

**MINUTES**  
**July 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, Pam Smith, Teresa Larson-White, Larry Dunbar and Gail Higgins. Also present: Nancy Schmalenberger, Austin Hayek, Allison McBride, Todd Johnson, Todd Tolliver, Ralph Bryan and Nathan Jones. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Dunbar, 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. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for June, and bills in the amount of \$94,047.62. Under communications and reports, Mayor asked for any unscheduled business. Todd Johnson, 235 Center Avenue said he wanted to plant prairie grass and wildflowers inside his privacy fence in his yard and asked if that would be allowed. Since it would be landscape planting, the tall weeds and grass ordinance would not apply unless it became overrun with noxious weeds. Nathan Jones addressed Council and asked what the time frame was for the houses to be built on the empty lots in Badger Ridge. Since this was unscheduled, the answer will have to be researched in the covenant pertaining to Badger Ridge. Webster County Supervisor, Austin Hayek spoke to Council about the changes the county approved to the current wind farm ordinance. One of the changes to the county ordinance recently approved was a one-mile boundary around all cities in Webster County. There are two companies looking at the area around Badger and Vincent to install a new wind farm. Under communications and reports, Library Director, Tammy Jones presented her written report on library activities and happenings. Next on the agenda was Public Works Department reports. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson provided his written report on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for June and the conditions of the lagoons. He also reported on recent work with the water tower and water plant. 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. Under Council reports, Smith asked who is responsible for mowing beside an alley. This is considered a right-of-way just like on a street, so the property owner would be responsible. Curtis reported that some of the white striping recently painted on 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE is coming off and a section of curb near the fire department needs repaired. Mayor had nothing to report on, but on behalf of the fire department he wanted to thank the public for making the Fireman's Ball a success despite the weather. Under regular agenda items, Allison McBride, representing the Badger Lutheran Church, spoke with council about partnering with the church on a grant application. The church wants to purchase an electronic sign to list church and community events. McBride said the church also wants to partner with other organizations in the community. In discussing the grant, Council and Mayor informed Mc Bride that due to laws in the Iowa Constitution and Iowa Code governing cities, the city would be unable to apply for the grant on their behalf or to be a grant recipient. The city would be very willing to give a letter of support for the grant application if warranted. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:32 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen  
City Clerk