

MINUTES  
June 10, 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, Pam Smith, Jeff Brundige, Nathan Jones and Roger Curtis. Also present: Kurt May and Joey Krug from Speedy Dump, Geraldine Licht, Chris and Natalie Kinder, Michael and Michelle Hendren, Kristi and Rod Lassiter, Donna Pipal, Steve Larson-White, Mandy Gascho, Carol Hanson and Larry Hall. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Curtis, second by Brundige, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the May 13th meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for May, bills in the amount of \$13,749.39 and W&H Coop Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor permit renewal. Under unscheduled business, a member of the audience commented on items on the city website. Under communications and reports, Library Director, Tammy Jones was absent but had presented her written report on library activities and happenings. 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 May and the conditions of the lagoons. He also reported the results and recommendations of the recent DNR survey of the sewer system and current pump and control panel issues at the lift station. 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. Under Council reports, Curtis reminded everyone that P59 remains closed until sometime in August but is currently open for travel between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday. Mayor had nothing to report. The mayor opened the public hearing on the second budget amendment for FY24 at 6:37 p.m. Clerk gave a brief summary and mayor asked for any questions or comments. Receiving none, the hearing was closed at 6:39 p.m. Motion to approve by resolution was introduced by Smith, second by Jones, all ayes, motion carried. Under regular agenda items, a new garbage contract was again discussed. A petition was received by Council in opposition to changing garbage contractors. Council heard numerous comments from the public during discussion and the mayor then stated that the decision had been made at the May meeting to change contractors. Speedy Dump will begin servicing Badger beginning July 1. Michael Hendren then addressed Council and requested variances to the covenant at Badger Ridge for the property at 224 6<sup>th</sup> Street SE. Due to locations of utilities, he would like to place the front line of his fence 7' from the front edge of his house, and would also like to build a 12' by 12' shed. He also requested permission to purchase the empty lot next to his property for a possible future house to be built there, without there being a timeframe in which he needed to build on the lot as stated in the covenant. He stated he will mow and maintain the lot. Motion to approve variance for fence was made by Curtis, second by Brundige, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve variance for a 12' by 12' shed to be built was made by Curtis, second by Jones, all ayes, motion carried. A motion to waive the timeframe for construction on the vacant lot to be purchased by Hendren in Badger Ridge was made by Jones, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Quotes for repairs to the control panels at the sewage lift station were then presented. Motion to approve the purchase of a new PLC in the amount of \$15,270 and a Mission dialer in the amount of \$4,005 from Electric Pump was made by Jones, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Employee health plan renewal was next on the agenda. Motion to approve renewing current plan was made by Curtis, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Property and Liability insurance renewal with EMC insurance was discussed next. Renewal includes an increase of about 31% due to rising rates in the industry and additional coverage for the water plant and water tower. Motion to approve was made by Larson-White, second by Smith. Ayes: Larson-White, Smith, Jones, Brundige. Nays: Curtis. Council approval of a new Library Board member was discussed. Suzanne Bast's term ends June 30<sup>th</sup> and Jennifer Schild was approved by the library board to fill the seat for the next 4 year term. Motion to approve by Smith, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Final agenda item was Resolution 06-01-24 FY 25 Wages for city employees. During discussion, it was decided that employee evaluations with the exception of library employees will be completed by the mayor each December to help with budgeting for wages. Budgeted wage increases were reflected in the resolution and a motion to approve was made by Smith, second by Curtis. All ayes, motion carried. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:37 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen  
City Clerk