



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 5:30 PM

City Hall, 100 E Fountain St, Dodgeville, WI 53533

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve the following consent agenda items. Voice vote. Motion carried 8-0.

1. Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2025.
2. Approval of a Special Event License for the "Babies Gone Too Soon" memorial walk and ceremony on May 24, 2025
3. Approval of Claims from March 18, 2025
General - \$447,181.49, Water - \$19,632.30, Sewer - \$18,175.59, Total - \$484,989.38

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Sieling addressed a concern regarding the cost of public fire protection and would like the fire hydrants updated.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

4. *Appointments to the newly created Dodgeville Joint Room Tax Commission (inaugural terms to expire in April 2026).* Mayor Hottmann would like to appoint Beth Mikrut-Gilles and Stephany Marten to the newly created Dodgeville Joint Room Tax Commission. The inaugural term of these appointments will expire in April 2026. The Town of Dodgeville also has two appointments- Dave Pope and Autumn Gallon. Collectively the four appointees will appoint 2 more individuals from the industry so that they have a full Commission. Motion by Meuer, second by Weber to accept the appointments. Voice vote. Motion carried 8-0.

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

5. *Recreation Report.* Rec Director James provided updates on programming: basketball training, fitness classes, and working summer program participation. A babysitting class is coming soon. Summer job openings are posted and wages are being discussed. The summer activity program is being finalized. Summer registration on April 1st. James is also looking at a discounted ticket program where the City will retain \$1 on every sale. The sales would occur at the pool.
6. *Clerk/Treasurer Report:* Aulik provided the following times: Open Book: April 7th via Phone; Board of Review: April 30th 10AM-Noon. Spring Cemetery Clean Up: begins April 1st. Early In-Person Absentee Voting: March 18th-28th. Voting is never allowed the day before an election. Aulik provided updates on open book and board or review (Open Book: April 7th via Phone; Board of Review: April 30th 10AM-Noon). Spring Cemetery Clean Up: begins April 1st. Early In-Person Absentee Voting: March 18th-28th. Voting is never allowed the day before an election. Aulik also addressed having a set deadline for future agenda items and packet information. She will bring this back through ordinance committee.
7. *Mayor Report:* Mayor Hottmann stated that the Chamber of Commerce after 5 pm. Many attendees learned about the library project. Mayor Hottmann introduced the new Assistant Director of Public Works, Dylan Wadzinski.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

8. *Discussion and possible action to approve a Special Event License for Cars & Coffee for the second Saturday morning every month May through October.* Cars & Coffee are seeking a special event license for their Sat morning events this summer. They are asking for a waiver of the City's liability insurance - which a requirement for the license. The City needs to be cautious to not set a precedence with this waiver request. Motion by Johnson, second by Reynolds-Lair to table this item send this back to the Ordinance Committee to develop a formal waiver process for cases such as these. Voice vote. Motion carried 8-0.
9. *Discussion and possible action to approve a volunteer deposit policy for the Dodgeville Swim Team.* Rec Director James addressed Council regarding a procedure to handle concession volunteer needs for Swim Team meets. The requirement would be to prepay \$100 and then families must cover 4 concession shifts. For each shift covered, the would be refunded \$25 at the end of the season. Various scenarios were discussed and concern was expressed requiring the information up front. A disclaimer was also discussed.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Meuer to approve the volunteer deposit policy proposal for the Dodgeville Swim Team with discretion granted to the Rec Director to make changes with approval from the City attorney. Voice vote. Motion carried 8-0.

10. *Discussion and possible action to approve the 2025 Iowa County Youth Soccer Association contract.* The contract was not reviewed until just prior to the meeting. There are some items that should be addressed before it is final. Motion by Meuer, second by Reynolds-Lair to table the 2025 Iowa County Youth Soccer Association contract until April 2nd. Voice vote. Motion carried 8-0.
11. *Consideration of a request from Public Works to fill vacant seasonal parks and cemetery positions.* DPW Lee reported that some seasonal staff are not returning this year creating a vacancy in both Parks and Cemetery. Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve filling the vacant seasonal parks and cemetery positions. Roll call vote. Motion carried 8-0.
12. *Consideration of a request from the Police Department to sell surplus materials (item list provided in packet).* The PD is doing some in-house cleaning and would like to get rid of some older items. Some of the officers may purchase some older equipment. Motion by DeVoss, second by Meuer to approve the sale of surplus materials from the Police Department as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried 8-0.
13. *Bid Selection - Phase 1 of the City Administrative Building.* Phase 2 will be in the paper with bid selection on April 15th. Motion by Meuer, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve the Phase 1 amount not to exceed \$1,616,0845. Roll call vote. Motion carried 8-0.
14. *Discussion and possible action to approve reconstruction on the 100 block of East Fountain Street.* As part of the library project, a fire protection main is needed. They are looking at putting this in the 100 block of East Fountain St - in which case we would look at the storm sewer. Lee discussed redoing the whole street since it would be coming up. The rough estimate is \$150-200K. The item was not in the 2025 budget but could fit within the Washington St budget if construction costs come down. Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve reconstruction on the 100 block of East Fountain Street. Roll call vote. Motion carried 8-0.
15. *Consideration of a recommendation from the Ordinance & Regulation Committee to approve Ordinance 2025-01: Repealing and Reserving Sec. 12.06(g) Relating to the Term for Weights*

and Measures Licenses. This ordinance amends the term to follow the States term of July 1 - June 30th. Motion by Meuer, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve Ordinance 2025-01: Relating to the Term for Weights and Measures Licenses. Roll call vote. Motion carried 8-0.

16. *Consideration of a recommendation from the Ordinance & Regulation Committee to approve Ordinance 2025-02: Amending Sec. 12.12(a)(1) Relating to Exceptions to for Mobile Food Vending Permits.* The ordinance adds a permit exception to mobile food trucks at events that are issued Special Event Licenses. Motion by Johnson, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve Ordinance 2025-02: Relating to Exceptions to for Mobile Food Vending Permits. Roll call vote. Motion carried 8-0.
17. *Consideration of a recommendation from the Ordinance & Regulation Committee to approve Ordinance 2025-01: Creating Sec. 12.15 Relating to Temporary Rooming House Permits, Resident Agent Licenses, and Requiring Annual Fire Inspections.* This creates a permit requirement for short term rentals and requires they have annual fire inspections. Motion by Johnson, second by Meuer to approve Ordinance 2025-03: Relating to Temporary Rooming House Permits, Resident Agent Licenses, and Requiring Annual Fire Inspections. Roll call vote. Motion carried 8-0.
18. *Consideration of a recommendation from the Ordinance & Regulation Committee to approve Ordinance 2025-04: Amending Sec. 9.06(a)-(c) and Creating (d) Relating to Loud and Unnecessary Noise and Exceptions Thereto.* The ordinance adds clarity to some exceptions for City workers following weather events and allows the PD to issue noise permits for special circumstances. Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 2025-04: Relating to Loud and Unnecessary Noise and Exceptions. Roll call vote. Motion carried 8-0.
19. *Consideration of a recommendation from the Ordinance & Regulation Committee to approve Ordinance 2025-05: Repealing and Recreating Sec. 9.13 Relating to Burning Regulations.* This ordinance repeals the existing regulations and uses a model burn ordinance from the DNR with modifications from the police and fire chiefs. Motion by Meuer, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 2025-05 Relating to Burning Regulations. Roll call vote. Motion carried 8-0.

20. *Consideration of a recommendation from the Ordinance & Regulation Committee to approve Ordinance 2025-06: Amending Sec. 7.145(e) Relating to ATV/UTV Hours of Operation.*

The ordinance would amend the City's ATV/UTV hours to follow the same hours as Iowa County. The Mayor has received feedback from citizens with this request. Johnson pointed out that ordinances can be amended as needed. Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 2025-06: Relating to ATV/UTV Hours of Operation. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-1 (Reynolds-Lair).

VII. ADJOURN

21. *Motion to Adjourn.* Motion by Weber, second by Meuer to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 8-0. Time: 6:39 pm