

MINUTES
April 15, 2024

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: Teresa Larson-White, Pam Smith, Jeff Brundige and Nathan Jones. Absent: Roger Curtis. Also present: Kurt May and Joey Krug from Speedy Dump, Ralph and Donna Bryan, Mandy Gascho, Jacki Graves, and Rod and Kristi Lassiter. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Brundige second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Jones, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the March 11th regular meeting, the March 25th special meetings, Clerk/Treasurer report for March, and bills in the amount of \$21,504.09. There was no unscheduled business. Under communications and reports, Library Director, Tammy Jones had provided her written report on library activities and happenings but was absent. 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 March and the conditions of the lagoons but was absent. The sewage lift pump has been repaired and reinstalled. Mark Wertz, Public Works, presented his written report to the Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, utility locates, etc. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk, presented her written report to Council. The Council and Mayor briefly discussed a vacant property with wind damage on 1st Ave SE but had nothing else to report. Clerk will contact owners about needed repairs. Mayor Wendell announced he was opening the public Hearing on the FY25 Budget at 6:35 p.m. No questions or comments were received from the public, but clerk gave a brief overview of the tax rate etc. Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:36 p.m. Under regular agenda items, Mandy Gascho and Jaci Graves presented Council with plans for the 2024 Badgerfest. It will be held August 3rd and will include numerous vendors as well as a parade. Motion to approve parade permit and parade route was made by Smith, second by Brundige, all ayes, motion carried. Speedy Dump offered to provide garbage cans and the city will drill holes in the picnic tables to allow for the umbrellas that Badgerfest purchased. Next, Council discussed a new alcohol license application waiting to be approved by the city. The vendor will sell wine slushies at Badgerfest. Motion to approve provided they have met all of the requirements set by Alcoholic Beverages Division was made by Larson-White, second by Brundige, all ayes, motion carried. Speedy Dump from Humboldt discussed their proposed rates for garbage pick-up and recycling roll off pickups with Council. The city's current contract with Pederson Sanitation for those services has expired and their recycling rates are being raised. Speedy Dump would provide large, wheeled plastic carts to each residence for garbage and the pickup day would remain on Thursday of each week. They would also provide a new, larger roll off container designed specifically for city needs, and any commercial garbage customers could be provided service with new dumpsters if they chose to. Council will discuss this further at the May meeting before a decision is made. Residents are welcome to stop at City Hall to see the garbage cart on display if they would like. Resolution #04-01-24 Adopting the FY25 Budget was presented and a motion to approve was made by Larson-White, second by Jones, all ayes, motion carried. The first consideration of Ordinance #24-331 Water Rates was introduced and a motion to approve was made by Jones, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to waive the second and third considerations was made by Brundige, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. The first consideration of Ordinance #24-332 Sewer Rates was introduced and a motion to approve was made by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to waive the second and third considerations was made by Brundige, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. New water and sewer rates will be in effect July 1, 2024. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Jones, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 8:08 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk