



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 5:30PM

City Hall, 100 E Fountain St, Dodgeville, WI

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hottmann at 5:30pm. Members present: Shaun Sersch, Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Tom DeVoss, Jeff “Potsie” Weber, Mike Olson, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Larry Tremelling.

City Hall Staff Present: Brandon Wilhelm – Police Chief

Others Present: Brian Raemer – Representative from Ehlers

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. 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 6/17/2025.
2. Approval of Claims from 07/01/2025.
3. Approval of 2025-2026 Dance License Renewal for: MAG Entertainment dba. Duke’s Brew Pub & Ale House.
4. Approval of a Temporary Class “B” Beer and Class “B” Wine Alcohol Beverage License for the Upland Hills Health Foundation 2025 Sip and Savor: A Taste of Southwest Wisconsin event on Saturday, July 12, 2025.
5. Fire Department 5-year renewal request for “IamResponding” Subscription.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT *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.*

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

6. Police Report

Chief Wilhelm reports there were 138 service calls in June.

Since the Cybersecurity incident at Iowa County in April 2025, the Dodgeville Police Department’s systems are slowly starting to get back in sync with the county information, but there is still a long ways to go.

Several events are happening within the City. One of those events include the Mineral Point 4th of July celebration, in which 2 of Dodgeville Police Department’s officers will be assisting for this event, and in turn, Mineral Point will send 2 of their officers to help cover for Farmers Appreciation.

Chief Wilhelm notes that there may be some road construction on exit 47 for the Farmer’s Appreciation parade and other events, however, Chief Wilhelm had not

heard for sure on how this would affect the City. He will update with more information as he learns more.

7. Clerk/Treasurer Report

No report

8. Mayor Report

Mayor Hottmann reports that the groundbreaking for the Dodgeville Public Library was held on Thursday, June 26th. Several compliments during this groundbreaking by the project manager at Daniels Construction.

Mayor Hottmann reports that in a recent conversation he had with Library Director Carrie Portz, there has been an increase of foot traffic at the Annex since the closure of the library.

Mayor Hottmann reports that Ryan Lindsey (Building Inspector) has been very busy with projects.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

9. Discussion and possible action on 2025 Utilities FMP, presentation by Ehlers.

Brian Raemer, representative from Ehlers, gave a presentation surrounding the 2025 Utilities Financial Management Plan. During this presentation, Raemer gave suggestions to the council on the best ways to increase funding in both the water and sewer funds. Raemer's suggested proposal to the council included biennial Simplified Rates Cases for water, and also included biennial inflationary adjustments for sewer. A packet of information from Ehlers was attached to the 7/1/25 agenda, which detailed how these biennial Simplified Rate Case scenarios would affect utility customer rates for utility bills.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2025 League of WI Municipalities Insurance Renewal Proposal.

Mayor Hottmann gave an update on the 2025 Insurance renewal through the League of WI Municipalities. In addition to the original policy, Mayor Hottmann added a \$1million cybersecurity policy, which yielded at \$5,000 deductible. Motion by DeVoss, Second by Sersch to approve the 2025 League of WI Municipalities Insurance Renewal Proposal. Roll call vote 8-0.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve the Special Event License application for the 2025 Upland Hills Sip & Savor Event.

Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by Weber to approve the Special Event license application for the 2025 Upland Hills Sip & Savor Event.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve the Special Event License application for the 2025 Farmers 5 – 5k Run w/Farmers Appreciation Day.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve the Special Event license application for the 2025 Farmers 5 – 5k Run w/Farmers Appreciation Day.

13. Discussion and possible action to approve the Special Event License application for the 2025 Maxwell Street Days.

Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by Weber to approve the Special Event License application for the 2025 Maxwell Street Days.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

14. Consideration and possible approval to approve a water tower lease with MHTC.

Mayor Hottmann reports that the old contract with MHTC expired late 2024, which was \$200 / month. Mayor Hottmann states that the new contract will be \$400 / month. This will provide new technology, in which the ultimate goal is to put fiber optics in the ground.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve the water tower lease with MHTC. Roll call vote 8-0.

VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

IX. CLOSED SESSION

15. Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically related to employment of the clerk-treasurer (roll call vote).

Motion by Olson to adjourn to Closed Session.

During closed session, Mayor Hottmann gave an update to the council relating to employment of the clerk-treasurer. Future plans surrounding this employment will include holding an upcoming Admin & Personnel meeting to discuss this, and then provide updates from this Admin & Personnel meeting at future Council meetings.

X. OPEN SESSION

16. Reconvene to Open Session
17. Any Action Needed as a Result of Closed Session

Motion by Johnson, second by Weber to reconvene to open session.

No additional action needed as a result of Closed Session.

XI. ADJOURN

18. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson-Solberg to adjourn council meeting.

Time: 6:50PM