

MINUTES
April 12, 2021

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: Teresa Larson-White, Pam Smith, Gail Higgins, and Roger Curtis. Absent: Larry Dunbar. Also present: Craig Larson, Ralph & Donna Bryan, Jeff Brundige, David Scheifelbein, Todd Johnson, Keith Dencklau, Matt Cosgrove, Rob Henry, Steve Johanson and Carol Hanson. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Larson-White, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Curtis, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the March 8th meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for March and current bills in the amount of \$4,179.48. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson provided his written report to Council. He reported on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for March and the conditions of the lagoons. He also reported on generator problems at the lagoon and that the DNR had done a sanitary survey on the sewer system. Next, Todd Tolliver, Public Works, provided his written report to Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, utility locates, etc. Also discussed, was a report of a dead and damaged tree next to the Library/Community Center parking lot. Tolliver presented pictures of the tree and quotes for pruning and or removal. Since the tree is on private property, council and mayor directed clerk to compose a nuisance abatement to the property owners for removal of the tree. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk presented her written report to Council. She also told council that she and Larson had met with Iowa Rural Water to start the process of a Source Water Protection Plan. The city will need to form a committee of knowledgeable volunteers to help with the process. Under Council reports, Higgins questioned whether the city could establish a waste site for residents to take tree trimmings to be burned. Due to burning regulations, the city does not have a location where burning could be allowed. Curtis informed Council and Mayor that the Badger Lions Club will sponsor a cleanup event on April 19th in conjunction with Earth Day. Volunteers are welcomed. Mayor Wendell then read a proclamation he was issuing in observance of Arbor Day 2021. Webster County Supervisor, Keith Dencklau and Webster County Conservation Director, Matt Cosgrove gave a presentation on the trail extension that will be coming to Badger. The trail is being extended from the Fort Dodge area existing trail system and should be completed by 2023. Carol Hanson discussed the City Wide Garage sale date for this year. It will be May 15th. Council also discussed the annual city cleanup day and it had already been scheduled for May 15th so will remain on that date. Sealed bids for fencing and truck tires were opened. Chris Wendell submitted a bid for \$50 for the fencing and a bid for \$25 for the tires. Having received the bids by the date and time specified, and having received only these bids, a motion to approve was made by Larson-White, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Fire department members discussed the date for the Fireman's Ball with Council. It will be June 26th and they asked to have the streets closed by noon with the concert lasting until midnight. The street closures will be a portion of 1st Ave SE from the Post Office to the intersection of 2nd St SE, and a portion of 2nd St SE from the alley behind the fire department to the alley behind the Library/Community Center. Motion to approve made by Larson-White, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Rob Henry from Iowa Fire Control discussed a quote for repairing and updating the city camera system. Motion to approve the repairs in an amount not to exceed \$2500 was made by Smith, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. A quote from Tjaden Electric in the amount of \$1650 to replace exterior lights at the Library was discussed. Council would like the Library Board to approve paying half of the cost. Motion to approve the repairs with half of the cost being paid from the library if possible was made by Higgins, second by Curtis. Ayes: Higgins, Curtis, Smith. Nays: Larson-White. Motion carried. Motion to approve a no money down contract with W & H Cooperative to lock in a lower price for propane next year was made by Curtis, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. A motion to approve mandating that an inaccessible curb valve at a property be replaced by the homeowner was made by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. A letter will be sent giving them 60 days to get this taken care of. A motion to approve a service contract with Frontline Warning Systems in the amount of \$250 with an additional cost of \$378 for the replacement of batteries for the warning siren was made by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve Resolution 04-01-2021 Amending the 28E agreement with North Central Iowa Regional Solid Waste Agency was made by Curtis, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve second consideration of Ordinance #21-316 Section 92.02 raising water rates by 5% effective July 1, 2021 was made by Smith, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve second consideration of Ordinance #21-317 Section 99.02 raising sewer rates by 10% effective July 1, 2021 was made by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve second consideration of Ordinance #21-318 Section 106.08 raising garbage, recycling, and landfill rates by \$0.50, \$0.25, and \$0.25, respectively, effective July 1, 2021 was made by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. These increases were set during an annual review of rates by the Council during budget procedures. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 8:05 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk