



## MINUTES

### Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 5:30PM

City Hall, 410 E Leffler Street, Dodgeville, WI

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#### 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, Larry Tremelling. Members absent: Julie Johnson-Solberg. Others present: Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville resident), Alan McCormick (representative from American Legion/Sons of American Legion), Brandon Wilhelm (Police Chief), Wendy Nipple (Dodgeville resident), Dylan Wadzinski (DPW), Carrie Portz (Library Director)

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from January 6, 2026.
2. Approval of Minutes from Special Council Meeting held on January 8, 2026
3. Approval of Claims from January 20, 2026.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve consent agenda. 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.*

During public comment, Alan McCormick (a representative of the American Legion and Sons of the American Legion, asked for permission from the Council to use Wilson Park in September 2026 for a veteran suicide/awareness event. McCormick noted that during this event, there would be a fundraiser for troop and family support, as well as possible physical readiness tests, display tables, etc. If approved of this event, McCormick asked that the council would consider waiving the fee to use Wilson Park for the entire weekend (possible date is September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>). Mayor Hottmann thanked McCormick for presenting his request to council, and stated that he would discuss this event with internal City staff, and get back to him on whether this request was approved or denied.

Also during Public Comment, Patrick Gehl (representative from Pattern Energy) stopped by with an update of the Uplands Wind Project. Gehl noted that Pattern Energy would be mailing out 90 day notices to those within a 1 mile radius of where the planned turbine location would be. Lastly, Gehl noted that this project will be split into 2 phases. The Uplands East project will be 1<sup>st</sup> phase.

Lastly during public comment, Wendy Nipple (Dodgeville resident) approached council with concerns on snow removal downtown, sidewalks not being shoveled, etc. Wendy’s concerns were regarding who is at fault of when sidewalks are not shoveled or snow is not removed properly. She wondered if it was the fault of the

City or the business owner fault. During Wendy's speaking at public comment, she also brought up her concerns with the handicapped stall in the MHTC parking lot not being plowed, and also concerns with gaining access to City Hall and/or Library, when the parking lot/parking stalls were not shoveled/plowed. Mayor Hottmann noted that the council would review the city ordinance regarding snow removal, and also stated that these concerns would be included in future Public Works committee meetings.

## **V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **4. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Report**

During the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer report, Wolfe noted that taxes were still being collected and renewals for dogs licensing were still coming in. Wolfe also noted that she was preparing for the pre-audit with Johnson Block, to be held on Thursday, 1/22. Lastly, Wolfe noted to Council that Historic Preservation Commission meetings had been moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month beginning in February 2026, due to scheduling conflicts of one of the members of the HPC committee.

### **5. Mayor Report**

Mayor Hottmann had nothing new to report.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

6. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 26-1 to repeal and recreate Section 17.30 of the zoning code of the City of Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin, relating to signs and billboards.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Sersch to approve Ordinance No. 26-1 to repeal and recreate Section 17.30 of the zoning code of the City of Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin, relating to signs and billboards. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve an amendment to Task Order No. 7 for Water System Improvements Project.

Motion by Weber, second by Olson to approve a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve an amendment to Task Order No. 7 for Water System Improvements Project. Roll call 7-0. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve Federal DOT & Non-DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium – Annual Contract with Compliance Services of Wisconsin Inc.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve Federal DOT & Non-DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium – Annual Contract with Compliance Services of Wisconsin Inc. Roll Call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to construct an ADA accessible ramp for the north entrance of City Hall.

Motion by Sersch, second by Weber to approve a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to construct an ADA accessible ramp for the north entrance of City Hall. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve Change Order PCC07 for the library building project.

Prior to the motion, Mayor Barry Hottmann stated that there was a typo in the numbering of the Change order. This should have actually been Change Order PCC06, NOT PCC07.

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by Weber to approve Change Order PCC06 for the library building project. Roll call vote 6-0 (Tremelling abstained). Motion carried.

An additional motion was made by Sersch, seconded by Reynolds-Lair to clarify library change orders amounts and when they need to come to council for approval. During this motion, it was clarified that the original \$30,000 that was approved is per job (change order), NOT an accumulation of change orders that add up to \$30,000. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

11. Consider adjourning to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e), for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the terms of potential development agreements and related property transactions with multiple developers regarding prospective projects within the City of Dodgeville. Competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session to protect the City's negotiation position.

Motion by Sersch, second by Johnson to adjourn to closed session. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

### **IX. OPEN SESSION**

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

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

13. Possible action on any items properly discussed in closed session.

As a result of closed session, the following motions were made:

Motion by Sersch, second by Weber to approve proposals and memos of understanding (MOU's). Roll call vote 6-1 (Olson voted No). Motion carried.

Motion by Reynolds-Lair, second by DeVoss to allow Mayor Hottmann to have discussions with and engage Julia Potter from Boardman Clark in generating proposals and memos of understanding (MOU's). Roll call vote 6-1 (Olson voted No). Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, second by Tremelling to approve expense of appraisal of property. Roll call vote 6-1 (Olson voted No). Motion carried.

### **X. ADJOURN**

14. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Weber, second by Tremelling to adjourn. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

Time: 7:41pm