



PUBLIC NOTICE

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 5:30 PM

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

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hottmann at 5:30 pm. Members present: Reynolds-Lair, DeVoss, Weber, Meuer, Johnson, Johnson-Solberg & Tremelling Absent: Sersch

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 November 6, 2024.

2. Approval of Claims from November 19, 2024.

General - \$227,881.58, Water - \$12,702.46, Sewer - \$16,257.36, Total - \$256,841.40

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

3. *Library Report.* Director Portz provided an update on the Library Expansion project. The pre-agreement paperwork is wrapping up and the grant contract is expected by the end of the year. The design of the building is being finalized: the children's collection will be on the lower level; the adult section, community room and business center will be on the main level. The tight timeline means the library will need to be out by May or June. A temporary location is being looked at and the Annex open until after project completion. Jan 22nd will be the first of several "community conversations" regarding the project. The session will be held at Dodgeville Schools. A soft start fundraising campaign is planned by the end of November.

4. *Clerk/Treasurer Report:*

- City Hall Closed November 28th & 29th for Thanksgiving

- Notice of Election: April 1, 2025: Local candidates may begin circulating nomination papers

beginning December 1st. Incumbents who are not seeking reelection must file a notification of non-candidacy by Dec 27th.

5. *Mayor Report:* The “New City Hall Sub-Committee” has met once and is working on an architect. Room tax amendments are still be discussed with the Town of Dodgeville.

V. APPOINTMENT(S)

6. *Appointment of Ken Von Ruden to the Police and Fire Commission.* Motion by Meuer, second by Weber to approve the appointment of Ken Von Ruden to the Police & Fire Commission. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

7. *Tabled from 11-6-2024 -- Discussion and possible action to approve a request from the Dodgeville Area Chamber of Commerce regarding a 2025 sponsorship for the "Wisconsin Great Outdoors Campaign".* Jenna Vondra was present from the Chamber and was hoping that the City donate \$5k from the City's room tax funds or any amount to offset cost of the campaign. Motion by DeVoss, second by Meuer to approve using \$5K using the City's {retained} room tax funds for the “WI Great Outdoors Campaing.” Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

8. *Staff presentation of the City's 2025 Budget.* Aulik reviewed general aspects of the budget. There were very few changes from the preliminary budget presented in October. Heavily discussed were funds for the Ley Pavilion and borrowing for the Library. The City will be borrowing \$3.7M for the library expansion project, but currently the borrowing is not slated until 2026. Reynolds-Lair would like to see this amount added to the “borrowing resolution” to be presented on December 3, 2023.
9. *Public Comment regarding the City's 2025 Budget.* None.
10. *Adjourn the Public Hearing.* Motion by Meuer, second by Reynolds-Lair to adjourn the public hearing. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

11. *Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2024-12: Approving the 2025 Budget and Setting the Tax Levy.* Motion by Meuer, second by DeVoss to transfer \$1,000,000

budgeted for the Ley Pavilion to be moved to the former armory building project budget. Council members addressed better planning for future projects, specifically the pavilion. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Meuer, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve Resolution 2024-12: Approving the 2025 Budget and Setting the Tax Levy at \$3,516,520. Roll call vote and to . Motion carried 7-0.

12. *Discussion and possible action to pursue a Vibrant Spaces Grant and to use Environmental Improvement Funds as match grant funds.* The Mayor reviewed a “Vibrant Spaces” Grant that would require a 50/50 grant match to be use on the W Fountain St property. The concept would be to create a community gathering space for things like a farmers markets, youth programming, etc. The 50% match could come from environmental improvement fees. Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by Weber to pursue the Vibrant Spaces grant and to use up to \$50K of Environmental Improvement fees. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.
13. *Discussion and possible action to approve a road settlement agreement with American Transmission Company LLC for the Cardinal-Hickory project.* Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve a road settlement agreement with American Transmission Company LLC for the Cardinal-Hickory project. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

IX. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

X. ADJOURN

14. *Motion to Adjourn.* Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by Weber to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 8-0. Time: 6:24 pm