

MINUTES  
April 10, 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, Teresa Larson-White, Larry Dunbar, Pam Smith and Gail Higgins. Also present: Nate Jones, Ralph Bryan, Brad and Chelsey Scott. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Larson-White, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Curtis, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for March, bills in the amount of \$11,643.84, and approval of Badger Fire & EMS Association Class C Alcohol License. Mayor Wendell asked if there was any unscheduled business and there being none moved on to communications and reports. Library Director, Tammy Jones discussed her written report on library activities and happenings. 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 March and the conditions of the lagoons but was not present. Mark Wertz, Public Works, provided 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. Under Council reports, Higgins mentioned 2 dogs that are constantly running at large. Mayor informed everyone that Webster County Animal Protection had already made 2 attempts at locating the dogs and they said if anyone sees the dogs and can get pictures, that will help in identifying them and the owner so that action can be taken. Mayor reported that he had attempted contact with the owners of the property at 105 1st Ave NE where an RV is being illegally occupied. A nuisance abatement was issued and the city attorney has been contacted. Clerk is to contact attorney to have them follow up with legal proceedings. Mayor Wendell opened the public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024 beginning July 1, 2023 at 6:51 p.m. Mayor asked for any comments and there being none, closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m. Mayor then opened the public hearing on the proposed budget amendment for fiscal year 2023 at 6:52 p.m. Clerk and Council discussed the amendment being due to unexpected expenses as well as unexpected revenues. Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:54 p.m. Tammy Jones informed the council that Shari Young had resigned from the library board and asked that council approve appointing Cindy Dencklau to fill the term which expires July 1 of 2028. Motion to approve introduced by Higgins, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Brad and Chelsea Scott discussed their building plans for a new house on the lot they purchased at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. They would like to have the house face 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE but the garage would face 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. Since the city has plans for future development and an extension of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Scott's requested the city install a gravel extension to their property so they can have access to their driveway via the gravel. After discussion and determining that the garage would have the proper setback of 35 feet, Larson-White made a motion to approve the city spending up to \$5,000.00 to create the gravel extension of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Next, Resolution 04-01-23 Approval of FY24 Budget was introduced by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Budget expenditures total \$674,071, budget revenues total \$676,423 and the city property tax levy will be \$11.52978 per \$1,000 of valuation. Resolution 04-02-23 Approval of FY23 Budget Amendment was introduced by Smith, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Amended expenditures total \$30,125, amended revenues total \$36,003 which will leave the total fund balance at \$5,878 more than originally budgeted. Final items on the agenda were ordinance amendments raising water and sewer rates by 2% beginning July 1, 2023. Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> consideration of Ordinance 23-328 Water Rates was made by Smith, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to waive 3<sup>rd</sup> consideration was made by Larson-White, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> consideration of Ordinance 23-329 Sewer Rates was made by Smith, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to waive 3<sup>rd</sup> consideration was made by Smith, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. The change in rates will be effective July 1, 2023. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:17 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen  
City Clerk