

MINUTES
October 12, 2020

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, Teresa Larson-White, Pam Smith, Gail Higgins and Larry Dunbar. Also present; Todd Johnson, and Bob Moen. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Smith, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the September 14th regular meeting, current bills in the amount of \$6,821.57, and Clerk/Treasurer report for September. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson provided his written report to Council. He reported on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for September, gave updates on the water tower painting and repair, need for painting/repair of detention tank and filter at water plant as well as the condition of the lagoons and lift station. Next, Dave London and Todd Tolliver, Public Works, provided their written report for September to Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with water meters, equipment, etc. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk presented her written report to Council. Under Council reports, Dunbar reported he had received a request for a baby swing at Knudson Park. Public works will check into this. Higgins discussed problems at 151 1st Ave SE. Curtis reported that the Lion's Club Halloween Party will be held at the Community Center as a come and go event from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. Mayor reported he will do an inspection of the properties at 114 and 151 1st Ave SE. At 6:53, Mayor Wendell opened the public hearing on the sale of a vacated portion of 1st Ave SE. City would like to divide this and sell it to the two adjoining property owners on the north and south by quit claim deed stipulating the easement for the sewer line that runs through this section. City attorney will prepare deed(s) and clerk will contact adjoining property owners prior to the November 9th meeting. Mayor closed public hearing at 6:55 p.m. Under regular agenda items, Todd Johnson requested a variance for his property at 235 Center Ave to build another small residential structure on his property. The structure does not meet minimum square footage designated by current ordinance. The structure would be built on the southwest corner of his lot, have its own utility connections and address and would be a minimum of 385 square feet. After discussion, motion to approve the variance with these conditions was made by Larson-White, second by Curtis, all ayes, motion carried. Bob Moen with Visu-Sewer gave council a presentation on lining sewer mains. Public Works has reported a need for work on mains on 4th Ave SE and 1st St SW. Next, Council discussed the need for removal of an unsafe wooden play structure at Jones Park. Motion to approve by Smith, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to formally approve a 3 year contract with Pederson Sanitation was introduced by Curtis, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. As stated at recent meetings, their fees will not increase from the last contract. Council discussed painting of tanks etc. inside the water plant. This will be looked into further and budgeted for. Motion to set a date for a public hearing on a Budget Amendment for the current fiscal year for the November 9th meeting was made by Higgins, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve Resolution 10-01-20 Approving FY20 Street Finance Report was introduced by Dunbar, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Changes to the employee handbook requested by the city's workmans compensation insurance provider were discussed. Language regarding physical capacity exams, return to work, temporary duties, and injury reporting sections were updated. Motion to approve Resolution 10-02-20 Revising Employee Handbook was introduced by Curtis, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 8:34 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk