

**MINUTES**  
**March 13, 2023**

The City Council of Badger met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. at Badger City Hall with Mayor Chris Wendell presiding. Council members present: Roger Curtis, Teresa Larson-White, Pam Smith and Gail Higgins. Absent: Larry Dunbar. Also present: Nate Jones, Carol Hanson, Ralph and Donna Bryan, Mandy Gascho and Jaci Graves. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Curtis, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for February, and bills in the amount of \$5,246.05. Mayor Wendell asked if there was any unscheduled business and there being none moved on to communications and reports. Library Director, Tammy Jones discussed her written report on library activities and happenings. Jones was approved for a local grant to purchase books and also a State of Iowa grant to receive a STEM cart/kit for kids and anyone interested in learning about technology. Jones stated they were thankful for the Badger Lutheran church's food drive for the food pantry at the library. Next on the agenda was Public Works Department reports. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson presented his written report on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for February and the conditions of the lagoons but was not present. Mark Wertz, Public Works, provided his written report to Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, utility locates, etc. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk, presented her written report to Council. She informed Council that the new property valuations had been received and the budget had been reworked. Under Council reports, Curtis stated the NCIRSWA meeting will be March 21<sup>st</sup> at the landfill. Mayor reported that Animal Control had been called regarding two dogs running at large. Mayor Wendell stated the public hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Levy for fiscal year 2024 beginning July 1, 2023 scheduled for this meeting is cancelled since property tax levies needed to be redone. Under regular agenda items, a motion to set a public hearing date for April 10, 2023 for the adoption of the budget for fiscal year 2024 was made by Curtis, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. A motion to set a public hearing date for April 10, 2023 for the adoption of a budget amendment for fiscal year 2023 was made by Larson-White, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Mandy Gascho, Badgerfest Committee spokesperson, discussed Badgerfest 2023 with Council. Badgerfest will be held August 5<sup>th</sup> this year. The committee has a member retiring and some new members coming in. Badgerfest requested \$1,000 from the city, a parade permit and street closure. Motion to approve \$1,000 from the city for Badgerfest 2023 was made by Higgins, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the parade permit and street closure was made by Smith, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Mark Wertz then discussed replacing the air compressor at the city shop. He had researched replacing the motor versus buying a new unit. Motion to approve purchasing a new 5 HP compressor from Arnold Motor Supply in the amount of \$2,137.99 as well as new tubing for air lines which may cost around \$200.00 introduced by Higgins, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Final items on the agenda were ordinance amendments raising water and sewer rates by 2% beginning July 1, 2023. Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> consideration of Ordinance 23-328 Water Rates was made by Curtis, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> consideration of Ordinance 23-329 Sewer Rates was made by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:02 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen  
City Clerk