

MINUTES
December 11, 2023

The City Council of Badger met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. at Badger City Hall with Mayor Chris Wendell presiding. Council members present: Roger Curtis, Larry Dunbar, Teresa Larson-White, and Pam Smith. Absent: Gail Higgins. Also present: Jeff Brundige, Nathan Jones, Sarah Jones, Mackenzie Jones and Tammy Armstrong. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Smith, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Larson-White, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the November 13th meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for November, bills in the amount of \$6,699.27 and liquor license renewals for W & H Coop and Knuckleheads. There was no unscheduled business. Under communications and reports, Library Director, Tammy Jones had presented her written report on library activities and happenings but was not present. 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 November and the conditions of the lagoons. 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. She reported that budget meetings will begin in January but no schedule has been worked out yet due to legislative changes to the timeline. Under Council reports, Curtis asked about a budget meeting timeline for FY25 but clerk said she would have more info at the January regular meeting. Under Mayor reports, Mayor Wendell administered the oath of office to members elected to Council at the November election: Jeff Brundidge, Nathan Jones and Teresa Larson-White. A Public Hearing was scheduled on the Fiscal Year 24 Budget Amendment; Mayor Wendell opened the public hearing at 5:35 p.m. Clerk read a list of expenditures and revenues included in the total amendment of \$134,815.00. There were considerable necessary expenditures that had not been previously budgeted for. After discussion and comments, the mayor closed the public hearing at 5:40 p.m. Under regular agenda items, Tammy Armstrong addressed council about a delinquent bill left by her former tenant at 320 Center Avenue. Armstrong was unhappy about the size of the bill, and after discussion, she requested that the latest delinquent charges of \$7.38 along with the non-payment fee of \$50.00 be waived prior to her paying the bill. Motion to approve waiving those fees made by Dunbar, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Next, a motion to approve the city covering the cost of Mark Wertz's required DOT physical for his CDL license was introduced by Dunbar, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. A motion to approve Resolution 12-01-23 adopting the FY24 Budget Amendment was introduced by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. An ordinance amendment was listed as a final item on the agenda, but it was not needed as the city ordinance already matches the Iowa Code. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 6:00 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk