Clerks Northern Conference in Eau Claire during the week of April 13th, 2026. Wolfe informed council of various projects she was working on including prepping for licensing season, completing a variety of reports mandated by the WI Department of Revenue, and scheduling of events for the Ley Pavilion. Lastly, Wolfe stated she was playing a little catchup of her day to day duties, now that the Spring Election has been completed.

10. Mayor Report

During the Mayor report, Mayor Hottmann stated that he is looking to do a discussion of zoom option for future council meetings at a future council meeting. Hottmann also informed council that he is currently working on council expectations and meeting etiquette to be discussed/reviewed at a future council meeting. Committee reports will also be added as agenda items for future council agendas. Lastly, Mayor Hottmann informed council that a community engagement meeting will be planned in the future regarding the Vibrant Spaces location that was approved at Plan Commission. And finally, Mayor Hottmann stated that the developer agreements for incoming Pizza Ranch and True Hotel will likely be brought to the second council meeting in May 2026 for review and possible approval by council.

11. City Administrator Update

During the City Administrator update, council member Tom DeVoss informed council that the job posting, job description, and ordinance have been received from Public Administration Associates LLC and will be reviewed/discussed at a future Administration & Personnel meeting. DeVoss noted that once these have been reviewed/approved by Administration & Personnel committee, the hope is to have drafts be presented to common council at a future May 2026 council meeting for review/approval.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

IX. NEW BUSINESS

12. Discussion and possible action to approve agreement with Vierbicher for engineering consulting services related to TID No. 3 – Bennett Road and USH 18 Infrastructure project

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Sersch to approve agreement with Vierbicher for engineering consulting services related to TID No. 3 – Bennett Road and USH 18 Infrastructure project, contingent on signed developers agreements. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action to approve proposal from Heartland Ecological Group for professional consulting services related to wetland delineation and the TID No. 3 – Bennett Road and USH 18 Infrastructure project

Motion by Sersch, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve proposal from Heartland Ecological Group for professional consulting services related to wetland delineation and the TID No. 3 – Bennett Road and USH 18 Infrastructure project, contingent on signed developers agreements. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve Change Order #3 – Final for 2023 Water System Improvements Project.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Olson to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve Change Order #3 – Final for 2023 Water System Improvements Project. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve changes to Section 8.03 Street and Sidewalk Excavations and Openings

Motion by Olson, second by Weber to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve changes to Section 8.03 Street and Sidewalk Excavations and Openings. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

16. Discussion and possible action to approve bid from Rule Construction for the 2026 Truck Stop Concrete Removal Project

Motion by Weber, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve bid from Rule Construction for the 2026 Truck Stop Concrete Removal Project. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2026-06: Designating Official Newspaper

Motion by DeVoss, second by Olson to approve Resolution 2026-06: Designating Official Newspaper. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

18. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2026-05: Designating of Public Depositories

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve and amend Resolution 2026-05: Designating of Public Depositories, adding BMO Harris Bank as an additional bank for the City of Dodgeville. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

19. Recommendation of the mayor to appoint Utility Clerk/Administrative Assistant Danielle Reddell to Interim Deputy Clerk for the City of Dodgeville

Motion by Weber, second by Reynolds-Lair to appoint Utility Clerk/Administrative Assistant Danielle Reddell to Interim Deputy Clerk for the City of Dodgeville. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

20. Appointment of 2026-2027 Boards, Committees, & Commissions

Motion by Sersch, second by Johnson to approve appointment of 2026-2027 Boards, Committee, & Commissions as presented. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURN

21. Motion to adjourn

Motion by Peterson, second by Weber to adjourn. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

Time: 6:35pm

