

MINUTES
July 8, 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, Jeff Brundige, and Roger Curtis. Absent: Nathan Jones and Pam Smith. Also present: Glen Westling, Rodney Lassiter, Geraldine Licht, Wayne Reed, Ralph and Donna Bryan, Jaci Graves, Michael and Michelle Hendren, Mandy Gascho, and Larry Hall. 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 Larson-White, second by Brundige, all ayes, motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the June 10th meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for June and bills in the amount of \$48,152.09. Under unscheduled business, Glen Westling commented on making changes to the fireworks ordinance. Other audience members also commented on fireworks issues. Under communications and reports, Library Director, Tammy Jones was absent but had presented her written report on library activities and happenings. Next on the agenda was Public Works Department reports. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson was absent but had presented his written report on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for June 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 discussed vandalized lights at the flagpole in Knudson Park. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk, presented her written report to Council. Under Council reports, Curtis mentioned a property in need of mowing, Mayor will contact them. Curtis also discussed plans for a naming contest for the badgers on the new statue that W & H Coop donated funds for. The balance of the funds can be used for a contest prize and a sign to be placed next to the statue. Mayor had nothing to report. Under regular agenda items, Wayne Reed requested a variance to the ordinance requirements for a fence at 320 1st Ave NE. He requested that he be allowed to place the side fence line just eight feet on either side of the rear corners of the house and extend back to the rear property line. Current requirements state the side fence line should be on the property line. Council had no issue with this if he maintains the property both inside and outside of the fence line. Motion to approve the variance was introduced by Brundige, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Next, Council discussed an agreement with Badgerfest for funds requested by them from the city. The Auditor of State has a requirement that a city enters into a written contract with a non-profit when donating funds to the organization. The contract must state the terms and conditions of each party, and that both parties receive consideration and not a donation of public funds. The contract also states that the benefit to the city will be for public benefit, and that the city may request an accounting of the funds given to the organization. This will be required of any non-profit that the city gives money to including Badgerfest, the Lions Club, etc. Jaci Graves, with the Badgerfest committee gave a brief rundown on all the benefits to the city when Badgerfest is held each year. Motion to approve the contract was introduced by Curtis, second by Brundige, all ayes, motion carried. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:10 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk