

MINUTES
December 14, 2020

The City Council of Badger met in regular session at 6:32 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. 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 Larson-White, second by Smith, all ayes, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the November 9th regular meeting, current bills in the amount of \$13,054.55, liquor license renewal for Badger Fastway, liquor license renewal for Knuckleheads pending dramshop, and Clerk/Treasurer report for November. Water/Wastewater Operator Craig Larson provided his written report to Council. He reported on amounts of water/sewage production/disposal for November, discussed a recent water main break as well as the condition of the lagoons. Next, Dave London and Todd Tolliver, Public Works, provided their written report to Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with water leaks and breaks, equipment, utility locates, etc. Dave London submitted his written retirement proposal to Council. His last working day will be January 3rd; the end of that pay period. He will then go on vacation until February 4th. He will be paid out any unused vacation etc. on February 7th. This arrangement allows flexibility for him to help with snow removal should there be a large snow event before February 4th. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk presented her written report to Council. Under Council reports, complaints from the public were discussed. Under regular agenda items, Council again discussed the sale of the corner lot bordering 3rd St SE from the undeveloped Phase 3 of Badger Ridge. Clerk has worked with city attorney, engineer, and Webster County Recorder and Assessor to get the lot listed as a separate parcel. Council will hold a public hearing at the January meeting setting a lot price and signing with a realtor for a listing contract for the sale of this lot. Council then discussed a service line protection program offered through HomeServeUSA. Mayor and clerk received the information on this program through the National League of Cities and Iowa Rural Water Association. With the city's endorsement, service line protection insurance will be offered to Badger homeowners through this program. They are under no obligation to purchase this insurance and the city receives no part of the premiums. Motion to approve by Larson-White, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. Next, Council discussed a timeline with the city clerk for the Fiscal Year 22 budget process. The annual Holiday Lights contest was then discussed. Anyone who has lights up will be considered for one of three prizes in three categories: Originality, Best Yard Display, and Best Light Display. Judging will take place beginning at 7:00 p.m. on December 19th. Quotes for replacement of furnaces at the Library and Community Center were presented to Council. The furnace in the library currently has a cracked heat exchanger and parts for it are no longer available. The other furnace is the same type and age. A verbal quote from Reekers Heating and Cooling for \$5,000 for both furnaces, a written quote from Orres & Gailey for \$4,400 for both furnaces, and a written quote from MidState Heating & Cooling for \$6,910 for both furnaces were received. Mayor will speak with Library Board to discuss a cost share. Motion to approve the quote from Orres & Gailey for the replacement of both furnaces was made by Smith, second by Dunbar, all ayes, motion carried. A motion to approve Resolution 12-01-20 Setting Public Hearing Date for Disposal of Property was made by Curtis, second by Higgins, 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 7:42 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk