



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 07, 2024 at 5:30 PM

City Hall, 100 E Fountain St, Dodgeville, WI

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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, Dan Meuer, Jerry Johnson, Larry Tremelling ABSENT: Julie Johnson-Solberg

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 April 16, 2024
2. Approval of a Street Use Permit and fee waiver request for the American Legion Memorial Day parade on May 27, 2024.
3. Approval of a Street Use Permit for the 2024 Farmer's Appreciation Day on July 14, 2024.
4. Approval of a Street Use Permit for the Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce for the 2024 Town Square event July 12-29, 2024.
5. Approval of a Street Use Permit for the Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce for the DodgeFest event on August 3-4, 2024
6. Approval of Claims from May 7, 2024
General - \$617,099.03, Water - \$48,739.82, Sewer - \$41,147.58 = Total - \$706,946.43

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Seiling with Dodge Theater spoke regarding concerns with parking when Bob's is issued an Extension of Premises permit. Councilman Weber suggested better signage in downtown and directing people to the Courthouse parking lot.

IV. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

7. *Ice Wolves Report & 2023-24 Season Recap.* Kyle Levetzow was present to recap the 23-24 Ice Wolves Youth Hockey season and stats. He also listed some issues that should be addressed with the Ley Pavilion including issues with insulation, no women's locker rooms, cold rink, & uneven floor. He'd like to explore adding a storage building to remain

onsite. IWYHA would like to work with the City about making improvements at Ley Pavilion.

8. *Police Department Update:* Chief Wilhelm spoke regarding the incident at Mt Horeb and some items that came to DPD's attention. He spoke regarding the robust safety plan with Dodgeville schools which is reviewed regularly. The PD also acquired an additional car but realize after prior week's events, they are still in need of additional vehicles. The Chief is considering keeping their oldest squad vs trading it in when the new one arrives later this year.
9. *Mayor Updates:* Mayor Hottmann updated that Iowa County Health is looking at acquiring a public health vending machine, and he has submitted a letter of support on behalf of the City. Also discussed: improving the process of food trucks using the "Dipper Lot" and considering a fee in the future; the County had paid \$30K for a hotel survey and the results will be shared with Council in June; updates on the Room Tax ordinance and potential agreement with the Town of Dodgeville.
10. *Clerk/Treasurer Updates:* Clerk Aulik stated that license renewals were due in last week. Grace Gervasi and Aulik attended the League Insurance meeting and the City received their annual insurance dividend payment of \$8,833. Mayor topics at the conference were cybersecurity and mental health. The governor has declared this week May 5-11, 2024 "Professional Municipal Clerks Appreciation Week".
11. *Summer Hours:* The Clerk and Police Dept offices will change their hours for the Summer. The Clerk's office will be open an hour earlier Monday - Friday, but will close at Noon on Friday. The Police Dept office will be closed at noon on Friday's.

V. NEW BUSINESS

12. *Consideration of a request from the Dodgeville Historical Preservation Committee, who recently designated the Floyd School Building as a local historic structure, to have the structure given an overlaying zoning classification of H (Historic) where it now is located at 1301 N. Bequette St.* Reynolds-Lair stated the request was from the Historic Preservation Commission, not Committee. Motion by DeVoss, second by Tremelling to approve the rezone request for the 216- H Floyd School Building to be given an overlaying zoning district of "H-Historic". Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
13. *Consideration to approve Assignment and Assumption of Developers Agreements made with Diamond Oaks, LLC for Phases II and III of Diamond Oaks Subdivision to Diamond Oaks*

Properties, LLC. This was to correct errors for the proper LLC in the developer's agreements for Phases 2 & 3 of the Diamond Oaks subdivision. Motion by Sersch, second by Meuer to approve Assignment and Assumption of Developers Agreements made with Diamond Oaks, LLC for Phases II and III of Diamond Oaks Subdivision to Diamond Oaks Properties, LLC. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

14. *Consideration of Resolution 2024-05: No Mow & Low Mow May:* This was carryover from May 2023. Residents are currently required to register their property. In future years, this item will be discussed much earlier with sign up deadlines by mid-April. Motion by Reynolds Lair, second by Meuer to approve Resolution 2024-05: No Mow & Low Mow May with a signup cutoff date of May 10, 2024. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-1 (Nay - DeVoss).
15. *Discussion and possible action to approve an agreement for an Employee Assistance Program with Family Services of Madison.* The City's employee handbook states they offer an employee assistance program to staff. HR Specialist Gervasi reviewed an agreement with Family Services of Madison. The cost for one year is \$1,298.00 and the program works with most insurance plans should an employee like to continue care. Motion by Sersch, second by Weber to approve an agreement for an EAP with Family Services of Madison. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.
16. *Consideration to add the "Pledge of Allegiance" as a standing item on Common Council agendas.* Mayor Hottmann would like to add this as a standing agenda item to the Council meetings. The item will be added via ordinance at a later date. Motion by Weber, second by Johnson to add the "Pledge of Allegiance" as standing item on Common Council agendas. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.
17. *Discussion and possible action to pursue a contracted grant writer position for the City of Dodgeville.* There are currently a number of grant opportunities available, but the City does not have staff to apply for these grants. Mayor Hottmann would like to pursue hiring a grant writer on contract. DPW Lee stated some grants may need specialized grant writers so a general grant writer may not work. Reynolds-Lair suggested a hybrid approach of using a specialized person along with the grant writer. Council members would like to see a "list" of potential grants. The item will be brought back up to the next meeting.
18. *Preliminary discussion regarding the creation of a new Tax Incremental District (TID).* Mayor Hottmann has spoke with Upland Hills Health who is interested in acquiring additional acreage

for future development. They are looking to see if the City would entertain the creation of an additional TID. The item will return for future discussion.

VI. ADJOURN

19. *Motion to Adjourn*; Motion by Weber, second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 7:05 pm