## MINUTES April 14, 2025

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, Jeff Brundige, Pam Smith, Teresa Larson-White and Nathan Jones. Also present: Rod & Kristi Lassiter, Michael Hendren, Tammy & Mark Haack, Cindy Dencklau and Julie Winninger. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Larson-White, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Jones, second by Brundige, all ayes, motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the March 10th regular meeting, March 31<sup>st</sup> special meetings, Clerk/Treasurer report for March, bills in the amount of \$14,264,57 and the approval of Badger Fastway liquor license renewal. Under unscheduled business, Tammy Haack informed Council that she and Cindy Dencklau were exploring forming a community group as a 501(c)3 to fundraise for repairs or replacement of the community center and other things in Badger. Council will address this at the next meeting. Under communications and reports, Library Director, Tammy Jones presented her written report including Library happenings. Next on the agenda was Public Works Department reports. Mark Wertz, Public Works, presented his written report to the Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, utility locates, etc. He also included a report on the water usage and the amount of water that went through the lift station. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk, presented her written report to Council and told Council that the IMFOA conference in June would conflict with the regular monthly meeting and asked council to consider changing the date of the June meeting. Under Council reports, Roger Curtis gave a report on the NCIRSWA meeting he recently attended. He asked that Council consider doing a mobile collection event of hazardous materials when the city has clean-up day. Mayor had nothing to report. At 6:55 p.m. the mayor opened the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 26 Budget and asked for any comments. There were no comments from the public and the clerk stated she had not received any. The mayor closed the public hearing at 6:56 p.m. Under regular agenda items, Julie Winninger discussed the water main break that had occurred in front of her property in February and questioned why grading and such had not been done yet. Public works informed her of the reasons and also said when the ground is stable it will be levelled and re-seeded. He will also check for any dirt or rocks that may have ended up on her property and remedy that also. A request for the public utility easement by Winninger was also discussed. Next, Tammy Haack discussed placing an ice cream stand on the empty lot owned by the city on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SE. The city will look into liability issues and will revisit this at the next meeting. Council then discussed setting a date for the annual spring clean-up day. Motion to set the date for May 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. and have NCIRSWA do a mobile hazmat event was made by Jones, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Next, quotes for servicing the generator at the water plant as well as purchasing an extended warranty for it were discussed. Motion to purchase a 10year extended warranty in the amount of \$2,495 was made by Jones, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to have 3E service the generator at the water plant for \$600 was made by Larson-White, second by Brundige, all ayes, motion carried. A motion to approve Resolution 04-01-25 Adopting the FY26 Budget was made by Smith, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Ordinance amendments increasing water and sewer rates by 4% were then discussed. Motion to approve the first consideration of Ordinance #25-335 Water Rates was introduced by Larson-White, second by Brundige, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> considerations of that ordinance was made by Brundige, second by Jones, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the first consideration of Ordinance #25-336 Sewer Rates was introduced by Brundige, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> considerations of that ordinance was made by Jones, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. New rates will be in effect as of July 1, 2025. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen City Clerk