



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 5:30PM

City Hall, 410 E Leffler Street, Dodgeville, WI

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

City Staff Present – Brandon Wilhelm (Police Chief), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works).

Others Present: Dan Meuer (Dodgeville resident), Anish Premnaath (Dodgeville resident), Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville resident), Wendy Nipple (Dodgeville resident)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2025.
2. Approval of Claims from November 4, 2025.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson. Voice vote 7-0. 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.*

Dan Meuer, a Dodgeville resident inquired about the 2026 budget, and asked for a paper copy of the 2026 budget. Mayor Hottmann informed Meuer that a Finance Committee meeting was set for Thursday, November 6th, and that the budget would be looked at at that time.

Anish Premnaath, a member of the local boy scout troop inquired about ideas the council members might have for him to complete his Eagle Scout project. Premnaath indicated that this could include arboretum projects, park clean-up, etc. One member of the council asked Premnaath if this could include landscaping, which he indicated it could. Mayor Hottmann informed Premnaath that he along with council members would attempt to brainstorm ideas for this project, and would add this as a discussion item as part of the November 18th council meeting, and then someone from the council would get back to Premnaath about the ideas that were generated/discussed.

Steve DeMuth, a Dodgeville resident, presented various concerns to the council including: where the status of the library project completion is posted and how financials look for that project, the empty lot next to the former horse barn and what the city is doing about this property, a timeline of when a full-time mayor will

be decided and/or implemented, information about how many full-time and/or part-time employees currently occupy the NEW City Hall location in comparison with the amount square footage at this new location, inquiring about what the City plans to do out back with the garage that is located on the same property as NEW City Hall, inquiring about what the City is planning to do with the space at City Hall that the Dodgeville Library currently resides in, and inquiring about the vibrant spaces grant and when the city plans to make a decision on IF this will be designated as a park for the City of Dodgeville.

Wendy Nipple, a Dodgeville resident, attended the council meeting to present a few concerns including the verbiage of item 6 on the 11/4/25 council agenda which was the Discussion and possible action to approve resolution 2025-11 to altering handicap parking areas on the official traffic map for the City of Dodgeville. Nipple's concern/confusion about this was how the agenda item was written and what exactly it meant. Nipple stated to council members that she was concerned council was going to be removing handicap stalls on Iowa Street and also mentioned her concern that there are no handicap stalls located near the Dodgeville Police Department. Mayor Hottmann assured Nipple that item 6 on the 11/4/25 council agenda was in relation to the re-do of East Fountain Street, and that no handicap stalls would be removed with this construction project.

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Police Report

During Chief Wilhelm's report, he reported that there were 329 calls for service for the month of October 2025. Chief Wilhelm made reference to the police departments new 911 call system where calls are tracked, and stated that reports of spam and fraud are one of the biggest reportable incidents 911 calls being on the rise. Chief Wilhelm noted that a full-time job posting has now been posted in search of a full-time police officer, as well as to help aid in increasing the list of eligibility of candidates. Wilhelm stated that this job posting will be open until Friday, November 14th. Lastly, Chief Wilhelm noted that the No Kings Rally and Trick or Treating events, both held within the city went well and that no issues occurred, and also reminded Council members as well as Dodgeville residents attending the Council meeting on November 4th that Alternate Side Parking begins on Saturday, November 15th, and will run until April 1st, 2026.

4. Mayor Report

In the Mayor's report, Mayor Hottmann referenced the Library building project update, and noted that there was an attachment included in the agenda packet for the November 4th council meeting. Mayor Hottmann stated that he along with Library Director Carrie Portz and Director of Public Works Dylan Wadzinski were meeting regularly to discuss the library project, and that they would likely be providing more regular updates regarding the library project in future council meetings. Lastly, Mayor Hottmann noted that City Hall staff were granted occupancy at the New City Hall building on Wednesday, October 29th, and that regular hours of operation for New City Hall took effect on Thursday, October 30th. Hottmann stated that city hall staff will continue unpacking and organizing the new

location, but felt that regular daily operations at this new location were going well so far.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action to approve expanding the number of authorized users to include additional City of Dodgeville staff.

Mayor Hottmann noted that with the discontinuing of WalMart credit cards for city hall staff, there was a need to increase the amount of authorized users for city credit cards. The city currently utilizes Elan Financial Services for their city issued credit cards, so this would allow additional department heads access to these as well, who do not currently have city issued credit cards.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve expanding the number of authorized users to include additional City of Dodgeville staff. Voice Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve resolution no 2025-11 to altering handicap parking areas on the official traffic map for the City of Dodgeville.

Wadzinski states that the idea is to make East Fountain Street a one-way street. This would increase the total parking stalls to 15, which would include additional handicap stalls as well as a van accessible stall.

Motion by Johnson, second by Weber to approve resolution no 2025-11 to altering handicap parking areas on the official traffic map for the City of Dodgeville. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 25-20 to create Section 7.03 (c)(4), to amend Sections 7.07 (b)(1)b.3., (c)(7), and (p)(1) and (3), and to repeal Section 7.07(b)(2) of the municipal code of the City of Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin, relating to parking and one-way travel on a portion of East Fountain Street.

Motion by Sersch, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve Ordinance No. 25-20 to create Section 7.03 (c)(4), to amend Sections 7.07 (b)(1)b.3., (c)(7), and (p)(1) and (3), and to repeal Section 7.07(b)(2) of the municipal code of the City of Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin, relating to parking and one-way travel on a portion of East Fountain Street. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve a contract with Ehlers for TID 3 reporting and financials.

Motion by Olson, second by Johnson to approve the \$1500 flat fee per TID made payable to Ehlers. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

IX. CLOSED SESSION

9. Motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) e to deliberate and negotiate the potential purchase of several publicly owned properties by the City, where competitive or bargaining reasons make a closed session necessary.

Motion by Olson, second by Johnson-Solberg to adjourn to closed session. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion Carried.

X. OPEN SESSION

10. The Council may reconvene in open session to take action on matters discussed in closed session or to continue with the regular agenda.

Motion by Weber, second by Johnson-Solberg to reconvene to Open Session. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

11. Any Action Needed as a Result of Closed Session

XI. ADJOURN

12. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by DeVoss, second by Olson to adjourn.

Time 7:36pm