

MINUTES  
April 13, 2026

The City Council of Badger met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. at Badger City Hall with Mayor Roger Curtis presiding. Council members present: Teresa Larson-White, Jeff Brundige, Nathan Jones, Michael Hendren and Larry Hall. Also present: Austin Hayek, Jaci Graves, Mandy Gascho and Luke Huggins. Mayor led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Hendren, second by Hall, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Brundige, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the March 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and March 23<sup>rd</sup> special meetings, clerk/treasurer report for March, bills in the amount of \$30,006.47 and approval of the liquor license renewal for W & H Coop. Webster County Supervisor, Austin Hayek gave council an update of the roundabout project on Nelson Ave. and 170<sup>th</sup> Street. The project began April 13<sup>th</sup> and is expected to be completed in late August or early September, although the contract end date is in October. Hayek also reported on other projects in the county, including two bridge projects. Under communications and reports, Library director, Tammy Haack submitted and discussed her written report to Council regarding library happenings. Mark Wertz presented his written Public Works Department report which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, utility locates, etc. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk, presented her written report to Council. Council member Hall discussed the elevated fluoride and staff will investigate costs of mitigation. Mayor Curtis reported on recent meetings attended and the flagpole belonging to the US Post Office. At 6:54 p.m. the mayor opened the public hearing on the Fiscal year 2027 Budget. Clerk stated the proposed expenditures are \$799,166, revenues are \$819,026 and the tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property is 12.67499. Mayor asked for questions or comments and there being none, closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m. Under regular agenda items, Luke Huggins, Badger Fire addressed council regarding the annual donation from the city and the street closure for the fireman's ball on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion to approve the \$1,000 funding agreement was made by Larson-White, second by Jones, all ayes, with Brundige abstaining due to being the fire chief, motion carried. Motion to approve the street closure was made by Larson-White, second by Hendren, all ayes with Brundige abstaining, motion carried. Damages and repairs to a city street and street signs due to a falling tree on private property were discussed. Motion to approve billing the property for the expenses the city incurred and labor charges to repair was made by Brundige, second by Hendren, all ayes, motion carried. Lift station problems with the pumps were then discussed. The VFD's that start the 2-year-old pumps are 13 years old and need to be replaced so as to not burn up the motors. Motion to approve the purchase and installation from Electric Pump in the amount of \$11,650 was made by Hendren, second by Brundige, all ayes, motion carried. Also on the agenda was a water leak that could be a fire hydrant in need of replacement, or a water main break on 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE. Motion to approve having Westrum Leak Detection locate the leak at a cost of approximately \$875 was made by Hendren, second by Jones, all ayes, motion carried. Quotes for replacement of the fire hydrant and installation of gate valves from Nels Pederson, Inc. were discussed. A motion to approve relacing the fire hydrant if needed and installing gate valves for an amount not to exceed \$15,850 was made by Hall, second by Jones, all ayes, motion carried. Jaci Graves and Mandy Gascho discussed Badgerfest with Council and requested additional funding from the city due to rising costs. Motion to provide \$2000 to Badgerfest for the July 2026 event was made by Hall, second by Jones, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the parade permit and road closure for Badgerfest was made by Brundige, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Next, council and clerk discussed items to be included in a second FY26 budget amendment. Motion to set a Public Hearing date for the FY26 Budget Amendment #2 to be May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. was made by Brundige, second by Hendren, all ayes, motion carried. The final item was discussion of a city newsletter. Councilman Hendren volunteered to start putting together a format and this item will be revisited. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Brundige, second by Hall, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:41 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen  
City Clerk