

MINUTES
February 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: Larry Dunbar, Roger Curtis, Teresa Larson-White, Pam Smith and Gail Higgins. Also present: Jeff Brundige, Carol Hanson, Ralph and Donna Bryan, and Todd Johnson. 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 Dunbar, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the January 9th regular meeting, January 9th and January 23rd special meetings, Clerk/Treasurer report for January, bills in the amount of \$32,149.37 and approval of W & H Coop liquor license renewal. 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 is anticipating being approved for a local grant to purchase books. 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 January 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 reminded Council of present legislation being discussed that will change property valuations and cause changes to the FY24 budget and proceedings. Under Council reports, Curtis asked when spring garage sales would be. The city is not in charge of garage sales, but clerk stated the city spring clean-up day will be May 6th this year. Mayor had nothing to report. At 6:45 p.m., Mayor Wendell opened the public hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Levy for fiscal year 2024 beginning July 1, 2023. Mayor asked for public comment and there was some discussion about current proposed legislation that may or may not affect the levy rates. Mayor Wendell closed the public hearing at 6:48 p.m. Under regular agenda items, a motion to set a public hearing date for March 13, 2023 for the adoption of the budget for fiscal year 2024 was made by Curtis, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Jeff Brundige, Fire Chief, then addressed council with a request for the street closure on June 17th for the annual Fireman's Ball. Motion to approve by Larson-White, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Public Works and Clerk discussed the quotes that were received for sandblasting the equipment at the water plant. Master Blaster of Fort Dodge submitted a quote for sandblasting in the amount of \$6300.00 and Cutting Edge Painting of Nevada submitted a quote for \$6500.00 which included sandblasting and painting. Motion to approve Cutting Edge quote was made by Dunbar, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Next, Resolution 02-01-2023 Approving FY24 Max Levy Rate was introduced and moved by Curtis, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Final agenda item was an ordinance amendment for Chapter 69 of the Badger Code of Ordinances. Ordinance #23-327 adds angle parking on 1st Ave SE between 1st St. SE and 2nd St. SE and also adds a new section on recreational vehicle parking. Motion to approve was made by Higgins, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd considerations of the ordinance amendment was made by Dunbar, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:05 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk