



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 5:30 PM

City Hall, 100 E Fountain St, Dodgeville, WI

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING

1. *Staff presentation of the City's 2024 Budget.* Mayor Novak and Clerk Aulik discussed the 2024 budget. Few changes were made since the preliminary budget was passed in October.
2. *Public Comment regarding the City's 2024 Budget* – None.
3. *Adjourn the Public Hearing* - Motion by Meuer, second by Weber to adjourn the public hearing. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Weber, Meuer, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve the following consent agenda. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Weber, Meuer, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg

4. Approval of Minutes from November 7, 2023
5. Approval of Claims from November 21, 2023: General - \$368,538.39, Sewer - \$24,187.53, Water - \$148,878.38 = Total of \$541,604.30

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

6. *City Hall Closed November 23 & 24 for Thanksgiving*
7. *Notice of Election - April 2, 2024:* Local candidates may begin circulating nomination papers beginning Dec 1. Aulik reminded incumbents that papers for local races may be circulated starting December 1st. Packets are available in the office or there is a nice webpage on the

City's website. Incumbents no longer wish to run should file with the Clerk by Dec 21st.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

8. *Discussion and possible action to grant permission to the Dodgeville Area Chamber of Commerce to place tourism related QR code plaques in city parks.* Jenna Vondra from the Chamber was present to ask for permission to place QR codes at City parks. The Chamber plans to strategically place the QR kiosks around Iowa County. They will work with the City for proper placement when on City property. Motion by Meuer, second by Johnson-Solberg to grant permission to the Dodgeville Area Chamber of Commerce to place QR code plaques within the City's parks. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Weber, Meuer, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg

9. *Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance 2023-04 Relating to Salaries of Mayor, Alderpersons, and Members of the Board of Review, Board of Zoning Appeals, Plan Commission and Police & Fire Commission.* The Admin & Personnel committee met previously to make the recommendations related to committee, alderman and mayor pay. Motion by Meuer, second by Reynolds-Lair to amend the Aldermanic pay to \$450 per month and to approve Ordinance 2023-04 Relating to Salaries of Mayor, Alderpersons, and Members of the Board of Review, Board of Zoning Appeals, Plan Commission, and Police and Fire Commission as amended. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Weber, Meuer, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg

10. *Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2023-18: Awarding the Sale of \$1,170,000 General Obligation Community Development Bonds, Series 2023C*
Dave Ferris from Ehlers was present to discuss the bond sale for the TID 3 infrastructure. The City had 6 bidders which allowed for lower interest rates and smaller issue than originally planned. The issue was decreased by \$105K and the City will close on Dec 13th. The sale award went to Baird for \$1,065,000. Ferris also reviewed the credit rating from the rating bureau. The City received a AA- score, but Ferris reviewed items that could make the score go up in the future. He recommended a better review of budget to actual financials and development of a long range capital improvement plan (CIP). In response, the City will begin holding regular Finance Committee meetings.

Motion by Meuer, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2023-18: Awarding the Sale of \$1,065,000 GO Community Development Bods, Series 2023C. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Weber, Meuer, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg

11. *Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2023-19: Approving the 2024 Budget and Setting the Tax Levy.* Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2023-19: Approving the 2024 Budget and Setting the Tax Levy. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Weber, Meuer, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg
12. *Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2023-20: Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance of Real Estate.* The sale of land to Addy's Rentals is for four lots in TID 3 for the development of two-family duplexes. A signed developer's agreement and right of refusal for adjacent property will be part of the sale documents. Motion by Johnson, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve Resolution 2023-20: Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance of Real Estate. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Weber, Meuer, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg
13. *Discussion and possible action to approve a "Release of Platted Utility Easement" related to Lots 12-16 of the Northeast Acres Subdivision.* The release of utility easements is related to lots recently re-platted (6 lots changed to 4 lots) in TID 3. Motion by Meuer, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve the Release of Platted Utility Easement. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Weber, Meuer, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg
14. *Discussion and possible action to approve a 2023-2024 Dance License and 2023-2024 Class "B" Retailers Malt Beverage & "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License for Dodger Bowl Lanes and Catering LLC, doing business as Dodger Bowl - Ashley Price, Agent.* Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve a 2023-2024 Dance and Class "B" Retailers Malt Beverage & "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License for Dodger Bowl Lanes and Catering LLC. Voice call vote. Motion carried 7-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Weber, Meuer, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg
15. *Discussion and possible action to grant permission to fill a street department vacancy.* PW Director Lee asked for permission to fill a Street Dept vacancy. Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve filling the Street Dept vacancy. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Weber, Meuer, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg
16. *Discussion and possible action for the City to consider whether to "opt out" of the 3M and DuPont PFAS Class Action Settlement.* Motion by Sersch, second by Johnson-Solberg to

remain in both the 3M and DuPont PFAS Class Action Settlements. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Weber, Meuer, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

None

VIII. ADJOURN

17. *Motion to Adjourn.* Motion by Weber, second by Reynolds-Lair to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. Voting Yea: Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Weber, Meuer, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg

Time: 6:15