



MINUTES

Common Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 21, 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 Hottmann. Members present: Shaun Sersch, Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Jeff “Potsie” Weber, Mike Olson, Jerry Johnson, Michelle Peterson. Members absent: Tom DeVoss, Julie Johnson-Solberg.

Others present: Shawn Roelli (Johnson Block), Brandon Wilhelm & Charlie (Dodgeville Police Department), Steve DeMuth (Dodgeville resident), Pat Sieling (Dodgeville resident), Dan Paulson (Representative from Cruisin’ the Courthouse), Wendy Nipple (Dodgeville resident)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from July 7, 2026
2. Approval of minutes from Special Council Meeting on July 8, 2026
3. Approval of Claims from July 21, 2026
4. Approval of a Special Event license for the following event: Maxwell Street Days hosted by BPA Boutique on Saturday, July 25th, 2026

Motion by Sersch, second by Johnson to approve consent agenda. Voice vote 6-0.
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 Paulson (Dodgeville resident and representative from the Cruisin’ the Courthouse group) addressed council noting that the courthouse parking lot, where the current Cruisin’ the Courthouse events are being held, will be tore up for the months of August and September, which will interfere with the already planned events in the courthouse parking lot. Paulson asked for council’s consideration to update the traffic pattern for these two months events, to accommodate the construction that will be occurring. Mayor Hottmann and Council members, as well as Chief Brandon Wilhelm requested that a revised traffic pattern for these two months’ events be submitted to City Hall, at which this newly updated traffic pattern for the already existing Special Event license would be presented at the next common council meeting on Tuesday, August 4th for review/approval.

V. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Library Update

Library Director Carrie Portz was unable to attend this meeting, however, she included information ahead of time, which was included in the packet for Council to review.

During this update. Council member Reynolds-Lair gave kudos to Portz for her recent involvement with the Local History Day held during the Town Square event this past Saturday, July 18, 2026.

6. Interim Clerk/Treasurer Report

During the Interim Clerk/Treasurer Report, Wolfe noted that approximately 42.5% of mailed absentees for the August 11th, 2026 Partisan Primary election had been returned. Wolfe also reminded council and those in attendance that early voting begins Tuesday, July 28th at City Hall (410 E Leffler Street) and runs through Friday, August 7th. Lastly, Wolfe noted that she has continued to attend meetings for the soon to come City of Dodgeville website update, and also noted that she has attended various other trainings, as well as working on some filing clean up in the office.

7. Mayor Report

During the Mayor report, Mayor Hottmann reminded Council of the Special Council meeting to be held on Monday, July 27th, 2026 beginning at 4pm for the City Administrator Process. Lastly Mayor Hottmann gave kudos to the Streets and Water Departments for their continued work on the water main break that occurred downtown earlier this week.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

8. Discussion and possible action to approve fee waiver and waiver of insurance request from Alan McCormick, for a veterans event to be held at Wilson Park on Saturday, September 12, 2026

Motion by Olson, second by Weber to approve fee waiver and waiver of insurance request from Alan McCormick for a veterans event to be held at Wilson Park on Saturday, September 12, 2026. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve add on service from J.J. Keller relating to required employee notice service to City of Dodgeville employees.

Motion by Sersch, second by Reynolds-Lair to approve add on service from J.J. Keller relating to required employee notice service to City of Dodgeville employees. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

10. Consideration of Resolution 2026-09: Assigning Fund Balance of Unexpended Balances as of December 31, 2025 according to the Government Accounting Standards Board Statement #54

Motion by Johnson, second by Peterson to approve Resolution 2026-09: Assigning Fund Balance of Unexpended Balances as of December 31, 2025 according to the Government Accounting Standards Board Statement #54. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

11. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) for employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over

which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for the purposes to: Discuss Police Officer recruitment, review applicant qualifications, and consider modifications to the recruitment and hiring process.

Motion by Sersch, second by Weber to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

VIII. OPEN SESSION

12. Reconvene to Open Session

Council did not reconvene to open session

13. Any Action Needed as a Result of Closed Session

Due to no action needed as a result of closed session, Council did not reconvene to open session.

IX. ADJOURN

14. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Weber, second by Olson to adjourn. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Time: 6:30pm