



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 7, 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 Barry 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 (Dodgeville Police Chief), Dylan Wadzinski (DPW), Jody Vanderloo (Dodgeville Public Library Board Chair), Megan James (Recreation Director)

Others Present: Jenna Vondra (Chamber Director), Jeff Kellesvig (Daniels Construction), Gabby Recob (Daniels Construction), Brandon Bawden (Daniels Construction), Cole Biehn (Daniels Construction), Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville Resident), Evan Chambers (Town & Country Engineering)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from September 30, 2025.
2. Approval of Claims from October 7, 2025.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson. Voice Vote 8-0. Motion carried.

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.*

Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville resident) presented his concerns to the Common Council about having too many parks within the City of Dodgeville. In his presentation to the council, Steve voiced that rather than adding additional parks to the city, the City of Dodgeville needs to look at fixing roads, etc.

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Police Report

During Chief Wilhelm’s report, he noted that for the month of September, his department had 413 calls for service, which is up 43% from 2024. Chief Wilhelm noted that there were a few community events coming up, including the Dodgeville Homecoming parade and No Kings rally. Lastly, Chief Wilhelm noted that he is still waiting for the new 2025 police squad, which he is hopeful to arrive in a couple of weeks or so.

4. Chamber Update

Chamber Director Jenna Vondra noted that the WI Great Outdoors campaign, which aired on Fox 47 was very well received this year. Vondra also noted that Chamber is doing some remodeling of their office due to black mold issues. In terms of events, Vondra noted that they are busy preparing for the Home for the Holidays events coming up in November 2025.

5. Recreation Update

Due to programming conflicts, Rec Director Megan James was unable to attend the beginning of the meeting and provide an update of the Rec Department, however, prior to the meeting, James provided a document which was printed out and handed to each council member for their review.

6. Clerk/Treasurer Report

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Emily Wolfe provided an update to the council stating that the annual fall clean up for 2025 had just ended on Saturday, October 4th, and that collection items and income were slightly up from Fall 2024 collection.

7. Mayor Report

Mayor Hottmann did not provide an update during this meeting. When asked about the 2026 budgeting process by a council member, Mayor Hottmann stated that his process has started, and that an initial look at the 2026 budget will be reviewed at the October 14th Finance Committee Meeting.

8. Library and Admin Building Report

Members from Daniels Construction, including Jeff Kellesvig, Gabby Recob, Brandon Bawden, and Cole Biehn gave a brief update regarding the Library and New City Hall projects. During this brief discussion, members from council and community residents in attendance at the council meeting were invited to ask questions or pose concerns regarding these two projects. One member asked about why there have been so many delays in getting materials, etc for the library expansion project. Jeff (project manager for the library expansion project) explained to council members that the majority of the reason for this delay is due to waiting for submittals from sub-contractors, which are passed down from the architect. Another concern was about the timing of completion of the library expansion project and how this delay could affect receiving the remainder of the grant money. Jeff (project manager for the library expansion project) informed council members that technically this project is still on-time, since work on the expansion project began earlier than planned. In final comments, council members asked Daniels representatives to be present monthly to give updates on this library expansion project.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

9. Approval of the following liquor license application for 2025-2026: Class "A" Retailers Fermented Malt Beverage & "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor License for: Laxami Narayan Fuel Inc dba Dodgeville Market Place – Rohitkumar V. Joshi, Agent.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve the Class “A” Retailers Fermented Malt Beverage & “Class A” Intoxicating Liquor License Application for Laxami Narayan Fuel Inc dba Dodgeville Market Place. Voice Vote 8-0. Motion Carried.

10. Approval of Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License Application for 2025-2026: Laxami Narayan Fuel Inc dba Dodgeville Market Place – Rohitkumar V. Joshi - Agent.

Motion by Weber, second by DeVoss to approve the Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License application for Laxami Narayan Fuel Inc dba Dodgeville Market Place. Voice Vote 7-1. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve the Special Event License application for the No Kings II Rally event on Saturday, October 18th.

Motion by Johnson, second by Olson to approve the special event license for the No Kings II Rally event on Saturday, October 18th. Voice Vote 8-0. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve the Special Event License application for the Home for the Holidays Light Parade on Saturday, November 29th.

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Johnson to approve the special event license application for the Home for the Holidays Light Parade on Saturday, November 29th. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action to approve request from Chamber to help aid in costs of lighting hung on the street for Home for the Holidays.

Motion by Weber, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve funding half of the cost of install and tear-down of the lights that are hung in the City of Dodgeville for the Home for the Holidays holiday event. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible recommendation to Common Council to approve final quote from Gerber Leisure to purchase pool shade structure.

Motion by Weber, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve the final quote from Gerber Leisure to purchase pool shade Structure for the Comer Pool. Roll call vote 8-0. Motion carried.

15. Consider Ordinance No. 25-19 to Amend the Schedule of Fees in Section 25.045(a), relating to setting fees for Building & Development – Planning & Zoning and Building Inspection.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve amending the schedule of fees in Section 25.045(a) relating to setting fees for Building & Development – Planning & Zoning and Building Inspection. Voice Vote 8-0. Motion carried.

16. Discussion and possible action on Work Change Directive #15 for Water System Improvements Project.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Olson to approve Work Change Directive #15 for Water System Improvements Project. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

17. Discussion and possible action on Change Order #2 for Water System Improvements Project.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Olson to approve Change Order #2 for Water System Improvements Project. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

IX. CLOSED SESSION

18. Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. State Statute 19.85(1)
There was no Closed Session.

X. OPEN SESSION

19. Reconvene to Open Session
20. Any Action Needed as a Result of Closed Session
There was no Closed Session, so reconvening to Open Session was not needed.

XI. ADJOURN

21. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Weber, second by Sersch to adjourn. Voice vote 8-0. Motion carried.
Time: 6:30PM