

MINUTES
January 13, 2025

The City Council of Badger met in regular session at 6:31 p.m. at Badger City Hall with Mayor Chris Wendell presiding. Council members present: Roger Curtis, Teresa Larson-White, Jeff Brundige, Nathan Jones and Pam Smith. Also present: Luke Huggins, Michael Hendren and Rod Lassiter. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Smith, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Curtis, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the December 9th meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for December, bills in the amount of \$32,543.94 and approval of liquor license renewal for Knuckleheads pending dramshop. There was no unscheduled business. Under communications and reports, Library Director, Tammy Jones had presented her written report including Library happenings. Next on the agenda was Public Works Department reports. Retired Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson submitted his written report on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for December and the conditions of the lagoons. Mark Wertz, Public Works, presented his written report to the Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, utility locates, etc. He also reported that the new control panel for the water plant will be installed in February. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk, presented her written report to Council. Rasmussen also reported that the DNR required mailing about elevated fluoride levels had been sent out. It will need to be done quarterly. Council and Mayor had nothing to report. Under regular agenda items, Luke Huggins gave Council a presentation discussing the upcoming March special election for essential EMS services in Webster County. Huggins is a member of Badger Fire and also sits on the EMS Advisory Council. Huggins stressed how important it is for this measure to pass. Next Council discussed whether the city should lease the land designated for Badger Ridge phase 2 and 3 to a local farmer. Clerk is to contact the engineers from the initial project and also the city attorney. Council then discussed a wage amount for Craig Larson to be a backup for public works for doing daily water plant duties. In the past, public works would be paid \$30 each day they needed to do this for Larson, if he was unavailable, outside of their normal work hours. Larson had agreed to that compensation amount. Motion to approve paying Larson \$30 per day if he was needed was introduced by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Finally, Council discussed budget items for the next fiscal year beginning July 1st. They will hold a budget workshop on January 27th to discuss further. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Brundige, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 8:31 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk