



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 07, 2025 at 5:30 PM
City Hall, 100 E Fountain St, Dodgeville, WI 53533

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hottmann at 5:30 pm. PRESENT: Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Shaun Sersch, Tom DeVoss, Jeff Weber, Dan Meuer, Jerry Johnson, Larry Tremelling ABSENT: Julie Johnson-Solberg

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve the following consent agenda items. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

1. *Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2024.*
2. *Approval of Claims from January 7, 2025.*

General - \$2,759,836.91; Water - \$16,199.97; Sewer - \$20,297.70; Total - \$2,796,334.58

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Wendy Nipple addressed the Council regarding concerns of snow removal along Iowa Street. She had concerns about snow removal specifically to meet ADA requirements. (This topic was later discussed and will be addressed at the Public Works Committee or future Council Meeting).

IV. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

3. *Police Report* - Chief Wilhelm presented his December 2024 statistics. There was an increase of 24% calls for service based on the new software reporting. The City Emergency response plan is still being worked on and should be ready for Council in Feb. New crosswalk flags are also in use. Semi trucks in downtown were discussed.
4. *Clerk/Treasurer Report* - Aulik reported that the January tax settlement was completed. Approximately \$3.8M was collected out of \$10M to be collected. The portion retained by the City is \$1.35M. Payments will continue through January until they are rolled over to the County.

There is looking like there will be a Spring Primary on February 18th for the State Superintendent race. For the April 1st election, three incumbent alderman have submitted to run again: Johnson-Solberg, DeVoss and Sersch. The City received a letter of non-candidacy from Dan Meuer of District 3. However, two candidates are running for that seat: Mike Olson and Jason Reed.

5. *Mayor Report* - Mayor Hottmann stated that he is still working on an interim location for the library. The mayor and DPW also have been met with Upland Hills Health regarding their expansion project. Public Works is assisting the Village of Ridgeway until they can acquire more staff. Mayor Hottmann addressed a future proclamation regarding child abuse.
6. *2024 Dodgeville Senior Citizens Annual Expense Report* – This report was reviewed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

7. *Consideration of a request from the Police Department to sell the 2017 police squad.* Chief Wilhelm has received his new squad and would like to sell the 2017 squad and use WI Surplus. Motion by Meuer, second by Tremelling to approve selling the 2017 police squad at the location chosen by the Chief. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
8. *Consideration of a request from the Police Department to approve the wellness day addition to the Dodgeville Police Department Wellness Policy.* Chief Wilhelm is seeking permission to approve this policy change. This was discussed at the Admin & Personnel committee in the past. This would allow an officer to take a day off of duties to have a therapy session by his/her anniversary date. The sessions would be covered by a grant for the next two years. Motion by Meuer, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve the addition of the wellness day to the Dodgeville Police Department policy. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
9. *Consideration of a recommendation from the Admin & Personnel Committee to approve a stipend for the acting Building Inspector.* Motion by Meuer, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve a stipend of \$1,200/month retroactive to June 2024 for the acting building inspector until an Assistant DPW is hired or another solution is found. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

10. *Consideration of a request from the Library Director to have authorization to enter into contracts or agreements related to the library project that are under \$10,000 without requiring further council approval, subject to legal review and consultation with DPW as needed.*

This item was approved at the previous Council meeting, but the motion needed more detail so the City attorney is recommending redoing this motion as stated. Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by DeVoss to authorize the Library Director to enter into contracts or agreements related to the library project that are under \$10,000 without requiring further council approval, subject to legal review and consultation with DPW as needed. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. ADJOURN

11. *Motion to Adjourn.* Motion by Meuer, second by Weber to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.