## **RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 1034**

## A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DODGEVILLE TO DIRECT CHARGE PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the City of Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin (the "Municipality") owns and operates the Dodgeville Water Utility (the "Utility") as a public utility; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality provides fire protection for the benefit of the public health, safety and well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Utility is authorized by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) to recover the cost of providing and maintaining fire hydrants used for public protection; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has included the annual public fire protection charge due to the water utility on the City's property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute Section 196.03(3)(b) allows the Common Council to collect the public fire protection charge through the tax levy or as a direct charge on the water utility bills or a combination of both;

WHEREAS, to provide greater equity for the cost the Common Council desires to place the entire public fire protection charge on the utility bills as a direct charge for all General Customer users; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to use the equivalent meter method for calculating the direct charge;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,** that the Common Council does request PSC approval to place the entire Public Fire Protection charge as a direct charge on the utility bill using the equivalent meter method; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that City staff are authorized to work with PSC staff in implementing this request and that this change shall be effective upon review and approval by the Public Service Commission of the State of Wisconsin.

Adopted and approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

Tode D. Novak, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa A´, Riley, City Clerk

It was moved by <u>Ald. DeVoss</u> and seconded by <u>Ald. Johnson</u> that the foregoing resolution be adopted. The following voted Aye: Ald. DeVoss, Ald. Mainwaring, Ald. Meuer, Ald. Johnson, Ald. Borne, Ald. Tremelling, Ald. Reynolds-Lair, Ald. Sersch

The following voted No:

None.

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.