

MINUTES  
September 11, 2023

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: Roger Curtis, Larry Dunbar, Teresa Larson-White, Pam Smith, and Gail Higgins. Also present: Nate Jones and Ralph and Donna Bryan. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Dunbar, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Curtis, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for August, and bills in the amount of \$2,088.81. There was no unscheduled business. Under communications and reports, Library Director, Tammy Jones presented her written report on library activities and happenings. Jones reported that the library has received the Stem Cart and invites the public to come check it out. Next on the agenda was Public Works Department reports. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson presented his written report on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for August and the conditions of the lagoons. Larson gave an update on the progress of changing the media out in the filtration system in the water plant and discussed adding a retaining wall near the outfall tile for lagoon discharge. Mark Wertz, Public Works, presented 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. Included was her contact with the city attorney regarding an occupied camper at 217 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE under the direction of the mayor. City attorney would like to file municipal infraction charges on behalf of the city. Council and Mayor had nothing to report. Under regular agenda items, quotes for electrical work on the flagpole at Knudson Park were presented and discussed. Motion to approve a quote in the amount of \$2,123.75 from Archibald Electric of Fort Dodge was made by Larson-White, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Quotes for electrical work to be done on the west wellhead were presented and discussed. Motion to approve quote for \$8,722.31 by Archibald Electric was made by Smith, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Quotes from Nels Pederson, Inc. for additional erosion stone at the lagoons in the amount of \$23,744 and a concrete block retaining wall near the outfall tile in the amount of \$2,800 were presented. Motion to approve made by Higgins, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Quotes for floor coating at the library from Cutting Edge painting in the amount of \$5,423 and a quote for area rugs at the library from Menards in the amount of \$811.96 were presented. The library board had approved these, and the library will coordinate with the community center rental schedule to get the flooring work completed. The library will need to utilize space in the community center while the floors are being done. Next, Council discussed replacing the picnic table at Jones Park. After discussion, a motion to approve the purchase of two tables with of cost of up to \$1,200 each was made by Curtis, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Higgins was put in charge of deciding on the tables and getting mayor approval prior to purchase. The council then discussed an offer from Bubba Harvey to mow Badger Ridge Phase 2 & 3 and inside the lagoon area fences in exchange for baling the vegetation. Motion to approve by Dunbar, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Finally, the council discussed Mark Wertz attending basic courses for water and wastewater to prepare him for certification as an operator. Classes for water will be held 10/5, 10/6, 10/12 and 10/13 at Western Iowa Tech Community College at the Cherokee location. Classes are from 8:30 to 4:00 at a cost of \$545 for the course. Wastewater classes will be 11/9, 11/10, 11/16, and 11/17 at the same location during the same hours also at a cost of \$545 for the course. Motion to approve 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 7:30 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen  
City Clerk