



CITY OF DODGEVILLE

100 E Fountain St
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Regular Meeting

~Final Minutes ~

Tuesday, December 1, 2020
5:30 PM

Common Council

Council Room

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the public and to the news media pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.84, that the Common Council will hold their Regular Meeting of the City of Dodgeville on Tuesday, December 01, 2020, commencing at 5:30 PM in the Council Room, 100 East Fountain Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533. The agenda is as follows:

A Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Mayor Todd Novak

1. In accordance with Wisconsin Open Meeting Law, residents of the City of Dodgeville will be able to attend this meeting virtually due to the restrictions on public gatherings. Those who wish to observe the meeting online can access the meeting at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83585383312?pwd=bkVzc2RJaVo0WUJvL3ErbTZZTUXBSZz09>

The meeting was also available via Zoom for the public with media and others in attendance.

- A. Meeting ID: 835 8538 3312 Passcode: 089598
- B. One tap mobile +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

2. Call to Order

Also Present: Greg Lee, Vickie Stangel, Brian Cushman

PRESENT: Tremelling, Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Mainwaring, Meuer, Johnson, Borne, Novak

ABSENT:

3. PUBLIC HEARING: 2021 Proposed Budget

Mayor Novak called the 2021 Proposed Budget Public Hearing to Order.

1. Public Comments on Proposed 2021 Budget

There were no citizens in attendance to make a public comment.

Mayor Novak stated no changes had been made from the initial proposed budget. The proposed total budget is \$3,188,904. Clerk Lisa Riley stated she attached the Mill Rate Worksheet for 2020 and 2019 so the Council could see the changes. The net tax rate increased 27.5 cents per thousand with the 2020 mill rate .027261787, up from the 2019 mill rate of .026986569. Levies for the City and the School District were lower and the levies for Iowa County and Southwest Technical College both increased.

RESULT: NO ACTION

2. Motion to Close Public Hearing

Motion by Ald. Meuer to close the Public Hearing for the 2021 Proposed Budget. Second by Ald. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Dan Meuer, Alderperson
SECONDER: Jerry Johnson, Alderperson
AYES: Tremelling, Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Mainwaring, Meuer, Johnson, Borne

4. Minutes

1. Common Council - Regular Meeting - Nov 17, 2020 5:30 PM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jerry Johnson, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Alderperson
AYES:	Tremelling, Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Mainwaring, Meuer, Johnson, Borne

- 5. Citizen or delegation presentations, requests or comments and discussion of same, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.83 (2) and Sec. 19.84 (2). Ten minute limit except by consent of council. No action will be taken on any item that is not specifically listed on the agenda.

There were no citizens or delegations present.

- 6. Reports/Recommendations

- A. Mayor/Council President & Clerk

The Mayor also updated the Council that the asbestos has been removed on the Trumpy property on Main Street. Rule Construction is tentatively scheduled to be taking the house down the end of the week. Timing is dependent upon when Dave Rule is able to secure dumpsters.

Riley informed the Council that the second round of interviews for the Utility Clerk-Administrative Assistant position are being held on Wednesday, December 2nd.

Mayor Novak reminded Administration and Personnel that they will be meeting for Police Negotiations on Thursday, December 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

- 1. 4751 : Spring 2021 Election - Election Deadlines

Clerk Lisa Riley explained the election deadlines for the upcoming Spring 2021 election. Non-candidacy papers need to be filed by Monday, December 28th. Candidacy papers need to be filed by 5pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. The following candidates are up for election: Shaun Sersch, Tom DeVoss, Dan Meuer, and Mike Borne.

RESULT:	NO ACTION
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- 2. Holiday Hours for City Hall

Clerk Lisa Riley reminded the Council and public that the holiday hours for City Hall will be as follows: Closed Thursday and Friday, December 24th & 25th for the Christmas Holiday and Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st for the New Year's Holiday. We will continue to be closed to the public for walk-in traffic, through the collection of taxes. The tax newsletter will include this change and information will be provided as to people wanting receipts to be mailed will need to include a business size self-addressed stamped envelope. Also included will be directions on how taxpayers are able to access their information on the Iowa County website for printing a tax receipt and seeing posted payments, as the system is connected live to our payment postings.

Mayor Novak stated that being closed to the public has gone well so far, with no issues.

The Clerk also stated that the dog/cat license application is being sent with the water bills again this year, as the response is better with reaching renters versus sending the application with the tax bills. The form is also available on the City website.

RESULT:	STATEMENT
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- 3. City Park Shelter Reservations - March 1, 2021 RecDesk Online

Clerk Lisa Riley announced that the park shelter reservations will be online again this year, starting March 1st. No reservations will be taken until that time for park shelters. An ad will be placed in the Chronicle to remind people.

RESULT:	STATEMENT
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- B. Housing Authority

- 1. Housing Authority Agenda - November 18, 2020

Ald. DeVoss stated the committee intends to meet virtually for upcoming meetings.

RESULT:	VIEWED
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C. Plan Commission

1. Plan Commission Meeting Agenda - December 10, 2020

RESULT:	VIEWED
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D. Administration and Personnel

1. Administration & Personnel Committee - Regular Meeting - Nov 19, 2020 5:00 PM

RESULT:	REVIEWED
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2. EMS Staffing

This item is on the agenda for action later on the agenda.

RESULT:	NO ACTION
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E. Library Board

1. Annex Update

The Library will be renting an annex space starting today with Denny Marklein (prior Our Front Porch location). The prior renter is to be out by December 15th. The library will start decorating the front windows to prepare for the upcoming opening of the space.

RESULT:	STATEMENT
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7. Old Business

8. New Business

1. Resolution to Approve 2021 Budget and Set 2020 Levy, Payable in 2021

Motion by Ald. Borne to approve Resolution #2020-1025 to Approve 2021 Budget and Set 2020 Levy, Payable in 2021. Second by Ald. Meuer. Roll Call: Ald. Reynolds-Lair - Aye, Ald. Sersch - Aye, Ald. DeVoss - Aye, Ald. Mainwaring - Aye, Ald. Meuer - Aye, Ald. Johnson - Aye, Ald. Borne - Aye, Ald. Tremelling - Aye. Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Borne, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Dan Meuer, Alderperson
AYES:	Tremelling, Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Mainwaring, Meuer, Johnson, Borne

2. EMS Staffing

Chief Brian Cushman explained the need for full-time staff as volunteers only have so much time to give. The call volume continues to increase. He needs to have stability in staffing. Mayor Novak commented that the ambulance has operated in the black. A segregated fund was established for ambulance revenues and these funds will be used to offset this expense, with no City levy monies being used. Based on current revenues, they will still be able to operate in the black. Current volunteers will still be paid per call. Currently, the crew has eight Advanced EMT's on board, but only Chief Cushman and Brian Whitehouse have availability during the daytime hours. The State of Wisconsin has requirements when requiring full-time staff with overnight call time. The current EMS station was set up for adding sleeping quarters when needed. Remodeling will need to be completed to make this space compliant. Chief Cushman has done research on rate of pay. He would like to start with 4 paid full-time Advanced EMT's and eventually work up to 6-8. The biggest need for coverage is daytime hours and 3:00-6:00 a.m. The number of transfers has increased and take a minimum of three hours. Due to COVID, transfers may need to travel farther such as LaCrosse. Our department is one of the busiest in southwest Wisconsin. Motion by Ald. DeVoss to approve making the transition to hire four full-time Advanced EMS staff members for \$16.00-\$18.00/hour based on experience, plus benefits. Second by Ald. Mainwaring. Roll Call: Ald. Sersch - Aye, Ald. DeVoss - Aye, Ald. Mainwaring - Aye, Ald. Meuer - Aye, Ald. Johnson - Aye, Ald. Borne - Aye, Ald. Tremelling - Aye, Ald. Reynolds-Lair - Aye. Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom DeVoss, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Cody Mainwaring, Alderperson
AYES:	Tremelling, Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Mainwaring, Meuer, Johnson, Borne

3. **IamResponding Subscription Renewal for Ambulance - 3 year**

Motion by Ald. Mainwaring to approve the IamResponding Subscription Renewal for the Ambulance on a 3-year agreement (\$725/year) paid up front for the term of the agreement to receive the discount. Second by Ald. Tremelling. Roll Call: Ald. DeVoss - Aye, Ald. Mainwaring - Aye, Ald. Meuer - Aye, Ald. Johnson - Aye, Ald. Borne - Aye, Ald. Tremelling - Aye, Ald. Reynolds-Lair - Aye, Ald. Sersch - Aye. Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cody Mainwaring, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Lawrence C Tremelling, Alderperson
AYES:	Tremelling, Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Mainwaring, Meuer, Johnson, Borne

4. **2021 Wage Ordinance**

Motion by Ald. Meuer to approve Ordinance #2020-1393 An Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages in the City of Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin for 2021. Second by Ald. Johnson. Roll Call: Ald. Mainwaring - Aye, Ald. Meuer - Aye, Ald. Johnson - Aye, Ald. Borne - Aye, Ald. Tremelling - Aye, Ald. Reynolds-Lair - Aye, Ald. Sersch - Aye, Ald. DeVoss - Aye. Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dan Meuer, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Alderperson
AYES:	Tremelling, Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Mainwaring, Meuer, Johnson, Borne

5. **Child Care Center Collaboration**

Beth Mikrut-Gilles asked Mayor Novak if the City would provide a letter of support for a COVID child care facility grant application to potentially purchase a day care center in the City. The letter of support would state the City supports this business as there is a need in the community for a day care facility. Motion by Ald. Meuer to approve sending a letter of support. Second by Ald. Reynolds-Lair. Motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dan Meuer, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Alderperson
AYES:	Tremelling, Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Mainwaring, Meuer, Johnson, Borne

6. **Library Fundraising Approval**

Questions had been asked regarding library fundraising efforts at a prior Council meeting. In checking with Attorney Eileen Brownlee, she stated that the Council should act on approving the Library to proceed with fundraising efforts. She cautioned the City on these efforts, as they could affect a tax-exempt status for borrowing.

Per an email from Eileen, "the Friends of the Library or Library Foundation would be eligible to obtain a raffle license if they are 501(c)(3) organizations that have been in existence for at least three years. I don't know if cities or library boards can even obtain raffle licenses (schools and colleges can). The organization would have to apply for the raffle license. If a "friends" group were to run the raffle, it would not impact the tax-exempt status of the city or library. A raffle license is not required if the items are sold at an auction (silent or otherwise) rather than through a raffle."

Motion by Ald. Mainwaring to approve the library fundraising efforts to be organized by the Friends of the Library or the Library Foundation. Second by Ald. Sersch. Motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cody Mainwaring, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Shaun Sersch, Alderperson
AYES:	Tremelling, Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Mainwaring, Meuer, Johnson, Borne

7. **2021 Street Projects**

Discussion following the 2021 street projects. Mayor Novak and Public Works Director Greg Lee had met to discuss the potential street projects and wanted to address the Council on how to plan on moving forward. Mayor Novak reminded the Council that some street projects on the schedule had been delayed due to receiving the grant monies for the Bennett Road street project (\$537,000) two years ago and the \$1,000,000 CDBG grant monies for the Spring Street project. Discussion on whether the Council would prefer to tackle multiple smaller streets or a large \$2.5-\$3 million North Street borrowing project. Greg Lee stated he is working with Mike Bisbach on applying for a grant for Linn/Polk streets. Ald. Borne commented that he thought the City could wait on North Street and take care of some of the smaller streets in his district, which have not been done in a number of years. Novak stated that we will need to borrow for any major street projects, as we balanced the budget by cutting monies from street construction since we didn't have a definitive plan on what streets (Center, Jewett, Quarry Street and Fountain Streets were all mentioned). The major cost of these street projects is the water and sewer underground. Ald. Mainwaring asked if doing an asphalt skim could be beneficial. Ald. Sersch commented that if we need to make a plan for North Street for 2022 that we should begin discussions with the township now. No decision is being made tonight, but wanted to have the discussion with the Council. Ald. Reynolds-Lair expressed her concerns on borrowing monies for street projects to potentially negatively impact any needs for the library project. Mayor Novak and Greg Lee will work together on bringing back a list of smaller street projects.

RESULT: NO ACTION

- 8. Renew 1 Year Operator License for Hayley Nicole Frank (Ends June 30, 2021)

Motion by Ald. Reynolds-Lair to approve renewal of a 1 Year Operator License for Hayley Nicole Frank (Ends June 30, 2021). Second by Ald. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Alderperson
SECONDER: Jerry Johnson, Alderperson
AYES: Tremelling, Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Mainwaring, Meuer, Johnson, Borne

- 9. Approval of Claims

- 1. Claims for 12.1.2020 - Farmer's Saving Bank

Claims amounting to \$432,750.10 (General - \$420,509.19, Sewer - \$5,645.77, Water - \$6,595.14) were presented. Motion by Ald. Borne to approve the claims as audited. Second by Ald. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Borne, Alderperson
SECONDER: Jerry Johnson, Alderperson
AYES: Tremelling, Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Mainwaring, Meuer, Johnson, Borne

- 2. Claims for 12.1.2020 - Mound City Bank Capital Account

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Borne, Alderperson
SECONDER: Jerry Johnson, Alderperson
AYES: Tremelling, Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Mainwaring, Meuer, Johnson, Borne

- 10. Any other business as allowed by law

- 11. Closed Session - Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85 (1)(e) deliberating, negotiating or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: Sale of City Property (Hanna Property), Lands' End Property, Discuss Ley Claim Against the City

Motion by Ald. Reynolds-Lair to adjourn to Closed Session - Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85 (1)(e) deliberating, negotiating or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: Sale of City Property (Hanna Property), Lands' End Property, Discuss Ley Claim Against the City and to allow Greg Lee to attend Closed Session. Second by Ald. Johnson. Roll Call: Ald. Meuer - Aye, Ald. Johnson - Aye, Ald. Borne - Aye, Ald. Tremelling - Aye, Ald. Reynolds-Lair - Aye, Ald. Sersch - Aye, Ald. DeVoss - Aye, Ald. Mainwaring - Aye. Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote. Convened to Closed Session at 6:08 p.m.

- 12. Reconvene to Open Session: Any Action Needed as a Result of Closed Session

Motion by Ald. Meuer to reconvene to Open Session. Second by Ald. Mainwaring. Motion passed unanimously. Reconvened to Open Session at 6:48 p.m.

1. Hanna Properties Offer to Purchase - Lot 1 of CSM 1498

Motion by Ald. Meuer to approve the Offer to Purchase with Hanna Real Estate II LLC (Hanna Properties) for Lot 1 of CSM 1498, as presented. Second by Ald. Mainwaring. Motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dan Meuer, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Cody Mainwaring, Alderperson
AYES:	Tremelling, Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Mainwaring, Meuer, Johnson, Borne

2. Hanna Properties Offer to Purchase Parcels A and B Described in Addendum A

Motion by Ald. Mainwaring to approve the Offer to Purchase with B & H Real Estate LLC (Hanna Properties) for Lots 5 and 6 - Leffler Street Development Parcels A and B as described in Addendum A, as presented. Second by Ald. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cody Mainwaring, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Jerry Johnson, Alderperson
AYES:	Tremelling, Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Mainwaring, Meuer, Johnson, Borne

3. Deny Claim Filed Against the City by Tony Ley

Motion by Ald. Meuer to deny the claim filed against the City by Tony Ley. Second by Ald. Mainwaring. Motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dan Meuer, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Cody Mainwaring, Alderperson
AYES:	Tremelling, Reynolds-Lair, Sersch, DeVoss, Mainwaring, Meuer, Johnson, Borne

13. ADJOURNED AT 6 : 50 PM

Motion by Ald. Mainwaring to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ald. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Lisa Riley, City Clerk-Treasurer