

MINUTES
November 13, 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, Larry Dunbar, Teresa Larson-White, Pam Smith, and Gail Higgins. Also present: Jeff Brundige. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Smith, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Dunbar, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the October 9th meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for October, and bills in the amount of \$42,594.40. There was no unscheduled business. Under communications and reports, Library Director, Tammy Jones presented her written report on library activities and happenings. Jones reported that the library floors have been completed and it is business as usual at the library. She invites the public to stop in and see the new flooring. 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 October and the conditions of the lagoons. Larson gave an update in his report on the progress of changing the media out in the filtration system in the water plant. Mark Wertz, Public Works, presented his written report to Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, utility locates, etc. Wertz will finish his wastewater certification classes at Kirkwood College in Cherokee on November 18th. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk, presented her written report to Council. She reported on replacements being done for non-operational curb stops, reported that the nuisance camper had been removed, and reported she would be attending an Iowa League of Cities Budget Workshop on November 16th. Under Council reports, Larson-White asked about the Holiday Lights contest. Three \$25.00 prizes were budgeted for, so the contest will be held in December with the same three categories as in previous years. Curtis reported that the Lions Halloween event was a success and asked about the Fireman's Spaghetti Supper. It too was successful. Curtis also inquired about the city camera system which is currently being worked on to become completely operational by next week. Under Mayor reports, Mayor Wendell congratulated Jeff Brundige and Nathan Jones for being elected to serve on Council as well as Larson-White for being re-elected. He also thanked Dunbar and Higgins for their time served on Council. Under regular agenda items, a motion to set the date for the public hearing on the FY24 budget amendment to be December 11th at 6:30 p.m. was made by Larson-White, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. A motion to approve the FY23 Annual Financial Report was introduced and moved by Dunbar, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Larson-White to approve the FY23 Street Finance Report, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Next, the replacement of overhead lights at the library was discussed. Motion to approve 15 lights to be replaced by Public Works at an approximate cost of \$911.00 to be paid for by the city was made by Curtis, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Public works has been working to organize things at the water plant and requested the purchase of shelving and bins at an approximate cost of \$800.00. Motion to approve by Smith, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Recommendations by the city's insurance company for loss risk were then discussed. EMC requested improvements to fall material and a piece of equipment at Jones Park as well as improvements to interior wall covering at the city maintenance shed. Clerk was directed to respond to these and state that the city will budget to repair or replace these items in the future. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:28 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk