



## MINUTES

### Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 5:30PM

City Hall, 410 E Leffler Street, Dodgeville, WI

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Hottmann. Members present: Shaun Sersch, Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Tom DeVoss, Jeff “Potsie” Weber, Mike Olson, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Michelle Peterson. Others present: Brandon Wilhelm (Dodgeville PD), Shawn Roelli (Johnson Block), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works), Carrie Portz (Dodgeville Public Library), Pat Sieling (Dodgeville resident), Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville resident), Logan Hanson (Vierbicher)

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2026
2. Approval of minutes from Special Council Meeting on July 27, 2026
3. Approval of Claims from August 4, 2026
4. Approval of a Special Event license for the following event: September Relay hosted by Alan McCormick on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at Wilson Park

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.*

There was no public comment

#### V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

5. 2025 Audit Review with Johnson Block

During the 2025 Audit Review, Shawn Roelli from Johnson Block addressed the common council with their findings from the 2025 audit. During this report, Roelli noted that along with the audit of financials for the City of Dodgeville, Johnson Block also completed a grant audit of the recent grant awarded to the Dodgeville Public library for their expansion project, in which Roelli noted that there was no record of non-compliance and no findings during this audit. Regarding the City of Dodgeville audit, Roelli noted that both water and sewer utilities had a profit for the 2025 year. Roelli also reported that the city had a healthy fund balance, and that licenses and permit fees increased for 2025 due to the city outsourcing their building permitting process to 3C Inspect. Roelli also noted that the city's leisure/activities fees also increased for 2025, due to the city hiring a full time recreation director. During this report, Roelli also noted some recommendations in preparation of future audits, including having the city review their cybersecurity

policy, looking at processes/procedures for the Clean Water Fund and Safe Drinking Water Loan Program, reviewing the city's capitalization policy and making any necessary changes, and lastly doing monthly reconciliations of the city's Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) accounts. Lastly, Roelli gave kudos to Interim Clerk/Treasurer Wolfe as well as other city hall staff for their hard work and assistance in completing the city's 2025 audit.

#### 6. Police Report

During the Police Report, Chief Brandon Wilhelm noted that calls for service in 2026 so far had increased 20% from 2025. Chief Wilhelm also noted that arrests had gone up 140% and citations had gone up 20%. During this report, Wilhelm noted that E-bike flyers had been sent out to Dodgeville residents with the most recent utility bills, and noted that a bike safety day is being planned for students in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, to be held in Mineral Point. Lastly, Chief Wilhelm gave kudos to the Streets and Fire Department teams with their helps for recent special events such as Farmers Appreciation, Town Square, etc, and noted that over 100 hours of employee time goes into Farmers Appreciation alone.

#### 7. Interim Clerk/Treasurer Report

During the Interim Clerk/Treasurer Report, Wolfe noted that early in person absentee voting was occurring at City Hall (410 E Leffler St) until Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Wolfe also noted that she will be attending a clerk's conference the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, Wolfe mentioned that she would soon be helping provide aid with the City's Workman's Compensation Audit.

#### 8. Mayor Report

During the Mayor Report, Mayor Hottmann informed council of the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony planned at Fox Pointe Villas, the housing development located on Grace Street, on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Hottmann also informed council of the ribbon cutting to be held at Upland Hills highlighting the new Emergency Room on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, Mayor Hottmann also gave kudos to City staff with their numerous hours spent helping to get ready for Town Square and DodgeFest.

### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

9. Discussion and possible action to approve revised traffic pattern for future Cruisin' the Courthouse events, due to construction of Iowa County Courthouse parking lot.

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Johnson-Solberg to modify language on updated traffic pattern to the following: Street Closure for 100 Block of East & West Merrimac AND parking stalls on 200 Block of N Iowa Street, in which the original language had full closure of 200 Block of N Iowa Street. Once this language was changed, Reynolds-Lair and Johnson-Solberg approved this revised traffic pattern due to construction of Iowa County Courthouse. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

10. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve resolution 2026-10 for Downtown Iowa St snow removal policy

Motion by Weber, second by Peterson to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve resolution 2026-10 for Downtown Iowa St snow removal policy. Roll call vote 7-1 (Reynolds-Lair voted no). Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve lease from Brooks Tractor for a new front end loader

Motion by DeVoss, second by Olson to approve a 60 month lease with Brooks Tractor for a new front end loader in the amount of \$2,678.95 per month. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding the Bennett Rd and USH 18 Infrastructure project bid selection

Motion by Sersch, second by Johnson to approve bid selection for Bennett Rd and USH 18 Infrastructure as the base bid in the amount of \$550,537.50. Roll call vote 7-1 (Johnson-Solberg voted no). Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding the City Hall Parking Lot & Bea Ann Drive projects bid selection

Motion by Weber, second by Peterson to approve bid selection or City Hall Parking Lot & Bea Ann Drive in the amount of \$191,300.00. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action relating to the enforcement of the 2 hour parking limit along a portion of W Chapel St and W Merrimac St relating to the courthouse parking lot project

Motion by DeVoss, second by Olson to approve removing enforcement of 2 hour parking limit along portion of W Chapel St and W Merrimac St relating to the courthouse parking lot project from August 4, 2026 to September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve work quote from CivicPlus for the Municipal Websites Central and Agenda & Meeting Management (AMM) Select mitigations

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Weber to table approval of work quote from CivicPlus for the Municipal Websites Central and Agenda & Meeting Management (AMM) Select mitigations to the August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 council meeting. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

16. Discussion and possible action to approve the appointment of Matthew Gregg as a poll worker for the remaining 2026-2027 election cycle year

Motion by Johnson, second by DeVoss to approve appointment of Matthew Gregg as a poll worker for the remaining 2026-2027 election cycle year. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve the employment contract with Laura Williamson as the City of Dodgeville City Administrator

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve employment contract with Laura Williamson as the City of Dodgeville City Administrator. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

18. Discussion and possible action to create a street name for the frontage road being created at the former truck stop off Bennett Road

Motion by Sersch, second by Reynolds-Lair to table this item to the August 18<sup>th</sup> council meeting, in which council members were asked to send name suggestions for this frontage road to Mayor Hottmann prior to the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

19. Discussion and possible action to approve the appointment by the mayor of Larry McConnell and Brian Lundell (alternate) to the Police and Fire Commission

Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve appointments of Larry McConnell and Brian Lundell (alternate) to the Police and Fire Commission. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

## **VIII. ADJOURN**

20. Motion to Adjourn

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

Time 7:01pm