

MINUTES
March 8, 2021

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, Gail Higgins, Larry Dunbar and Roger Curtis. Also present: Craig Larson, Ralph & Donna Bryan, Tereca Riles, Denis Schulte and Luke Fleener. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Larson-White, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Dunbar, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the February 8th meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for February, and current bills in the amount of \$6,754.17. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson provided his written report to Council. He reported on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for February and the conditions of the lagoons. Auto dialers at lift station and water plant were both sent off for repairs. A quote for painting in the water plant was received but was very expensive. Other avenues will be explored. He also reported that the DNR had done a sanitary survey on the water system and there were no required actions to be taken. The city has not received the official report back yet. Next, Todd Tolliver, Public Works, provided his written report to Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, utility locates, etc. Also discussed, was the need for repairs that have come up on various city buildings. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk presented her written report to Council. Under Council reports, Curtis stated he had been asked by someone when City Hall would be open again. After a brief discussion, Mayor announced that it would now be open to the public again. Mayor had nothing to report. Webster County Sherriff, Luke Fleener introduced himself and reported on operations and plans for the department. Mayor opened the public hearing on the FY22 Proposed Budget at 7:06 p.m. Mayor asked if there were any comments, and none having been received, Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Under regular agenda items, Tereca Riles from Can Do Redemption Center in Livermore presented Council with a proposal to install a "can cage" in Badger to collect bottles and cans. It was discussed that this could be a way to raise funds for needed playground equipment and Council preferred the option of having Can Do take care of collecting and sorting the cage and pay the city \$.03 per refundable container. The cage will be located at the city maintenance shop and will have a camera recording that location at all times to prevent vandalism and theft. Motion to approve the can cage was made by Dunbar, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Denis Schulte showed Council pictures of the type of bench that he and his wife are donating to be placed near the pond in the Badger Ridge development. The base for the bench was also discussed. Schulte and public works will be working on establishing a grass walking path in the undeveloped area of Badger Ridge. Schulte also volunteered to donate a number of kites to the city so that local kids can fly them in the undeveloped Badger Ridge area this spring. Curtis said the kites could be distributed as prizes in the Easter Egg hunt this year. Public works then discussed his plans to get the flagpole at Knudson Park reinstalled this spring. Public works also discussed selling some chain link fence material and a set of truck tires. Council will take sealed bids on these items until noon on April 8th and clerk will post notices as well as post them on the city website. An offer on Parcel A of Outlot 2 Badger Ridge was received from Coldwell Banker for \$22,900. Motion to reject this offer but approve an offer for full asking price of \$24,900, if the buyer would like to make another offer was made by Larson-White, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Quotes were received from Iowa Fire Control for repairs and/or replacement of the city's security cameras. After discussion, Council directed clerk to request Iowa Fire Control to be in attendance at the April 12th meeting to discuss this further. A request from MidAmerican Energy to relocate a light pole on 1st Avenue SE and purchase of the easement to place the pole was discussed. Motion to approve moving the location of the light and purchase of the easement, only if there will be no aerial power line crossing the street, was made by Dunbar, second by Larson-White, all eyes, motion carried. Clerk was directed to contact MidAmerican and discuss whether power for the streetlight on the pole could be pulled from other existing poles to the north of the new location they requested. An expiring Urban Revitalization Plan for Commercial Tax Abatement was discussed. Clerk is waiting for a determination from the city attorney on how to proceed if Council would like to keep a plan in place. The actual need for it was also discussed, and no action was taken. Motion to approve Resolution 03-01-21 Approving the Adoption of the FY22 Budget was made by Curtis, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve first consideration of Ordinance #21-315 Amending Section 92.04(4) setting a non-payment fee of \$50.00 for delinquent utility customers was introduced by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to waive second and third considerations of Ordinance #21-315 was introduced by Larson-White, second by Curtis, all ayes motion carried. Ordinance will take effect upon publication in The Messenger. Motion to approve first consideration of Ordinance #21-316 Section 92.02 raising water rates by 5% effective July 1, 2021 was made by Smith, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve first consideration of Ordinance #21-317 Section 99.02 raising sewer rates by 10% effective July 1, 2021 was made by Larson-White, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve first consideration of Ordinance #21-318 Section 106.08 raising garbage, recycling, and landfill rates by \$0.50, \$0.25, and \$0.25, respectively, effective July 1, 2021 was made by Larson-White, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. These increases were set during an annual review of rates by the Council during budget procedures. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 8:17 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk