

## MINUTES



### Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 5:30PM

City Hall, 410 E Leffler Street, Dodgeville, WI

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

Mayor Hottmann called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Members present: Shaun Sersch, Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Tom DeVoss, Jeff "Potsie" Weber, Mike Olson, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Larry Tremelling.

Others present: Carrie Portz (Library Director), Dan Meuer (Dodgeville resident), Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville resident), Pat Sieling (Dodgeville resident)

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2025.
2. Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2025.
3. Approval of Claims from December 16, 2025
4. Approval of Dance License application for 2025-2026: Dinos CAAL Service LLC dba Dino's

Motion by DeVoss, second by Tremelling 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, Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville resident) expressed concerns of why comments shared at public comment during common council meetings were not included in the minutes. Council Member Reynolds-Lair provided examples where this information was being shared when meeting minutes are provided after they have been approved.

Lastly during public comment, Dan Meuer (Dodgeville resident) expressed concerns of why items are being added to the packet the day of the council meeting, and stated that council members should have time to review packet materials sooner than the day of the meeting. Lastly, Meuer stated that historically, the agenda/packets have always tried to be posted the Friday before the council meeting, and encouraged that this would be best practice for future council meetings.

#### V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Library Update

During the library update, Library Director Carrie Portz indicated that a new project update had been included in the packet for the December 16<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Portz also noted that since that packet had been created, an additional grant reimbursement from the State of Wisconsin. In regards to the current library project, Portz noted that the main floor of the library is about 95% framed, and that

plumbing and electrical work on the main floor had been started. Portz noted that the Furnishings Committee was planning to meet one additional time, and then this would be put out for bid in 2026. The library board approved a memorandum of understanding for a job pod with the Division of Workforce Development. This will allow job pod services to be provided by library staff, and that the rollout of this program would occur in February 2026. Lastly, Portz informed council members that her and her library staff were actively working on database clean-up prior to the end of 2025.

#### 6. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Report

During the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer report, Wolfe reminded Council members and those in attendance that City Hall would be closed on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, and Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Wolfe also noted that property tax bills had been put in the mail on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, Wolfe reminded anyone not planning to re-run for the April 2026 election to turn in their non-candidacy forms by Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> or before, and also for anyone planning to re-run during the April 2026 election that candidacy forms were due on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by 5pm.

#### 7. Mayor Report

During the Mayor Report, Mayor Hottmann stated that he had provided a project update including cost update of expenses for the new Administration building prior to the start of the meeting. Mayor Hottmann also gave kudos to Emily, Grace, Dylan, and Hannah (election worker) for helping out to get tax statements in the mail on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

#### 8. Discussion and possible action on JF Ahern contract

Motion by DeVoss, second by Olson to approve non-binding 3-year contract with JF Ahern. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

#### 9. Discussion and possible action to approve the MOU with ICHS

Motion by Weber, second by Johnson to approve Memo of Understanding with Iowa County Humane Society. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

#### 10. Discussion and possible action to approve a recommendation from the finance committee to commit TID 2 monies for affordable housing projects in our community.

Motion by Johnson-Solberg to match short funds of approximately \$45,000, second by DeVoss. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

#### 11. Discussion and possible action for administration building change order #4

Motion by Sersch, second by Weber to approve administration building change order #4. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

#### 12. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2025-14: Designating Officials Authorized to Declare Official Intent Under Reimbursement Bond Regulations

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Olson to request of Mayor Hottmann that library funding by City on Capital Improvement Plan be corrected to \$3.7 million, which was originally agreed upon as contribution by City of Dodgeville in previous Common Council Meeting. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

Additional motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve Declaration of Intent not to exceed \$4,377,000. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

Final motion by DeVoss, second by Olson to approve Resolution 2025-14: Designating Officials Authorized to Declare Official Intent Under Reimbursement Bond Regulations. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action to approve vacation carryover for City of Dodgeville staff.

Motion by Johnson, Weber to approve vacation carryover for various City of Dodgeville staff including Brian Cushman (EMS Director), Rita (EMS employee), Luke (EMS employee), David Mortimer (Parks/Cemetery), Grace Gervasi (HR/Finance), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works), Emily Wolfe (Deputy Clerk/Treasurer), Jeremy Mulder (Maintenance Director), Carrie Portz (Library Director), and 2 library employees. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve a recommendation from the plan commission to create Sections 17.07(bf) and 17.08(l) of the zoning code of the City of Dodgeville relating to defining self-service storage facilities.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Olson to table this item to the January 20<sup>th</sup> Common Council meeting in order to receive clarification from Eric Hagen (City Attorney), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works), and to allow this to be re-reviewed at the January 2026 Plan Commission meeting, scheduled for Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve a letter of engagement with Johnson Block for year end 2025 accounting services.

Motion by Sersch, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve a letter of engagement with Johnson Block for year-end 2025 accounting services. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

16. Discussion and possible action to approve a Letter of Engagement with Johnson Block & Company for audit services for Tax Increment District 3

Motion by DeVoss, second by Reynolds-Lair to remove this item from discussion, due to additional clarifying information received from Johnson Block by Mayor Hottmann. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2025-13: Appointment of Election Officials for the 2026-2027 Election Cycle

Motion by Tremelling, second by Weber to approve Resolution 2025-13: Appointment of Election Officials for the 2026-2027 Election Cycle. Roll call vote 6-0 (2 abstained). Motion carried.

18. Discussion and possible action to approve accident insurance renewal with Provident.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Sersch to approve 3-year accident insurance renewal premium paid by installment with Provident. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

19. Discussion and approval of the customer acknowledgement and consent from Faherty Incorporated who has agreed to sell certain of its assets to BFI Waste Services, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Weber to table this item to a future council meeting, in order to gather more information about how this sale of certain assets to BFI Waste Services, LLC by Faherty Incorporated will affect services within the City of Dodgeville for Dodgeville residents in the future. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

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20. Discussion and possible action to approve Extension of Premises request for Dinos CAAL Service LLC dba Dino's for 2025-2026

Motion by Sersch, second by Weber to approve Extension of Premises request for Dinos CAAL Service LLC dba Dino's for 2025-2026. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

21. Approval of the following liquor license application for 2025-2026: Class "B" Retailer's Fermented Malt Beverage & "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License for: Dino's CAAL Service LLC dba Dino's – Carson J. Blabaum, Agent

Motion by Weber, second by Olson to approve the Class "B" Retailer's Fermented Malt Beverage & "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License for Dino's CAAL Service LLC dba Dino's – Carson J. Blabaum, Agent. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

22. Discussion and possible action to approve the updated Terminix/Wil-Kil contract

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve the updated Terminix/Wil-Kil contract. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

## **VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW**

Prior to entertaining a motion to adjourn the Common Council Meeting for Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Hottmann announced his plan to re-run as Mayor for the City of Dodgeville during the April 2026 election.

## **IX. ADJOURN**

23. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Sersch, second by Johnson-Solberg to adjourn.

Time: 6:46pm

