



## MINUTES

### Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 03, 2024 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 at 5:30 pm by Mayor Hottmann. PRESENT: Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Shaun Sersch, Tom DeVoss, Jeff Weber, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Larry Tremelling ABSENT: Dan Meuer

#### 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 August 20, 2024.*
2. *Approval of Claims from September 3, 2024.* General - \$305,669.76, Water - \$36,024.95, Sewer - \$25,474.00, Total - \$367,168.71

#### III. APPOINTMENT(S)

3. *Appointment of Jeremy Peplinski to fill the vacant seat for the Dodgeville Historic Preservation Commission.* Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Weber to appoint Jeremy Peplinski to the Dodgeville Historic Preservation Commission. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
4. *Appointment of five new members to the Parks and Recreation Committee.* The Mayor does not have these appointments ready at this time.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

5. *Police Report.* Chief Wilhelm reviewed August's stats. Calls are up 14% compared to 2023. Citation and arrests are trending upward as well. Some of this is due to traffic enforcement. The 2025 squad has arrived.

6. *Clerk/Treasurer Report* - Staff Training on Sept 12th & 13th; Clerk's Office Closed Sept 12th 11AM-4:30PM
7. *Mayor Report*. Mayor Hottmann reminded Council members to attend a Citizen meeting with Dodgeville Schools on Sept 5, 2024. He reminded Council member that additional budget meetings may be required this fall. Council members are invited to visit with the Ice Wolves to see the Ley Pavilion and what improvements could be made at that facility.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

8. *Discussion and possible action regarding the use of ARPA funds for the purchase of a Software License for the City Cameras from TC Networks "WAVE System"*. Chief Wilhelm stated that the software for the City Camera system is out of date. He would like to use ARPA funds to update the WAVE system. The cost is \$17,218.26. Motion by DeVoss, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve using ARPA funds to purchase the WAVE software for the City Cameras. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.
9. *Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a Squad Patrol Vehicle for the Police Department*. Chief Wilhelm would like to get the next squad ordered. This item will be budgeted as a capital request in 2025, although the item could arrive in 2024. He is gathering quotes and will also need outfitting on the vehicle. Motion by DeVoss, second by Tremelling to approve the Police Department ordering a new squad not to exceed \$70,000. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0 (1 abstain - Weber).
10. *Consideration of a recommendation from the Administration & Personnel Committee to offer an optional employee paid vision plan in 2025*. Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Sersch to approve offering an optional employee paid vision plan in 2025. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.
11. *Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance 2024-02: Amending Section 2.05 of the Municipal Code of the City of Dodgeville, Iowa County, WI Relating to Standing Committees*. This ordinance changed cleaned up some language on standing committees and added an alternate to the Admin & Personnel Committee. Motion by Sersch, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 2024-02: Amending Section 2.05 of the Municipal Code. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

12. *Discussion and possible action to approve a contract with the Ice Wolves Youth Hockey for the 2024-2025 season.* The contracted was updated to remove old language and better align with current practices. Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve the 2024-2025 Ice Wolves Contract. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.
  
13. *Bid selection for Cemetery Road Reconstruction.* The City has been replacing a road each year in the Cemetery. Sersch expressed concerns of truck traffic ruining the newly paved roads. Mayor Hottmann stated the City should adopt a new ordinance addressing concerns in the cemetery by Spring 2025 including compost and truck traffic. Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve a bids from Rule Construction to remove and replace existing base at \$38,200 and Iverson Construction to install a 3 inch asphalt base at \$31,433.46. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-1 (Sersch).

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

14. *Discussion and possible action related to changes to the City's Room Tax.* Mayor Hottmann spoke to the Town of Dodgeville regarding the joint district. The Chamber of Commerce was also represented in the meeting. The Town stated they would approve the rate the City chose. Also to be decided, eliminating the 3% room tax and permitting short term rentals. Motion by DeVoss, second by Sersch to charge 8%, remove the 3% pay back and permit short term rentals. This will come back in ordinance form. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
  
15. *Discussion and possible action related to the former armory building project.* DPW Lee provided sketches of the former armory building to begin the discussion of possibly moving the City to the building. Discussion was made to have a committee of staff and some Council members to begin addressing a Phase 1 approach. Motion by DeVoss to form an ad-hoc committee to address a first phase of the former armory building to be made up of 3 council members and 3 staff, second by Johnson. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Councilman Weber discussed upcoming emergency management training being offered by the County. Chief Wilhelm addressed the procession from US Army Corporal Raess coming through Dodgeville the evening of Sept 5th.

## **IX. ADJOURN**

16. *Motion to Adjourn.* Motion by Weber, second by Reynolds-Lair to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 6:54 pm