

MINUTES
August 9, 2021

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: Teresa Larson-White, Gail Higgins, Roger Curtis and Pam Smith, with Larry Dunbar arriving at 6:40 p.m.. Also present: Craig Larson, Carol Hanson, Tammy Jones, and Vicki Jones. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Smith, second by Larson-White, all ayes, Dunbar absent, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Curtis, second by Larson-White, all ayes, Dunbar absent, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the July 12th regular meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for July and current bills in the amount of \$6,811.37. Mayor Wendell asked if there was any unscheduled business, and Tammy Jones introduced herself as the interim library director. The library board will be filling the position permanently on or about August 13th. Jones said the library board would like the library director to be on the agenda each month to give a report; the same as other departments. Mayor Wendell said the change will be made to next month's agenda. There being no other unscheduled business, the mayor proceeded with Public Works Department reports. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson provided his written report to Council. He reported on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for July and the conditions of the lagoons. He also requested another dehumidifier or a fan for the water plant humidity issues. Next, Todd Tolliver, Public Works, provided his written report to Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, utility locates, etc. He also reported installing a new side entry door at the City Hall shop. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk presented her written report to Council. She gave an update on American Rescue Plan funds to be received as well as an equipment grant for laptops from the State of Iowa that the city is taking advantage of. Council briefly discussed the condition of an abandoned building on 1st Ave SE. There are no violations at this time. Mayor reported that Badgerfest went well. Under regular agenda items, Carol Hanson thanked council and mayor for participating in Badgerfest and thanked them for the help from the city. She then discussed a date for fall garage sales. They will be held on Saturday, September 25th. Next, Vicki Jones addressed Council with a request for them to consider starting a Community Garden. Council may consider this in the future if they find that the city has a place to put one and many other details would need to be worked out. Council then discussed a fee schedule that would include fees already set by ordinance and the addition of setting standard fees for public records and also labor and equipment rates to be charged by the city in dealing with nuisance abatements etc. Council then discussed a community survey the clerk had compiled regarding fireworks, as discussed at the July meeting. The survey form was agreed upon, but council also agreed that each survey participant would need to fill out and sign the form at city hall. The survey forms will be available beginning August 16th and the survey will be ongoing until November 1st. A motion was introduced by Larson-White to grant an additional week of vacation to the city clerk effective with this yearly period, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Council also discussed the need to update the employee policy. Motion to approve Resolution 8-1-21 Adopting FY22 Fee Schedule was introduced by Dunbar, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Larson-White, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:26 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk