

**MINUTES**  
**August 12, 2024**

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, Jeff Brundige, Roger Curtis, Nathan Jones and Pam Smith. Also present: Kristi and Rodney Lassiter, Geraldine Licht, and Michael Hendren. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Curtis, second by Brundige, all ayes, motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the July 8th meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for July and bills in the amount of \$17,484.94. There was no unscheduled business. Under communications and reports, Library Director, Tammy Jones was absent, so no report was given. Next on the agenda was Public Works Department reports. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson was absent but had presented his written report on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for July and the conditions of the lagoons. Mark Wertz, Public Works, presented his written report to the Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, utility locates, etc. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk, presented her written report to Council. Rasmussen and Wertz gave Council an update on how the Lead Service Line Inventory is progressing. About 60 properties are yet to be completed and most property owners are cooperating. It was discussed that if any property owners refuse to allow us to check the plumbing and connections, the city may have to turn water service off until they comply with this federally mandated inventory. Under Council reports, Curtis reported that the winning names for the badgers on the statue at the Badger Fastway are "Goldie" and "Digger". A naming contest was held at Badgerfest. Curtis also discussed mosquito spraying. He feels the spraying is not effective. After discussion, Clerk was directed to contact the vendor and discuss the issues. Curtis also invited those present to the Lions Club picnic that will be held August 26<sup>th</sup> at Knudson Park. Mayor reported that he had authorized Animal Control to pick up a dog at 151 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SE. He also reported authorizing tree removal on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE after a large part of a tree fell in the most recent windstorm. It was then determined that the tree and four others were in the city right of way and all were diseased and needed to be removed. Under regular agenda items, a needed software addition for water meters was discussed. The radio read heads for the meters that the city uses are no longer being manufactured. Any new meters purchased will need to be cellular based and that will require new software. The city can continue to utilize the current software for the current meters. After some discussion, the council took no action and this will be revisited at the September meeting. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Brundige, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 6:58 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen  
City Clerk