

MINUTES
June 8, 2020

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: Roger Curtis, Teresa Larson-White, Larry Dunbar, Pam Smith and Gail Higgins. Also present; Kati Lemberg, Jeff Brundige, Todd Johnson, and Tim Hardman. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Curtis, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Larson-White, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the May 11th meeting, current bills in the amount of \$7,698.90, Clerk/Treasurer report for May, and approval of Badger Fastway Tobacco permit. Under unscheduled business, Kati Lemberg of Legacy Realty discussed the covenant for Badger Ridge and a reduction in price of Lot 16 to \$17,500 due to losing 30' of the property. Council agrees with the price reduction and Lemberg will work with City Attorney on covenant revisions for Council approval. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson had provided his written report to Council. He reported on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for May, gave updates on water tower inspection and water main break. All sampling came back fine. Next, Dave London, Public Works, discussed his written report for May with Council which included numerous maintenance tasks. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk presented her written report to Council, discussed estimates for water tower repairs and reminded Council the moratorium has passed for utilities being unable to charge late fees or perform disconnections and charge those fees. This will resume on the June 15th late notices. Clerk also discussed the Tree Inventory that Iowa DNR will be performing for the city on June 11th and 12th. She also stated the landfill would be billing us for the 4 appliances that were placed in our recycle bin. Under Council/Mayor reports, Larson-White discussed postponing city-wide garage sales. It was agreed that since that is not a city sponsored event, and not under an emergency proclamation, that citizens can hold their garage sales collectively on June 20th if they so choose. Curtis brought up a vehicle that has been parked at a residence in town and questioned whether to do a nuisance abatement. Higgins agreed to talk to the owner first before the city proceeds with an abatement notice. Smith discussed a huge tarp being used as a roof for storage space in a back yard which is unsightly. Mayor stated he had taken a call about garbage pickup and had advised the resident to call the contractor directly. Mayor opened the public hearing on the FY20 Budget Amendment at 7:29 p.m. and asked for comments from Council or the public. There being none, he closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Under regular agenda items, Council discussed City Clean Up day. No June dates were available so it will be held July 11th from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Motion to approve the date by Curtis, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve partial street closure, south lane of traffic from 121 1st Ave SE east to the corner of 2nd St SE from noon until 2:00 a.m. on June 27th was made by Smith, second by Larson White, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the usual street closure for the fireman's ball, approve use of picnic tables, approve activities, approve liquor license pending dramshop with events to be held July 18th from Saturday morning until midnight was made by Dunbar, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve sale of Lot 14 in Badger Ridge Phase One was made by Larson-White, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Water usage at 208 3rd St. SE was discussed. A pipe had leaked and customer wanted charges for excess water/sewer to be waived. Council's policy is not to forgive these charges, therefore no action was taken on this item. Motion to approve city's small group health plan renewal -BlueSimplicity Silver-PPO was made by Larson-White, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. After discussing quotes for website hosting, motion to approve using Municipal Impact at an initial cost of \$987.45 which includes, site setup, migration and annual hosting, support, and upgrades was made by Curtis, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to grant a variance for a fence to be offset from the south side yard property line by 24" at 153 6th St SE due to telecommunications cabling was made by Dunbar, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to grant a variance for the front setback requirement on Lot 15, Badger Ridge to be 25' was made by Dunbar, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve Resolution 6-1-2020 setting Fiscal Year 21 wages beginning July 1, 2020 was made by Larson-White, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Resolution 6-2-2020 Amending FY20 Budget was made by Larson-White, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. The final consideration of Ordinance #20-311-Amending Water Rates was introduced and moved by Dunbar, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Final consideration of Ordinance #20-312-Amending Sewer Rates was then introduced and moved by Larson-White, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. New rates will take effect July 1, 2020. First consideration of Ordinance #20-312-Amending Provisions Pertaining to Fireworks was introduced by Curtis, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to waive second and third considerations of same made by Larson-White, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. It will remain unlawful for consumer fireworks to be used or exploded within city limits. Prior to adjournment, Dave London, along with Council and Mayor, expressed gratitude to Fire Department members who worked on tearing out and replanting by the Welcome to Badger sign, thanked Gail Higgins, Ralph Bryan and Vicki Johnson for doing planters on main street, and Bill Jones for doing the planter at Knudson Park. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 8:38 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk