



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 2, 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 Barry Hottmann at 5:30pm. Members present: Shaun Sersch, Tom DeVoss, Jeff “Potsie” Weber, Mike Olson, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, and Larry Tremelling. Members absent: Roxanne Reynolds-Lair.

City Hall Staff present: Brandon Wilhelm (Dodgeville Police Chief), Megan James (Recreation Director), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works)

Others Present: Jenna Vondra (Dodgeville Chamber Director)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from 08/19/2025.
2. Approval of Claims from 09/02/2025.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson. Voice Vote 7-0. 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.*

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Chamber Report

Jenna from the Chamber reports that summer events went well. She reports that the community really rallied together, and made these events successful. Town Square received some very great feedback. Dodgefest had very great weather and lots of good feedback about bands, etc.

Upcoming events include Home for the Holidays holiday event. Jenna also reports that the Chamber team is working on promotion videos for businesses, relocation guide and tourism guide for new residents moving to the City.

4. Police Report

Chief Wilhelm reports there were 376 service calls, which is a 38% increase from 2024, and a 92% increase from 2023 (196 calls).

Chief Wilhelm also reports that his team has been busy working on helping property owners clean up their properties, to avoid having to issue citations. Chief Wilhelm is hopeful that some of the residents that they have been contacting will take advantage of the City’s fall clean up in October 2025.

5. Recreation Update

Rec Director Megan James reports that August has been kind of a lull with programs, which has helped the Rec department to prepare for fall programs. James reports that fall program registration is now open. There are 24 programs available to register for, which include programs for young kiddos all the way up to adult ages. With this, she states that she is planning to combine winter and spring program registrations, and to stay tuned for more information about this.

James reports that she has been trying to utilize social media more, to get more promotion out there.

James reports that she attended the Post League meeting for Southwest WI coaches league, and felt that this meeting was very beneficial to learn upcoming changes for the new season.

Comer Pool fundraising committee held their "Soak for Sunshade" pool fundraiser to raise funding for the sun shades at Comer Pool. James notes that there were 191 patrons who attended, and that \$1594.00 was received in donations.

Swim Lessons wrapped up on August 21st. James notes that survey went out to those who attended lessons to gather information about what worked well and/or what can be improved for next year's lessons.

Comer Pool wrapped up their pool season on August 31st, which concluded with "Dog Swim", where 11 dogs attended. No issues were reported with this.

6. Clerk/Treasurer Report – Due to Staff Training on September 11th and 12th, Clerk's office will be closed on September 11th & 12th. Will resume regular business hours on Monday, September 15th.

7. Mayor Report

Mayor Hottmann reports that he has begun working on the 2026 Budgeting process, which includes meeting with department heads. Hottmann states that more information is to come about the progress of this 2026 budgeting process.

Mayor Hottmann shared that there was a scam reported to the city, where information has been pulled from the city's website, and formatted differently, where it looks like the city is sending invoices for wires, etc.

Lastly, Mayor Hottmann states that continues to work on the borrowing for the Dodgeville Administration building and capital improvement project list. Hottmann reports that as long as all goes well, funding from borrowing should be received by end of September 2025.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the Tourism Promotion Contract with the Dodgeville Tourism Zone Commission.

Mayor Hottmann reports that the Tourism Promotion Contract has been vetted by City attorney Eric which includes comments from the city attorney. Hottmann states that this contract has been reviewed by the Chamber.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve the Tourism Promotion Contract with the Dodgeville Tourism Zone Commission. Voice Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action related to requiring a fiscal impact statement to accompany all items presented before council that would have a financial impact on the City.

Council representative Olson presented to the Council his suggestion of requiring a fiscal impact statement to accompany all items presented before council that would have financial impact on the city. Currently, Olson states that the City of Baraboo does this.

Mayor Hottmann informed council that this topic was just more for discussion, and that no action was to be taken. Hottmann suggested that before the city would completely decide to include something like this in future agendas, he would suggest first having this proposal go to finance committee for discussion, and then a final proposal of this topic with details be taken to council.

Motion by Olson to move proposal for this fiscal impact statement to be discussed at a future finance committee meeting, second by DeVoss. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve standing meeting dates for commissions and committees with the City of Dodgeville.

Mayor Hottmann presented a sample September calendar to council members noting his ideas for setting standing meeting days/times for the ongoing future. During this discussion, council members asked the public works committee standing meeting be moved to the 3rd Thursday of the month at 4/4:30pm. All other standing meeting times outlined on this sample calendar looked good to council members.

Motion by Olson, second by Johnson to approve standing meeting dates for commissions and committees with the City of Dodgeville. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve an estimate for moving services to assist with city hall transition.

Mayor Hottmann presented a moving quote from Infinity Services for assistance with the city hall transition. Hottmann reports that Infinity Services was used for a move recently that Reynolds-Lair coordinated moving documents out of a title service building here within the City of Dodgeville. Hottmann reports that three quotes for moving services were acquired to help with the moving to the new administration building, and that Infinity Services came in as the lowest bid proposal at \$3600.00.

Motion by Weber to approve Infinity Services as the moving company to help assist the city hall move, contingent on Infinity Services providing a proof of liability insurance prior to the move, second by Johnson-Solberg. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve an estimate with Funks Tree service to remove a tree and stump at the Dodgeville Administration building.

Mayor Hottmann presented information from Funks Tree Service concerning one of the maple trees at the Dodgeville Administration Building, and noted that this particular tree was found to have disease, and proposed to have this removed from the property to avoid issues in the future. Hottmann stated that Cory from Funks

Tree Service proposed removing these diseased trees to avoid possible damage to the newly remodeled building in the future years to come.

Motion by Weber, second by Sersch to approve estimate with Funks Tree Service to remove a tree and stump at the Dodgeville Administration Building. Roll vote 7-0. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action to approve estimates with TC Networks for network equipment, camera equipment, and installation for the Dodgeville Administration Building.

Mayor Hottmann presented information obtained from TC Networks regarding quotes for the IT infrastructure at the Dodgeville Administration Building. Hottmann noted that this quote was to include switches for the equipment room, firewall, etc.

Motion by DeVoss to approve estimate from TC Networks for network equipment, camera equipment, and installation for the Dodgeville Administration building as presented, second by Weber. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve an estimate with Automation Arts for AV equipment and installation at the Dodgeville Administration Building.

Mayor Hottmann presented an estimate from Automation Arts for AV equipment and installation at the Dodgeville Administration Building. During this discussion, Hottmann noted that this quote had been modified from the original quote, removing the AV equipment from the Mayor's office, and reducing TV in council conference room at the Dodgeville Administration Building from 98" to 85".

Motion by Weber to approve modified quote which removed AV equipment from Mayor's office and change in TV size in council conference room, second by Sersch. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve an estimate with Pieper Electric for network wiring and other low voltage wiring for cameras and access control at the Dodgeville Administration Building.

Mayor Hottmann presented an estimate from Pieper Electric for network wiring and other work needed at the Dodgeville Administration Building. During this discussion, Hottmann noted that this work was necessary to be completed in order to operate cameras, strike plates for door security, etc.

Motion by DeVoss to approve estimate from Pieper Electric, second by Johnson-Solberg. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

16. Discussion and possible action to approve an estimate with JF Ahern for repair or replace existing piping at the Dodgeville Administration Building.

Mayor Hottmann presented to the council an estimate from JF Ahern for repair/replacement of piping at the Dodgeville Administration Building. During this discussion, Hottmann noted that JF Ahern identified seven different leaks throughout the Administration Building. Two of these leaks were repaired, but then testing stopped and proposal was made to Hottmann regarding the remaining leaks.

Motion by DeVoss to approve estimate from JF Ahern for repair or replacing existing piping at the Dodgeville Administration Building, second by Johnson. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve additional cost for removal of ceiling drywall and installation of new drywall in bathrooms to accommodate piping replacement by JF Ahern at the Dodgeville Administration Building.

Motion by Johnson, second by Olson to table this to a future meeting. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

18. Discussion and possible action to approve an estimate from Vierbicher as it relates to sewer and storm water management for the Dodgeville Administration Building.

Motion by Johnson, second by Olson to table discussion relating to sewer and storm water management for Dodgeville Administration Building to future council meeting. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

19. Discussion and possible action for the adjusted construction timeline for the Dodgeville Administration Building project.

No action was taken relating to adjusted construction timeline, only discussion occurred. Mayor Hottmann reports that occupancy of Dodgeville Administration Building will likely be late September, early October.

20. Discussion and possible action to approve moving additional project costs associated with the Vierbicher estimate to the capital improvement plan for 2026.

In this discussion, Mayor Hottmann gave an overview of moving Phase I & Phase II costs from the Administration building including Vierbicher estimate for parking lot, landscaping, etc to the capital improvement plan for 2026, due to the city planning for another borrowing in early 2026.

Motion by Weber to move additional project costs associated with the Vierbicher estimate to capital improvement plan for 2026, second by Johnson-Solberg. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

21. Discussion and possible action to approve an estimate from True North Consultants for professional services as it relates to the library renovation/addition project.

Mayor Hottmann reports that when digging outside of the current library, there was a very strong smell of gas odor found, in which the digging then stopped. Mayor Hottmann states that the city (if approved) would like to work with True North to help aid in the process of having this soil tested for contamination.

Motion by Weber to approve estimate from True North Consultants for professional services related to the library renovation/addition project, second by Johnson. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

22. Discussion and possible action to approve an estimate from Zander Solutions to add spray foam and fire rated paint as the projects first change order for the library renovation/addition project.

Motion by Sersch to approve estimate from Zander Solutions to add spray foam and fire rated paint as part of change order for library renovation and addition project, second by Johnson-Solberg. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business

VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

IX. CLOSED SESSION

23. Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. State Statute 19.85(1)

There was no closed session

X. OPEN SESSION

24. Reconvene to Open Session

25. Any action needed as a result of closed session

There was no closed session, so there was not a need to reconvene to open session.

XI. ADJOURN

26. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Weber, second by Johnson to adjourn

Time: 8:00PM