

MINUTES
April 11, 2022

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: Gail Higgins, Pam Smith, Larry Dunbar and Roger Curtis. Absent: Teresa Larson-White. Also present: Renee Drown, Ralph and Donna Bryan and Carol Hanson. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Smith, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Dunbar, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the March 14th regular meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for March, and current bills in the amount of \$5,984.88. Mayor Wendell asked if there was any unscheduled business and there being none, the mayor proceeded with the Library Director report. Tammy Jones discussed her written report and discussed library activities and happenings. Next on the agenda was Public Works Department reports. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson discussed his written report to Council. He reported on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for March and the conditions of the lagoons. Todd Tolliver, 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. Councilman Curtis asked about city insurance quote and clerk reported an agent is currently working on it. Curtis also reported on an upcoming Lions Club clean up event. Mayor Wendell then read his annual Arbor Day Proclamation. Arbor Day this year is on April 29th. Under regular agenda items, Renee Drown, representing Webster County Animal Protection, discussed the organization and options for council to consider in working with the agency for animal control in the city. The mayor asked her to have the owner, Kaila Blomberg contact him so they can meet to go over policies and the city ordinance and have a proposal ready for the May council meeting. Quotes from Modern Sound Engineering for getting the city's camera system operational and upgrading the security system to 5G were discussed. Council requested more information to make a decision at the May meeting. Quotes from two different lawn care services were discussed. The previous contractor for spring and fall applications on city properties has informed the city he will no longer be doing this service. A quote of \$2,950 from Lawn Ranger in Humboldt and a quote for \$8,150 from Johnson Bro's Snow and Mow in Fort Dodge were presented. Motion to approve the Lawn Ranger quote was made by Curtis, second by Dunbar, all ayes, Larson-White absent, motion carried. Next, Resolution 04-01-2022 Approving the Designation of SLFRF funds was discussed. This pertains to state and local fiscal recovery funds received by the city under the American Rescue Plan and designates that the city will use the Standard Revenue Loss Allowance in reporting to the US Treasury on the use of the funds. This allows the city to use the funds on any lawful government services activity and especially on any of the four key eligible use categories designated by ARPA legislation. Motion to approve was made by Smith, second by Dunbar, all ayes, Larson-White absent, motion carried. The first consideration of Ordinance 22-319 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates effective July 1, 2022, setting a 5% increase was moved for approval by Smith, second by Dunbar. Ayes: Smith, Dunbar, Curtis. Nays: Higgins. Absent: Larson White. Motion carried. The first consideration of Ordinance 22-320 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Service Charges effective July 1, 2022, setting a 5% increase was moved for approval by Dunbar, second by Smith. All ayes, Larson-White absent, motion carried. The first consideration of Ordinance 22-321 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Appointment of City Clerk was moved for approval by Smith, second by Higgins. All ayes, Larson-White absent, motion carried. This would provide that the clerk would no longer have to be appointed each year as is currently set by ordinance. The first consideration of Ordinance 22-322 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Appointment of City Attorney was moved for approval by Dunbar, second by Curtis. All ayes, Larson-White absent, motion carried. This would provide that the attorney would no longer have to be appointed each year as is currently set by ordinance. The first consideration of Ordinance 22-323 Amending the Badger Code of Ordinances by Adding Chapter 93 – Public Water Supply Source Water Protection Regulations was moved for approval by Dunbar, second by Curtis. All ayes, Larson-White absent, motion carried. A local committee including city staff worked with Iowa Rural Water Association to put together a source water protection plan that was submitted and approved by Council and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources along with an Emergency Response Plan. Motion to waive the second and third considerations of this ordinance was made by Dunbar, second by Higgins, all ayes, Larson-White absent, motion carried. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Dunbar, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:30 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk