

MINUTES
June 13, 2022

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: Gail Higgins, Pam Smith, Larry Dunbar, Roger Curtis and Teresa Larson-White. Also present: Ralph and Donna Bryan, Nate Jones, Jim Chaney, Mandy Gascho, Scott Curran, Nick Clark and Tim Anderson. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Dunbar, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Higgins, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the May 9th regular meeting and May 16th special meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for May, current bills in the amount of \$17,670.53 and approval of Badger Fastway tobacco permit. Mayor Wendell asked if there was any unscheduled business and there being none, the mayor proceeded with the Library Director report. Tammy Jones discussed her written report and discussed library activities and happenings. Next on the agenda was Public Works Department reports. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson discussed his written report with Council. Problems with the aerator motor at the water plant was discussed and he reported on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for May and the conditions of the lagoons. Todd Tolliver, Public Works, provided his written report to Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, utility locates, etc. Tolliver also discussed his previous resignation with Council and stated he would like to keep the job and rescind his resignation. Council agreed with that as the city only received two applications for the position; both were from out of town. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk, presented her written report to Council. Under Council reports, Higgins said she had a request for a garbage receptacle to be placed near the pond. Public works was directed to take care of that. Curtis then brought up the need for the empty lots in Badger Ridge to be mowed on a regular basis to control the spread of weeds from these undeveloped lots. Clerk will contact the property owner. Curtis also requested the clerk contact the contractor who sprays for mosquitos to have them fog prior to the fireman's ball on Saturday. Mayor had nothing to report. Under regular agenda items, Mandy Gascho discussed Badgerfest on August 6th including street closures, city donation, and parade. Motion to approve the requests for Badgerfest was introduced by Curtis, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Jim Chaney requested putting in a grass driveway over the ditch at his property. He will install 8" culverts so as not to block water flow in the ditch. Motion to approve by Higgins, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Council discussed a contract for animal control from Webster County Animal Protection. City would pay a per occurrence fee along with vaccinations and boarding of any unclaimed animal they pick up. A few changes to the current ordinance are also necessary. Motion to approve the contract was made by Curtis, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Council then discussed the city's current liability insurance policy with Scott Curran who presented a quote from Iowa Municipal Insurance, Ltd. The workman's compensation policy was also discussed. These policies are under Continental Western Group and IMWCA. Nick Clark and Tim Anderson from Town and Country Insurance then presented council with an alternative plan from EMC Insurance. There were questions that arose so a motion to table the issue until a special meeting can be held June 27th was made by Higgins, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. City employee health insurance was discussed next. A motion to approve renewal of the current policy was made by Dunbar, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. The intersection of P59 and 2nd Ave SE was again discussed. Radar speed sign quotes were presented, but a motion to table this item for more information until the July 11th meeting was made by Larson-White, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve Resolution 6-1-2022 FY23 Wage Rates was introduced by Dunbar, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve Resolution 6-2-2022 FY22 Budgeted Transfers was made by Smith, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. The final consideration of Ordinance 22-319 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates effective July 1, 2022, setting a 5% increase was moved for approval by Smith, second by Dunbar. All Ayes, motion carried. The final consideration of Ordinance 22-320 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Service Charges effective July 1, 2022, setting a 5% increase was moved for approval by Dunbar, second by Larson-White. All ayes, motion carried. The final consideration of Ordinance 22-321 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Appointment of City Clerk was moved for approval by Smith, second by Curtis. All ayes, motion carried. The final consideration of Ordinance 22-322 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Appointment of City Attorney was moved for approval by Dunbar, second by Higgins. All ayes, motion carried. The first consideration of Ordinance 22-324 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Animal Protection and Control was moved for approval by Larson-White, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. A motion to waive the second and third considerations of Ordinance 22-324 was made by Larson-White, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Dunbar, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk