



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Common Council Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 5:30 PM**

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

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**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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

**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 September 3, 2024.
2. Approval of a Street Use Permit for the Dodgeville School District for the Homecoming parade on October 10, 2024.
3. Approval of a Street Use Permit for Cars & Coffee on October 12, 2024.
4. Approval of Claims from September 17, 2024.

General - \$408,743.57, Water - \$381,133.69, Sewer - \$15,092.58, Total - \$804,969.84

**III. APPOINTMENTS**

5. *Appointment of Deb Haag to the Library Board.* Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Tremelling to approve Debra Haag to fill the vacant seat on the Library Board. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
6. *Appointment of new Parks & Recreation Committee members.* Barry Hottmann would like to appoint 5 new members to the Parks and Recreation Commission. He is still looking for one more member. They are: Stephanie Marten, Danielle Kratcha, Bryon Braum, & Nancy Anderson. Motion by Weber, second by DeVoss to appoint these new members to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

7. *Dodgeville School District Update - Ryan Bonsack.* Ryan Bonsack from the Dodgeville School District gave a presentation on the upcoming operating referendum. He reviewed historical funding data. Bonsack encouraged those in attendance to attend the listening sessions. Bonsack discussed a partnership within the community to work on initiatives to lower the tax burden.
8. *Police Report.* Officer Andrews has finished Phase 2 of her field training so she will soon be out on her own. The department also has an officer attending a law enforcement technical forum on investigative training. This is reimbursed by the FBI.
9. *Clerk/Treasurer Report.* Fall Clean Up Days are October 2-5, 2024. Aulik updated that all budget documents have been sent to department heads at this point and the remaining Capital Requests has been received so that we may begin moving forward with the Financial Management Plan. Absentee Ballots are in the mail.
10. *Mayor Report.* Mayor Hottmann stated the Sept 5th meeting with the school is available on the school's YouTube channel. He stated there was good information. He also updated that Room Tax will be coming forward in a near future meeting.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

11. *Consideration of a recommendation from the Administration & Personnel Committee to approve setting the 2025 employer health insurance contribution rate for non represented employees.* Aulik reviewed the health insurance rates and explained changes that increased fees to the City. Motion by Meuer, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve setting the 2025 employer health insurance contribution rate for non represented employees at 82%. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.
12. *Consideration of a recommendation from the Administration & Personnel Committee to set the 2025 Cost of Living Adjustment for non-presented employees.* The Admin & Personnel committee recommended setting the Cost of Living Adjustment at 3.75%. Motion by Meuer, second by DeVoss to approve setting the 2025 Cost of Living Adjustment for non-presented employees at 3.75%. Roll vote. Motion carried 7-0.

13. *Consideration of a recommendation from the Administration & Personnel Committee to approve changes to the Delta Dental Plan Design for 2025.* Changes to the plan would include no deductible for routine care and 80% coverage on orthodontics. The cost averages to \$150/employee. Motion by Meuer, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve setting the approve changes to the Delta Dental Plan Design for 2025. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.
  
14. *Consideration of a recommendation from the Administration & Personnel Committee to approve a new Flex Plan Administrator for 2025.* Aulik explained issues with the prior flex plan provider. Aulik and Gervasi received three quotes, with their preferred vendor being Employee Benefit Corporation at an annual estimated cost of \$1,170.00. Motion by Meuer, second by Sersch to select Employee Benefit Corporation as the new flex plan administrator for 2025.. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
  
15. *Consideration to approve a recommendation from the Ordinance & Regulation Committee to approve Ordinance 2023-03: An Ordinance to Amend Sections 9.01; 9.02(e); 9.03(b)-(d); 9.04(a); 9.041(b)(1) and (10); 9.042(a), (d)(1)b., and (d)(2); 9.044(a); 9.045(b); 9.05(c)(2)b. and g., (c)(3) and (e); 9.10; 9.17(d); 9.19(a)(1); 9.22(b)(7)c.-d., (c)(3)-(4), and (e)(2)a.; 9.24(a)(2) and (b)(1)a.; and 9.25 of the Municipal Code of the City of Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin, relating to Orderly Conduct.* The Ordinance Committee recommended numerous changes to Chapter 9 relating to Orderly Conduct. Chief Wilhelm stated major changes were to shooting of projectiles (archery) which he hoped to address this fall. Motion by Johnson, second by Sersch to Approve Ordinance 2024-03. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
  
16. *Discussion and possible action regarding backhoe lease/buyout options.* DPW Lee presented option to continue leasing or buying out the backhoe through Brooks Tractor (John Deere Financial). Motion by DeVoss, second by Meuer to go with a three year lease at \$1,079.47/month. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.
  
17. *Bid Selection for Plow Truck Accessories.* DPW Lee presented bids for new plow truck accessories such as plow and box. Two quotes were received with Tri-State Equipment has the lower bid with shorter lead time. Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Weber to approve the bid of \$111,193 with Tri-State Equipment. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

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

None.

## VIII. CLOSED SESSION

9. *Adjourn to Closed Session - Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85 (1)(c) for employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for the purpose of discussing a candidate for the Recreation Director position.* Motion by Johnson, second by Weber to adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85 (1)(c) for the purposes of discussing a candidate for the Recreation Director position and to allow DPW Lee to remain. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.

## IX. OPEN SESSION

10. *Reconvene to Open Session.* Motion by Meuer, second by Johnson to reconvene to open session. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
  
11. *Any Action Needed as a Result of Closed Session.* Motion by DeVoss, second by Meuer to approve hiring Megan James as Recreation Director not to exceed 29 hours a week for the remainder of 2024 at \$25/hr starting on November 4 and then becoming full-time with benefits starting January 1, 2025 at \$26/hr. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.

## X. ADJOURN

12. *Motion to Adjourn.* Motion by Meuer, second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.  
*Time: 6:50 pm*