

MINUTES
November 7, 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: Larry Dunbar, Roger Curtis, Teresa Larson-White, Pam Smith and Gail Higgins. Also present: Nate Jones. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Larson-White, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Dunbar, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the October 10th meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for October, current bills in the amount of \$16,869.04, Annual Financial Report for FY22, and Street Finance Report for FY22. Mayor Wendell asked if there was any unscheduled business and there being none moved on to communications and reports. Library Director, Tammy Jones discussed her written report on library activities and happenings. Next on the agenda was Public Works Department reports. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson had submitted his written report on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for October and the conditions of the lagoons but was not present. Todd Tolliver, Public Works, provided his written report to Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, utility locates, etc. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk, presented her written report to Council. Clerk stated she had checked on the library door that had been ordered, but supplier doesn't expect it until January. Clerk also discussed having been notified by the postal service that city and community postings were no longer going to be allowed in the Badger Post Office. The post office is designated by ordinance as one of the official posting places for the city. Both the Clerk and Council member Curtis called the Officer in Charge at the Fort Dodge post office and both were told it would no longer be allowed. Mayor Wendell will send a letter to the OIC in Fort Dodge regarding this matter. Under Council reports, Curtis asked if someone else could attend the NCIRSWA board meeting on November 14th, as he would be out of town. Clerk will attend via zoom in his absence. Mayor reported on the status of a nuisance abatement clean up issue. Under regular agenda items, the Library Board held an election on 9/6/22 and the members elected for approval by Council were Amy Herzog for a 4 year term, Katie Peterson for a 4 year term, Tammy Haack for a 6 year term, and Shari Young for a 6 year term. Motion to approve by Curtis, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Katie Peterson will also have to be approved by the Webster County Board of Supervisors as the out-of-town board member. Interviews for the Public Works position being vacated by Todd Tolliver were conducted by a hiring committee on 10/30/22. The committee consisted of two council members and the mayor. The committee recommended Mark Wertz to fill the position. After discussion, Higgins moved to hire Wertz at \$25.00 per hour and raise the pay rate to \$26.00 per hour after a 90-day probation period, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Final item on the agenda was Ordinance 22-326 Amending Chapter 92, section 92.08 pertaining to customer deposits. The deposit amount for tenants will increase to \$200.00. Motion to approve by Smith, second by Higgins, all ayes motion carried. Motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd considerations of the ordinance amendment was introduced by Dunbar, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:20 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk