

**MINUTES**  
**May 11, 2026**

The City Council of Badger met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. at Badger City Hall with Mayor Roger Curtis presiding. Council members present: Teresa Larson-White, Jeff Brundige, Nathan Jones, Michael Hendren and Larry Hall. Also present: Cindy Dencklau, Pat Lennon, Hannah Owens and Gail Higgins. Mayor led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Hall, second by Hendren, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Larson-White, second by Hall, all ayes, motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the April 13th meeting, clerk/treasurer report for April, bills in the amount of \$23,338.40, approval of the tobacco permit renewal for W & H Coop, and approval of the liquor license for Badger Fire & Rescue. Under unscheduled communications, Cindy Dencklau reported on kids trespassing on private property and causing damage during a game at the ballpark. Under communications and reports, Library director, Tammy Haack submitted and discussed her written report to Council regarding library happenings and also discussed the need for increased storage space for the library. Mark Wertz presented his written Public Works Department report which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, water main repair, utility locates, etc. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk, presented her written report to Council. Fluoride levels were discussed and clerk informed Council that the levels had dropped back below warning levels so quarterly reporting to residents will no longer be required. Council had nothing to report. Mayor Curtis reported on recent meetings attended. At 6:59 p.m. the mayor opened the public hearing on the FY26 second budget amendment. Mayor asked for questions or comments and there being none, closed the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Under regular agenda items, a motion to approve an application for tax abatement at 415 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE was made by Larson-White, second by Hendren, all ayes, motion carried. Next, Pat Lennon and Gail Higgins expressed dissatisfaction with the gate that was placed to keep vehicles from driving to the retention pond and the rules that were posted. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that there is a need for more information to be received by council regarding the city's options with the pond and the subject will be discussed again at the next council meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>. A training reimbursement for Hendren was to be discussed, but he stated he was not asking for reimbursement, so it was a non-issue. Council then discussed rate increases for water and sewer. A 5% increase for each was budgeted for and council ultimately decided to stay with that increase for now. Increases take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion to approve Resolution 05-01-26 approving FY26 Budget Amendment #2 was made by Hendren, second by Jones, all ayes, motion carried. A motion to approve the first consideration of Ordinance #26-340-Water Rates, was made by Larson-White, second by Hendren, all ayes motion carried. A motion to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> considerations of Ordinance #26-340 was made by Brundige, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. A Motion to approve the first consideration of Ordinance #341-Sewer Rates, was made by Brundige, second by Hall, all ayes, motion carried. A motion to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> considerations of Ordinance #26-341 was made by Hall, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Brundige, second by Hendren, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:41 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen  
City Clerk