

MINUTES
October 14, 2024

The City Council of Badger met in regular session at 6:31 p.m. at Badger City Hall with Mayor Chris Wendell presiding. Council members present: Teresa Larson-White, Jeff Brundige, Nathan Jones and Pam Smith. Absent: Roger Curtis. Also present: Kristi and Rodney Lassiter and Cody Rogers. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Jones, second by Brundige, all ayes, motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the September 9th meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for September and bills in the amount of \$16,481.99. There was no unscheduled business. Under communications and reports, Library Director, Tammy Jones had submitted her report but was unable to attend. Library happenings were highlighted, and Jones also reported that the food pantry is in need of donations. Next on the agenda was Public Works Department reports. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson was absent but had presented his written report on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for September and the conditions of the lagoons. He also reported on the water tower inspection. Larson also informed Council and Mayor in writing that he will be resigning his position with the city effective December 31st. Mark Wertz, Public Works, presented his written report to the Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, utility locates, etc. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk, presented her written report to Council. Rasmussen reported that the lead service line inventory was complete and had been submitted to Iowa DNR. Council gave no reports. Mayor had nothing to report. Under regular agenda items, Michael Hendren had requested he be allowed to do a curb cut on the lot he recently purchased at 230 6th St SE to be able to get a mower onto the vacant property. Hendren could not be present. After discussion of the request, Jones made a motion to allow this after Hendren consults with the mayor, has the curb ground down to specifications, and Hendren will need to replace the curb if he sells the property. Motion was seconded by Brundige, all ayes, motion carried. Next, Cody Rogers of Municipal Maintenance Services discussed his proposal for affidavit operator services for water and wastewater beginning January 1st of 2025. Motion to approve a contract for services in the amount of \$560.00 per month was introduced by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. The next item was brought up at the previous meeting regarding leftover funds from the W&H Coop donation to the city to pay for the wooden badger statue at the Badger Fastway. W&H feels that the funds and the statue belong to the city. Motion to approve using those funds for upkeep on the statue was introduced by Jones, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Quotes from Electric Pump for the water plant and lift station were then discussed. Council would like to budget for a second new Flygt pump and a new control panel at the water plant. Electric Pump agreed to order this equipment and only require payment of \$5,000 for each if the equipment arrives prior to July 1st 2025, with the balance to be paid after July 1st in the new fiscal year. Also discussed was a quote to add a cellular EWON to the new lift station controls that were previously approved. This would allow the company to remotely respond to problems and save on trip charges to and from Des Moines. Motion to approve ordering the pump at a cost of \$33,460 was made by Jones, second by Brundige, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve ordering the water plant controls at a cost of \$23,620 was made by Brundige, second by Jones, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve purchase of EWON for lift station controls at a cost of \$3,311.70 was made by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Next, public works discussed the needed gate valve replacements at the lagoons. Wertz had received a quote from DSG for an improved type of gate valve in the amount of \$1,690 each. He requested purchasing two at this time and gradually replacing the remaining ones in the future. Motion to approve this purchase was made by Smith, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. The last item on the agenda was an ordinance amendment to add criteria to the open burning section of the current ordinance under Chapter 105. Motion to approve the first consideration of Ordinance 24-334 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Solid Waste Control was made by Brundige, second by Larson-White, all ayes, Curtis absent, motion carried. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Jones, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:32 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk

**Note: The following was inadvertently left out of the official published minutes and will be corrected at the November meeting.*

“Motion to approve changing date of November meeting to November 4th, 2024 made by Jones, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried.”