



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 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, and Larry Tremelling.

City Hall Staff Present: Brian Cushman (EMS Director), Megan James (Recreation Director), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works), Brian Whitehouse (Fire Chief), Carrie Portz (Library Director), Brandon Wilhelm (Police Chief)

Others Present: Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville Resident), Dalton Thomas (Dodgeville Resident)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from November 4, 2025.
2. Approval of Claims from November 18, 2025.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve the 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 Steve DeMuth presented several concerns to the Common Council, which included the Horse barn, the library project, City Hall project, street projects, and the city attorney contract. During this presentation from DeMuth, some of the concerns he brought forth to council were about the people that are currently living at the horse barn property and asking why the city was not taking over that property, as he knew that there were delinquent taxes owed on this property. Mayor Hottmann informed DeMuth that this was private property and that in order to clear up delinquent taxes, Iowa County would need to step in and either enforce taxes be paid, or list this property on a sheriff's sale. During DeMuth's presentation, he asked Mayor Hottmann about the library and city hall projects, and why more information about total spend, progress updates, etc. were not being shared with the public. Mayor Hottmann informed DeMuth that status updates on the library will be given each month at Council Meetings to inform the public about how the library project is coming. Mayor Hottmann also noted that he will also work on a City Hall update/summary to provide to Council and the public regarding costs spent, etc for the new City Hall building. Lastly, DeMuth voiced concerns about streets within the City of Dodgeville and asked how council decides each year what streets to re-do. He also voiced concerns about the approval of the 2026 contract with Boardman Clark for

contracted services for the City attorney, and asked if this contracted service had been put up for bids, or why the city was approving these contracts each year for Boardman Clark.

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Clerk/Treasurer Report

During the Clerk/Treasurer report, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Wolfe reported that the Spring Election was right around the corner that she would be handing out packets for those incumbents later the week of 11/18 or early the week of 11/25, as nomination papers could begin being circulated on December 1st. Wolfe also noted that 2025 tax statements would be coming out soon, however, there may be some delay due to the cyber security incident at the county in early 2025. She let the council and those attending the meeting that the city would have tax statements mailed out as quickly as possible upon receipt.

4. Mayor Report

During the mayor report, Mayor Hottmann provided an update of projects he had come up with for the Eagle Scout project that was presented at the November 4th meeting. During this presentation of ideas to the council, Mayor Hottmann asked for additional suggestions of other projects that could possibly be looked at, but also stated that he would follow up with the presenter from the 11/4/25 meeting to share his ideas with the presenter.

During the mayor report, Mayor Hottmann informed the council about the concern of pedestrian crossings in downtown as well as danger at crosswalks. Mayor Hottmann stated to the council some of his ideas to improve this safety was about improving the lighting downtown, lighted crosswalks, and also noted that he had been notified about the globe light by Cathryn's Market not working currently.

Lastly during the mayor report, Mayor Hottmann stated that the City of Dodgeville had been approved for a congressional earmark for a Fire & EMS training tower. At this time, Mayor Hottmann had no other information, but stated that more information was to come in future meetings.

5. Library Update

During the library update, library director Carrie Portz informed the council that the request for reimbursement number 3 as part of the library grant had been approved and that she hoped to see this reimbursement anywhere from a few week to up to one month. During this update, Portz also noted that things were moving along with the library project. Portz stated that footings and walls had begun to be installed as well as windows, etc. Portz stated that the interior demo was close to being done as well.

Lastly, Portz informed the council that the library staff had recently participated in some local events including Trunk or Treat (both in Dodgeville and Mineral Point) as well as some training opportunities for staff which included a library association conference, staff inservice day, and job pod training in relation to Workforce Development. Portz also informed council that they are planning an open house at the Library annex and are also planning to be a part of the Home for the Holidays Parade later this month.

6. Recreation Update

During the recreation update, Megan James (Recreation Director) informed council about winter/spring registration now being open. James stated that the month of December was going to quiet in terms of events/activities being held. Lastly, James informed that Danielle Reddell (Utility Clerk) would be covering for James while she was out on maternity leave.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2026 city attorney contract with Boardman Clark.

Motion by Johnson, second by Reynolds-Lair to table this discussion item to future meeting. Voice Vote 8-0. Motion carried.

Additional motion to discuss at next Admin & Personnel meeting made by Olson, second by Reynolds-Lair. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2026 Preliminary Budget

During this discussion, community resident Steve DeMuth brought up some questions/concerns he had about the 2026 proposed budget. According to open meetings law, public comment during a discussion topic is not allowed, however, council member Olson made motion to allow DeMuth's questions, which was seconded by Johnson to allow for public comment.

After discussion ended, Mayor Hottmann asked for a motion to propose Budget Hearing to be held at a special council meeting on Tuesday, December 9th. DeVoss made a motion to propose Budget Hearing, Sersch seconded. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

Second by

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2026 Stray Animal Contract with the Iowa County Humane Society.

Motion by Olson, second by Johnson-Solberg to table 2026 Stray Animal Contract with the Iowa County Humane Society to future council meeting, to allow for collection of additional info, and gather clarification on some of the topics within the contract. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

10. Discussion regarding placement of a statue within the city to honor the life of Archie Hahn

This was a discussion only topic to brainstorm ideas of where to place this statue. No action was taken.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2026 Ambulance Rate Schedule.

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Tremelling to approve the 2026 Dodgeville Area Ambulance Service Rate Schedule, Dodgeville EMS Volunteer Retainment Pay Structure, Dodgeville EMS Medication/Supply List Price List, and Dodgeville EMS CPR Price Schedule. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

IX. ADJOURN

12. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Sersch, second by Weber to adjourn.

Time: 6:43pm