

MINUTES
July 12, 2021

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, Larry Dunbar, Gail Higgins, Roger Curtis and Pam Smith. Also present: Craig Larson, Carol Hanson, Tammy and Mark Haack, Eric and Vicki Jones, Ron and LaDonna Volf, Jacob and Lucas Volf, Cindy Dencklau, Denis and Michelle Schulte, Barb Campbell and Todd Johnson. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Smith, 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 June 14th regular meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for June and current bills in the amount of \$60,636.09. Mayor Wendell asked if there was any unscheduled business, and there being no comments from the audience, proceeded with Public Works Department reports. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson provided his written report to Council. He reported on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for June and the conditions of the lagoons. He also reported the contractor for the new solar farm near Badger has started getting water. Next, Todd Tolliver, Public Works, provided his written report to Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, utility locates, etc. He also reported installing another new door at the ballfield. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk presented her written report to Council. She gave updates on the camera system, office printer issue, tank inspection results from water tower inspection, and an update on American Rescue Plan funds to be received. Council discussed the condition of an abandoned building on 1st Ave SE that needs to be addressed at the August meeting. Mayor informed Council that the Library Board dismissed the Library Director and will be hiring for that position soon. In the meantime, Tammy Jones is serving as interim director. He also gave Council an update from the city attorney on the unfinished basement on a property on 6th Street SE and E. Center Avenue. Property owner has informed attorney that he will be filling in the hole that was dug for a basement. The city will need to secure the fencing around the hole in the meantime. Under regular agenda items, Carol Hanson discussed a date for Badgerfest. It will be more of a fundraiser this year and will be held on August 7th. The committee had requested the annual donation from the city and Hanson requested a parade permit be approved. Motion to approve the donation to Badgerfest of \$750.00 and approve the parade permit was introduced by Dunbar, second by Higgins, all ayes motion carried. Next, Council, Mayor and members of the public present discussed fireworks in the city. Currently, fireworks are not allowed. Some would like to see that changed and others would like it to remain the way it is. The current Badger ordinance as well as what is allowed by Iowa Code was discussed. After discussion, Council decided to put together a public survey so that they can get a better idea of what the majority of residents would like to see in regard to fireworks. It will be posted on the website and the public will be informed of its availability on their water bills within the next few months. Motion to approve Resolution 7-1-21 Support for a Workforce Housing Tax Credit Application was introduced by Curtis, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. This will allow Mike Pearson to apply for a tax credit for 6 single family homes to be constructed on lots he owns in Badger. Prior to adjournment, a member of the public brought up an issue with people running stop signs in her area. Another member of the public brought up issues she feels need addressed in her area. Council and Mayor offered suggestions, but no action was taken on these non-agenda items. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:27 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk