

MINUTES
October 10, 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: Scott Curran, Nate Jones, Jeff Brundige, Darlene Kramer, Carol Hanson and Mark Wertz. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Curtis, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Smith, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the September 12th meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for September, and current bills in the amount of \$64,967.82. Mayor Wendell asked if there was any unscheduled business and there being none moved on to communications and reports. Library Director, Tammy Jones submitted her written report on library activities and happenings but was not present. 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 September 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. Tolliver reported he would like to give a big thank you to Ron Pederson and Larry Dunbar for the help with the wiring of the lights at the flagpole in Knudson Park. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk, presented her written report to Council. Clerk reminded Council that she would be attending the Fall IMFOA conference on October 20th and 21st and an Iowa League of Cities annual budget workshop on November 10th. Under Council reports, Curtis said Trick or Treat would be held at the fire station and sponsored by the Lions Club again this year on October 31st. Mayor had nothing to report. Under regular agenda items, Council discussed a drainage issue with Jeff Brundige at 224 1st St SW. Brundige presented a quote for ditch grading and driveway work in the amount of \$2,075.00 to alleviate the drainage issue. This included rock in the driveway. After discussion, Council agreed to pay \$1,575.00 with Brundige paying \$500.00 for the rock for his driveway. Motion to approve by Dunbar, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Next on the agenda was approving Library Board members, but with the Library Director being absent, the Library Board members will need to be approved at the next meeting. Scott Curran, city insurance agent, then discussed insurance coverage that the city does or does not have for events at Badgerfest. It was determined that the Badgerfest Committee will need to require certain vendors at the event to provide proof of insurance coverage to the City to participate. Most events that are held will not require special insurance but will be looked at each year. Past due utilities were then discussed. Per Iowa Code 384.84 and Badger Code of Ordinances Chapter 92, the city can certify past due utility bills to the county treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes. If the account holder is a tenant, the bills are certified to the property owner after proper notice per code. If the property owner has followed the procedure in the code and given required notice to the city, no lien against the property can be made. Due to recent complaints from two landlords who were unaware of the proper procedures, Council discussed raising the utility deposit for rental units to \$200.00 to protect the City from lost revenue from unpaid utility charges. An ordinance amendment will be on the agenda at the November meeting. Public Works employee, Todd Tolliver, put in his resignation to the City effective November 24th. The City will advertise the position and take applications until noon on October 24th. A hiring decision will be made at the November meeting. A motion to change the regular meeting date in November from the second Monday of the month to November 7th was made by Dunbar, second by Curtis, 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 7:50 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk