



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 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, Mike Olson, Jerry Johnson, Julie Johnson-Solberg. Members absent: Michelle Peterson (excused). Others present: Matthew Pivit (Republic Services), Wendy Nipple (Dodgeville resident), Pat Sieling (Dodgeville resident), Carrie Portz (Dodgeville Library Director), Beth Mikrut-Gilles (Dodgeville resident – owner of In the Beginning Childcare), Brian Whitehouse (Dodgeville Fire Chief), Brandon Wilhelm (Dodgeville Police Chief), Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2026
2. Approval of Claims from May 5, 2026
3. Approval of a Special Event license for the following events: Farmers Appreciation Day hosted by Farmers Appreciation Day committee on July 12, 2026 ; Parent Palooza hosted by Upland Hills Health on May 6, 2026 ; Memorial Day Parade hosted by Gomer Lewis Post 97 American Legion on Monday, May 25, 2026 ; St Joseph School Tiger Chase hosted by St Joseph School on May 13, 2026 ; Isaah Argle & Andrew Hessling Graduation Party hosted by Mary Jo Benish and Bre Hessling on May 23, 2026
4. Approval of Temporary B Alcohol Beverage License for the following events: 2026 Dodgeville Knights Home Talent Baseball Club games to be held on the following dates: May 9, 24, 31, June 7, 11, 25, 28, July 2, 4, 9, 12, & 23, & August 6th at Centennial Park Concession Stand ; Tiger Chase hosted by St Joseph School & Church on May 13, 2026
Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve the 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, Matthew Pivit from Republic Services (Formerly Fahertys) stopped by to introduce himself and to allow members of council to provide any feedback (positive or negative) about the current service of Republic Services. Pivit also informed council members and members in attendance about other services that their website www.republicservices.com provided, including an option to sign up for alerts and a track my truck feature.

Beth Mikrut-Gilles (Dodgeville resident and Owner of In the Beginning Daycare Center) also spoke during public comment addressing her concerns with a recent situation of a lockdown in the Dodgeville School District, and asking if council could consider adding In the Beginning Daycare Center to the list of those notified when there is a lockdown at the school. Chief Brandon Wilhelm indicated that he would review Mikrut-Gilles' request to be notified of lockdown situations, and address whether her center could be included in future notifications.

Wendy Nipple (Dodgeville resident) also spoke during public comment sharing concerns with the council about the City of Dodgeville not having an ADA coordinator on staff, concerns with handicapped stalls at Access Dental and the Dodgeville Police Department. Nipple also noted concerns with snow & ice removal downtown and inquired about the City implementing an ordinance about this. Lastly, Nipple raised concerns with lack of response from various city staff.

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Police Report

During the Police Report, Chief Brandon Wilhelm noted that in April 2026 there were 457 calls for service, and that YTD calls for service for 2026 so far were 1494. Wilhelm noted that arrests for April were up 62%. Wilhelm reminded council members and other members in attendance about the Safe Ride Event to be held at the Ley Pavilion on May 12th and 13th, as well as the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 25th. Wilhelm also noted that with help from Officer Joseph Pepper, there will be 72 middle schoolers graduating from the DARE program later in the month of May. Lastly, Wilhelm spoke to council about the speed sign on Bequette Street and said that replacement batteries for this sign are on order, and should be replaced hopefully in a week or so. Finally, Wilhelm stated that various trainings for officers were planned in the near future.

6. 2025 Consumer Confidence Report

During this report, Dylan Wadzinski (Director of Public Works) noted that the 2025 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) was now available, and would soon be posted on the city's website, Facebook page, and a link to this report would be put on Utility bills as well as sent in a text alert.

7. Interim Clerk/Treasurer Report

During this report, Interim Clerk/Treasurer Wolfe noted that the 2026 Spring Clean Up had finished on Saturday, May 2nd, with Saturday morning being the busiest collection day. Wolfe also reminded council about the Open Book for 2026 being held VIA PHONE on Friday, May 15th and then Board of Review being planned for Thursday, June 4th from 9am to 11am in the City of Dodgeville's Council Chambers. Lastly, Wolfe again reminded council members and those in attendance that early voting for the August Election will take place at City Hall, BUT voting on the day of the election (Tuesday, August 11th) will be held at the Iowa County Law Enforcement Center.

8. Mayor Report

During the Mayor report, Mayor Hottmann informed council members that the IDLE Sites Grant was now in the contracting phase. Mayor Hottmann noted that

developers agreements for Pizza Ranch and the TRU Hotel will be presented for approval at the Tuesday, May 19th council meeting. Concrete removal at the truck stop property will begin this week by Rule Construction. The library project is moving along on schedule – Mayor Hottmann and Library Director Carrie Portz are hopeful that windows will be installed by the end of May. Lastly, Mayor Hottmann shared that he and Fire Chief Brian Whitehouse are still working on trying to find a location for the Fire/EMS training tower. Finally, Mayor Hottmann shared some updates from Senator Marklein about what Senator Marklein’s office had been working on to help municipalities, including funding for EMS training, etc.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

VII. NEW BUSINESS

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the job description and related ordinance for the city administrator position
Motion by Olson, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve job description for City Administrator with the following amendment: “Works with the Mayor and assists the mayor as required or as requested in the performance of his/her duties”. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.
Additional motion by Johnson, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve ordinance 2026-09 for the City administrator. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried
10. Discussion and possible action to approve the fire truck purchase contract to move forward with evaluation and potential purchase
Motion by Sersch, second by Weber to approve the fire truck purchase contract with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$145,000. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.
11. Consider adoption of proposed Ordinance 26-8 regarding street and sidewalk excavations and openings.
Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve adoption of Ordinance 26-8. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.
12. Discussion to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve quote from Feiner Construction for the repair of the Comer Pool Shower Ceilings
Motion by DeVoss, second by Weber to approve quote from Feiner Construction for the repair of the Comer Pool Shower Ceilings. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.
13. Discussion to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve quote from Feiner Construction for the addition of changing stalls to the men’s locker room at the Comer Pool
Motion by Sersch, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve quote from Feiner Construction for the addition of changing stalls to the men’s locker room at Comer Pool. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.
14. Discussion to approve recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve quote from Feiner Construction for the replacement of multiple park facility doors contingent of a class 1 notice being published before work begins. Motion by Weber, second by Olson to approve quote from Feiner Construction for the replacement of multiple park facility doors within the City of Dodgeville. Roll call 7-0. Motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve renewal for the annual City Hall Fire Alarm Monitoring Agreement with Ahern
Motion by Weber, second by Johnson-Solberg to approve renewal for annual City Hall Fire Alarm Monitoring Agreement with Ahern. Roll call vote 7-0.
Motion carried.
16. Discussion and possible action to fill seasonal Parks Laborer position
Motion by DeVoss, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve filling seasonal Parks Laborer position. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.
17. Discussion and possible action to stream and record all common council meetings on Zoom starting on June 2, 2026
Motion by Olson, second by Sersch to work towards streaming and recording all common council meetings on Zoom. Roll call vote 7-0. Motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURN

18. Motion to adjourn
Motion by Weber, second by Johnson-Solberg. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.
Time: 6:50pm