



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 5:30PM

City Hall, 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, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Larry Tremelling. Others present: Carrie Portz (Library Director), Pat Sieling (Dodgeville resident), Evan Chambers (Town & Country Engineering), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works), Melissa Peterson (newly elected council member), Brandon Wilhelm (Police Chief), Brian Cushman (EMS Director)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2026

2. Approval of Claims from April 8, 2026

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve consent agenda. Voice vote 8-0.
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). 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 Pat Sieling presented her concerns regarding the blocking off of parking stalls next to Bob's Bitchin' BBQ for his outdoor seating for the summer. Sieling requested the council to only approve 1 blocked space instead of the 4 or 5 that Bob's is normally allowed, as blocking off this many stalls affects downtown businesses, and limits available parking for downtown businesses. Sieling asked council if they could speak with Bob's to see if we can reduce the number of blocked parking stalls, so to help out with access of parking for downtown businesses. Mayor Hottmann addressed Sieling stating that he would like to work with Iowa County more, so to utilize the parking lot behind the courthouse for evening and weekend parking for downtown events, access to downtown businesses, etc.

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Police Report

During the police report, Chief Brandon Wilhelm noted that March 2026 calls were up 6%. Other stats presented were that arrests are on the rise, and also noting that OWI's were on the rises. Chief Wilhelm reminded council and those in attendance about the city's Spring Clean Up, which begins on Wednesday, April 29th and runs through Saturday, May 2nd. Chief Wilhelm gave kudos to the Public Works Department for helping set up water barricades for the recent No Kings Rally.

Wilhelm noted that new caps for the flag holders downtown were being installed in the near future, to help avoid flags being blown all over from the high winds that have occurred recently. Lastly, Chief Wilhelm noted that construction on Highways 18 and 23 will begin on Monday, April 20th, and will be down to one lane both directions. Wilhelm also noted that there are 2 new hires for the Dodgeville Police Department currently going through background checks, in hopes of being sworn in at the June 2nd council meeting.

4. Deputy Clerk Report

During the Deputy Clerk Report, Wolfe noted that the Spring Election had just ended on Tuesday, April 7th, and noted that the set up at Iowa County Law Enforcement Center had gone very smooth with only a few small snags. Wolfe also reminded council about the city's Spring Clean Up beginning on Wednesday, April 29th and running through Saturday, May 2nd. She also informed council that now that elections were over, she would begin working on licensing letters to be sent to bars, restaurants, etc., as renewals are effective beginning July 1st. Lastly, Wolfe informed council that she would be attending offsite clerk's training from Tuesday, April 14th through Thursday, April 16th.

5. Mayor Report

During the Mayor report, Mayor Hottmann gave kudos to Emily, Danielle, and Jeremy to helping set up and run an effective Spring Election. Mayor Hottmann also noted that he had recently met with Fire Chief Brian Whitehouse regarding the training tower, and would soon be submitting grant info. Mayor Hottmann also noted that he recently met with SWCAP and SW Regional Planning to discuss housing options, as recommendation from Plan Commission. Lastly, Mayor Hottmann noted that he is currently working on developers agreements for the Pizza Ranch and hotel to be constructed at the old truck stop property, and also noted that the Idle Sites Grant application had been accepted and is currently being processed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the hiring of 2 casual EMS positions, preferably AEMTs.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Tremelling to approve the hiring of 2 casual EMS positions, preferable AEMTs. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve quote relating to Well #8 inspections and rehabilitation.

Motion by Weber, second by Olson to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve quote from Municipal Well & Pump relating to Well #8 inspections and rehabilitation. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve quote from Fillback Ford for the purchase of a new truck for the Street Department

Motion by DeVoss, second by Olson to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve quote from Fillback Ford for the purchase of a new truck for the Street Department. Roll call vote 2-5 (Potsie abstained). Motion failed. Due to original motion failing, additional motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Reynolds-Lair to approve a not to exceed quote from Hallada in the amount of \$50,000, in order to purchase a new truck for the Street Department. Roll call vote 4-3 (Potsie abstained). Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve quote from Hallada for the purchase of a new truck for the Parks Department

Motion by Weber, second by Olson to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve quote from Hallada for the purchase of a new truck for the Parks Department. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

10. Consider adoption of proposed Ordinance 26-6 regarding restrictions on sale and possession of hemp-derived cannabinoids, as recommended by the Ordinance and Regulation Committee

Motion by Johnson, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve adoption of Ordinance 26-6 regarding restrictions on sale and possession of hemp-derived cannabinoids, as recommended by Ordinance and Regulation Committee. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

11. Consider adoption of proposed Ordinance 26-7 regarding the abatement of public nuisances, as recommended by the Ordinance and Regulation Committee.

Motion by Johnson, second by Weber to approve adoption of Ordinance 26-7 regarding the abatement of public nuisances, as recommended by the Ordinance and Regulation Committee. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action to appoint by a recommendation of the mayor, Deputy Clerk Emily Wolfe to interim Clerk for the City of Dodgeville

Motion by DeVoss, second by Sersch to appoint Deputy Clerk Emily Wolfe to Interim Clerk for the City of Dodgeville. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action to appoint Alderperson Jerry Johnson the chairperson for the Administration and Personnel Committee

Motion by Sersch, second by Weber to appoint Alderperson Jerry Johnson the chairperson for the Administration and Personnel Committee. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

14. Recognition of service by Common Council.

During this agenda item, Mayor Hottmann congratulated Alderperson Larry Tremelling on 10 years of being on Common Council, and wished him well, as this was his last council meeting.

VIII. ADJOURN

15. Motion to adjourn

Motion by Weber, second by Tremelling to adjourn.

Time: 6:28pm