

MINUTES
September 12, 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, and Pam Smith. Absent: Gail Higgins. Also present: Nate Jones, Jeff Brundige, Ralph and Donna Bryan. 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 Larson-White, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the August 8th meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for August, and current bills in the amount of \$206,365.20. Mayor Wendell asked if there was any unscheduled business. Jeff Brundige at 224 1st Street SW, presented council with a quote from Nels Pederson Company for grading work in the right of way near his property to alleviate drainage issues he has during heavy rains and after snow melt. He requested that Council consider having the work done and Council will discuss and decide at their meeting in October. Next, Library Director, Tammy Jones discussed her written report on library activities and happenings. Jones reported that the library has had a few members of the community express interest to serve on the library board. Jones also discussed the upcoming Book Fair to be held at the library on September 17th. About 21 authors will be in attendance for book signing. Next on the agenda was Public Works Department reports. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson discussed his written report with Council. He reported on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for August and the conditions of the lagoons. He also reported he had obtained another quote for painting inside the water plant. Mayor asked him to provide copies of the quotes to the office for future discussion. 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 Scott Pederson for helping get the flagpole back up in Knudson Park, to Denis Schulte for helping with the shelter roofing and repair at the ball field, and to Ron Pederson for mowing the undeveloped area in Badger Ridge. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk, presented her written report to Council. Clerk reminded Council that included in the current bills this month was the payoff of the loan for the land purchase for Badger Ridge. By paying it off early, as budgeted this year, the city saved about \$20,000 in interest. Under Council reports, Curtis asked about Halloween. Trick or Treat night was set by resolution last year to be on October 31st each year from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Mayor had nothing to report. Under regular agenda items, Council discussed the replacement of the entry door at the library. A quote from Doors Inc. had been obtained in the amount of \$2,649. Council requested that staff obtain an additional quote from Algona Glass Co. Council agreed that the city would pay for the door and a motion to approve spending up to \$2649 for the repair was made by Dunbar, second by Larson-White. All ayes, Higgins absent, motion carried. Council then discussed a tax abatement application for 231 6th St SE. The builder did not make the property owner aware of the tax abatement when they purchased the property, so the request was for Council to approve the tax abatement at this time. Motion to approve by Larson-White, second by Dunbar, all ayes, Higgins absent, motion carried. The city reached out to the insurance agent who handles city insurance to inquire about insurance coverage for Badgerfest. Not having received adequate information from him, Council will request that he be present at the October meeting to discuss this. Council and Mayor then discussed nuisance abatements. The city has recently worked on three notifications. Two of those will require a contractor to be hired by the city to do the cleanup if the property owners don't comply. Council discussed a property they had received a complaint on, but council and mayor didn't feel there were any violations on the property that would fall under the nuisance chapter at this time. The final item on the agenda was an ordinance amendment. Motion to approve the first consideration of Ordinance 22-325 amending Chapter 91.05 Meter Setting was made by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, Higgins absent, motion carried. A motion to waive the second and third consideration of the amendment was made by Larson-White, second by Dunbar, all ayes, Higgins absent, motion carried. After publication, meter pits will no longer be allowed in the city if the meter in them becomes or has become inoperable. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:28 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk