

Slogan of the municipality Durmersheim from 1748:

JUDGE JUDGE JUSTICE, GOD IS LORD AND YOU ARE SERVANT!

From the old historical town hall of Durmersheim, a half-timbered building built in 1748 and demolished in 1972, there is an oak beam in the Hardtmuseum as a one-figure preserved relic, on which the then head of the village Johannes Tritsch, the staff holder Friedrich Becker and the mayor Peter Vögele carved the motto of the municipality of Durmersheim:

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GOD IS LORD
AND YOU'RE A SERVANT!"**

In the language of modern communal marketing, such slogans serve to briefly and aptly express the character and philosophy of a community.

Thus the municipality of Durmersheim advertises itself on its current internet presence with the word series "people, tradition, future" - slogans that express the past, present and future of our place.

The old town hall was a stately half-timbered building dating from 1748 and was located on the site of today's Raiffeisenbank. At that time, this location was the town centre. In the immediate vicinity stood the old parish church with the cemetery, the parsonage and the large inns Adler and Wolf.

Via today's Obere Bahnhofstraße and Leonharder Weg (formerly Lindhardter Weg) you reached Malsch from there.

It was torn down in 1972. In retrospect, it was a small structural "Deadly Sin", because a renovated old town hall with its historical half-timbered façade would certainly be an attractive eye-catcher even today.

The new town hall was built in 1955/56 on the square along Speyerer Straße, where the company premises and the station of the local railway Durmersheim-Karlsruhe-Spöck, which was popularly called "'s Lobberle", were previously located between Ettlinger Straße and Alte Kino.

Inaugurated 60 years ago on 21 October 1956, it became the new home of the municipal administration, which needed more and more space for its administrative activities with more and more inhabitants, which was lacking in the old town hall.

In 2016, when Durmersheim commemorated the 1025th anniversary of the return of the first mention, generally dated 991, the "New" Town Hall was able to celebrate its 60th birthday.

Whether the birthday child will be as old as his predecessor is difficult to predict. After all, he managed 224 years. The 60 years that our Durmersheim town hall has reached in the meantime are an almost youthful age, although the ravages of time have already left their mark.

With ever more extensive areas of responsibility, a town hall must be constantly adapted to these: Digital networking, energetic renovation, accessibility for the disabled - these are just a few of the changes that the birthday child must undergo in order to remain a municipal competence centre in our community in the future.

On 21 October 1956, our town hall was officially inaugurated with the symbolic handover of the keys by architect Kornelius Thielbeer to Mayor Ludwig Brunner.

The architecture of the new town hall was in keeping with the spirit of the post-war years in the young Federal Republic of Germany and signalled to the outside world a departure into the future.

Ten hard post-war years lay behind the population, in which the people of Durmersheim, with a lot of community spirit, set signs for themselves and the surrounding communities that they wanted to meet the demands of a new era and were able to cope with them.

This was witnessed not only by the construction of the town hall, but also by the large village festival of 1950 and, until 1952, by the new construction of the terraced outdoor swimming pool, which is unique in the surrounding area.