



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 5, 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, Tom DeVoss, Jeff "Potsie" Weber, Mike Olson, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Larry Tremelling.

City Hall Staff Present: Brandon Wilhelm (Dodgeville Police Department), Brian Whitehouse (Dodgeville Fire Department), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works)

Others Present: Shawn Roelli (Johnson Block), Brian Roemer (Ehlers), Paul Boening (Ehlers), Dalton Thomas (Dodgeville Resident)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by DeVoss, Second by Johnson to approve the following consent agenda items. Voice Vote. Motion Carried 8-0

1. Approval of Minutes from 07/15/2025.
2. Approval of Claims from 08/05/2025.

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. 2024 Audit Review with Johnson Block

Shawn Roelli from Johnson Block attended the August 5, 2025 common council in person to go over the 2024 Audit Review for the City of Dodgeville. In this audit review, Shawn noted that they have now completed the 2024 audit for the City of Dodgeville, with the exception of one last step that would also be covered at the August 5th council meeting (carryover balances). In addition to this audit, Johnson Block also completed the prepared the annual report for the water utility, fiscal financial report, TIF district financial report, WEDC attestation for the Brownfield site, and step 2 of rate case for water utility. Some highlighted points that Shawn informed the council about were: governmental funds decreased (majority in TIF 3), general fund increased, capital projects decreased, library increased, TIF 3 fell to negative, and water and sewer both had profit for the year. Throughout this presentation, Shawn gave highlights more specified towards the general fund, and then at the end of the presentation, Shawn gave kudos to Mayor Hottmann and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Wolfe for stepping in and helping provide information so that Johnson Block could complete the audit for 2024.

4. Police Report

Chief Brandon Wilhelm reports 287 calls for the month of July 2025. Assigned 13 misdemeanor and 12 felony charges during those calls. Report management software is back up and running. Many community events have been held in the last month including Farmers Appreciation, Dodgefest, etc. The 2025 Hybrid squad should arrive in August 2025.

With the recent homicide investigation, Chief Wilhelm took some time in his report to give his thanks to Iowa County Sheriff's office, Dodgeville Police Department, and to the City and Common Council for all of their support.

5. Clerk/Treasurer Report

No report

6. Mayor Report

Mayor Hottmann reports that the new City Hall admin building is coming along well, and that things seem to be moving on schedule. The library renovation has come to a halt currently, as they are waiting on steel. Mayor Hottmann reports that he was incorrect on the Vibrant Spaces grant. Information for this is actually due end of year 2026, NOT end of year 2025. Like Chief Wilhelm stated, Farmers Appreciation, Town Square, and Dodgefest events were all well attended.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the Special Event License application for the 2025 Dodgeville School District Homecoming Parade.

Motion by DeVoss, Second by Reynolds-Lair to approve the Special Event License application for the 2025 Dodgeville School District Homecoming Parade

8. Approval of a Temporary "B" Beer to the Dodgeville Volunteer Fire Department for the Iowa County Cancer Coalition event on August 16, 2025

Motion by Weber, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve the Temporary "B" Beer to the Dodgeville Fire Department for the Iowa County Cancer Coalition event on August 16, 2025

9. Approval of the 2025 Mustang Football Contract.

Mayor Hottmann notes that there are no major changes to this contract. The Parks and Rec Commission is just trying to do their due diligence since the season is scheduled to start on August 12th.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve the 2025 Mustang Football Contract.

10. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$8,140,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A.

Representatives from Ehlers, including Brian Roemer and Paul Boening, attended the August 5th, 2025 common council meeting virtually to discuss borrowing parameters for Sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A. In this presentation, Ehlers noted that this borrowing is to fund the city's Capital Improvement Plan beginning in 2025. Notes will be 20 years. Sale is scheduled for September 10, 2025. Closing date is scheduled for September 25, 2025.

Motion by DeVoss, Second by Sersch to approve Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$8,140,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A. Roll Call Vote 8-0. Motion carried.

11. Consideration of Resolution 2025-10: Assigning Fund Balance of Unexpected Balances as of December 31, 2024 according to the Government Accounting Standards Board Statement #54.

Shawn Roelli from Johnson Block attended the August 5th Common Council meeting to discuss Unexpected Balances as of December 31, 2024, also known as carryover balances.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve Resolution 2025-10: Assigning Fund Balance of Unexpected Balances as of December 31, 2024 according to the Government Accounting Standards Board Statement #54. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion Carried.

12. Discussion and possible action to purchase new garbage cans for downtown.

Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works) presented to the council some ideas of different garbage cans the city could purchase to place downtown. After reviewing these options, common council members thought it would be better to table this to a future meeting, so that they could better see what would fit well with the library renovation, and any other updates that the city would make to the downtown area.

Motion by Sersch, second by Reynolds-Lair to table purchasing of new garbage cans for downtown Dodgeville to future meeting.

13. Consideration from the New City Hall Ad-Hoc Committee to approve tree removal quote from Funks Tree Service, LLC.

Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works) presented a proposal to the common council regarding the trees that the New City Hall Ad-Hoc committee wishes to propose to have removed at the new City Hall admin building. Dylan states that there are a total of 5 trees to be removed.

Motion by Olson, Second by Johnson to approve tree removal quote from Funks Tree Service, LLC pending approval by Eric Hagen (City attorney) regarding purchasing policies.

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

VIII. ADJOURN

14. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Weber, second by Tremelling to adjourn.

Time: 6:55pm