



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 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 Barry Hottmann. Members present: Shaun Sersch, Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Tom DeVoss, Jeff “Potsie” Weber, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg, Larry Tremelling. Members absent: Mike Olson. Others present: Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville resident), Pat Sieling, Brandon Wilhelm (Dodgeville Police Chief), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works), Dan Meuer (Dodgeville resident)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2026.
2. Approval of Claims from February 3, 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, Dan Meuer (Dodgeville resident) voiced concerns about why the January 20th, 2026 packet was originally on the website, but then removed. Mayor Hottmann informed Meuer that this packet was removed the website due to some sensitive information being released in the packet that should not have been. Mayor Hottmann informed Meuer that once this information has been removed from the packet, the packet for the January 20th, 2026 meeting will be re-posted. Meuer also voiced concerns with why the minutes from the January 2026 Public Works Committee meeting had not been posted. Mayor Hottmann informed Meuer that these minutes will not be posted on the City’s website until they are approved at the February 2026 meeting. Dylan Wadzinski (DPW) also informed Meuer that these will be included with the packet for the February 2026 Public Works meeting, but will only be posted in this packet as a draft.

Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville resident) expressed his concerns with his water. Said that there was black film in the water, and asked if the City ever does hydrant flushing. Dylan Wadzinski (DPW) stated that hydrants are flushed at least twice per year, and that City staff are brought in to help with this process beginning at midnight, where they are assigned a quadrant of the city to be flushed.

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Police Report

During the police report, Chief Brandon Wilhelm stated that there were 211 calls for service in January 2026. Chief Wilhelm also stated that his team are receiving 4-5 open requests per day. Lastly, Chief Wilhelm gave kudos to the Police and Fire Commission for helping out in the beginning review process of new applicants. Chief Wilhelm noted that there are two applicants currently in the background section of the review process. Finally, Chief Wilhelm gave kudos to the Ordinance Committee and Emergency Government committee for their help with ordinances, policies, etc recently reviewed.

4. Clerk/Treasurer Report

During the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer report, Wolfe stated that taxes are still being collected, however, this is the final week of collecting city taxes. After Friday, 2/6, any taxes received for city residents will be handed off to Iowa County. Lastly, Wolfe informed council members that the local girl scout troop has reserved a portion of the Dipper Lot (near the Chamber) for cookie sales. This reservation begins February 21st and runs through April 19th.

5. Mayor Report

During the Mayor report, Mayor Hottmann informed the council that the Circus is coming back to Dodgeville. At this time, a date has not been confirmed, but the organization in charge of this event is looking at late June/early July.

Mayor Hottmann also informed council that the additional conference room at the new City Hall is now fully functional, and available for meetings.

Lastly, Mayor Hottmann informed council that he received information from the Federal government about the Fire/EMS training tower moving forward. More information to come about this, regarding location, timing, etc.

Finally, Mayor Hottmann noted that he recently attended the WEDC conference (Wednesday, 1/28 thru Friday, 1/30) in Madison. The main topic of this conference was regarding AI data centers.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion and possible action to approve MOU with Teamsters

Motion by DeVoss, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve MOU with Teamsters. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve audit engagement letter with Johnson Block for annual reports and services related to the audit

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve audit engagement letter with Johnson Block for annual reports and services related to the audit. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve quote for the replacement and improvement of the downtown street lighting

Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve quote from AB Electric for the replacement and improvement of the downtown street lighting. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 26-2 to approve the purchase of real estate (Tax Parcel 216-0785)

Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve Resolution 26-2 to approve the purchase of real estate (Tax Parcel 216-0785). Roll call vote 6-1 (Tremelling votes no). Motion carried

10. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance 26-2 to create Section 17.07(bf) and 17.08(l) of the Zoning Code relating to defining self-service storage facilities and prohibiting their use in the R-1, R-M, M-U, M-H, B-C, B-N, and A-G districts

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 26-2 to create Section 17.07(bf) and 17.08(l) of the Zoning Code relating to defining self-service storage facilities and prohibiting their use in the R-1, R-M, M-U, M-H, B-C, B-N, and A-G districts. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance 26-3 to create Sections 7.135 and 15.03(q) relating to regulating the use of electronic bicycles on sidewalks and in parks.

Motion by Johnson, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve Ordinance 26-3 to create Sections 7.135 and 15.03(q) relating to regulating the use of electronic bicycles on sidewalks and in parks. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance 26-4 to repeal and recreate Section 13.17 related to water service rates.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 26-4 to repeal and recreate Section 13.17 related to water service rates. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance 26-5 to amend Section 11.07(o)(2) related to garbage and refuse collection fees

Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve Ordinance 26-5 to amend Section 11.07(o)(2) related to garbage and refuse collection fees. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 26-3 relating to enforcement of the no ATV/UTV traffic sign on East Division Street.

Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 26-3 relating to enforcement of the no ATV/UTV traffic sign on East Division Street. Roll call vote 6-1 (Reynolds-Lair votes no). Motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve release of utility easement.

Motion by Sersch, second by DeVoss to approve release of utility easement. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

16. Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. State Statute 19.85(1)

There was no closed session

IX. OPEN SESSION

17. Reconvene to Open Session.

There was no closed session, so reconvening to open session was not needed

18. Any action needed as a result of closed session

No action needed due to no closed session

X. ADJOURN

19. Motion to Adjourn

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

Time: 6:22pm