

MINUTES
July 13, 2020

The City Council of Badger met in regular session at 6:31 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; Jeff Brundige, Todd Johnson, and Scott Bair.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Curtis, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Dunbar, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the June 8th meeting, current bills in the amount of \$20,138.49, and Clerk/Treasurer report for June.

Under unscheduled business, Jeff Brundige and Todd Johnson discussed the cancellation of the concert and other changes to the Fireball Bash scheduled for July 18th.

Also discussed was recent break-ins around town and what could be done about them along with nuisance properties and how to handle them.

Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson discussed his report with Council. He reported on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for June, gave updates on the lagoons, and the repairs to the small lift station on Center Street.

Next, Dave London, Public Works, discussed his written report for June with Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, flags, work with water meters, equipment, alleys, etc. He also discussed getting someone to mow thistles on the Badger Ridge bare lots.

Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk presented her written report to Council and discussed getting some quotes for painting needed at the water tower. She also reported the new website is up and running.

Council and mayor had nothing else to report having already discussed current issues.

Under regular agenda items, a motion to table discussing a quote from Speedy Dump for garbage and recycling service until the August 10th meeting was made by Higgins, second by Curtis. Council would like input from residents of the city on whether to change contractors.

Scenarios related to employees and Covid-19 were discussed and council was in agreement that employees would be paid by the city for two weeks in case they had to quarantine. Council also discussed holding future meetings virtually via Zoom if needed.

Next, a strip of land between 77 and 109 5th St SE was discussed, The land is green space that the city has to maintain, so the city would like to legally dispose of it to the adjoining property owners if they are interested. Further action will be taken at the August meeting.

Quotes for landscaping between the water plant and the generator were discussed. As this was not a planned expense, council would like to revisit it during budget meetings for FY22.

Council looked over a proposal to offer online payments via the website, but due to the monthly fee to the city and the question of how many residents would actually use it, Council will not be utilizing this service at this time.

Council then discussed the statement of values presented with the city's insurance policy. Council feels the values should be reviewed by the insurance agent before they approve them.

A request for payment by MidAmerican Energy will be discussed at a later time when MidAmerican can present actual figures to Council regarding what is due to them and what is still due to the city.

An invoice from Nels Pederson was reviewed by Council. Clerk is to contact them for a revised bill prior to payment as there were charges that should have been billed to a property owner on the original invoice.

Resolution 07-01-2020 setting a Public Hearing Date for Disposal of Real Estate was introduced and moved by Larson-White, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. This is regarding the half lot the city would like to deed to the fire department behind the Veteran's Memorial. Public Hearing will be 8/13/20 at 6:30 p.m.

Resolution 07-02-2020 for Fund Transfers was introduced and moved by Larson-White, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried.

There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Dunbar, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 9:14 p.m.

**Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk**