

MINUTES
November 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, Roger Curtis, and Gail Higgins. Pam Smith, and Larry Dunbar were absent. Also present: Tammy Jones, and Nathan Jones. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Curtis, second by Higgins, all ayes, Smith and Dunbar absent, motion carried. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Larson-White, second by Curtis, all ayes, Smith and Dunbar absent, motion carried. Consent agenda consisted of minutes from the October 4th regular meeting, Clerk/Treasurer report for October, current bills in the amount of \$9,743.78, the FY21 Annual Financial Report and the FY21 Street Finance Report. Mayor Wendell asked if there was any unscheduled business, and there being none, the mayor proceeded with the Library Director report. Tammy Jones discussed her written report and reported on upcoming events at the library, including "Third Thursday" events. Next on the agenda was 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 October and the conditions of the lagoons. Todd Tolliver, Public Works, provided his written report to Council which included numerous maintenance tasks, work with equipment, utility locates, etc. Glenda Rasmussen, City Clerk presented her written report to Council. She also discussed tree seedlings available through DNR, Municipal Leadership Academy available to Council and Mayor, and that no bids were received for the snowblower the city has for sale. The city will now sell it in as-is condition for \$25.00 if anyone is interested in purchasing it. Clerk also reported that only 29 fireworks surveys were filled out by citizens. Council will discuss fireworks at the December meeting. Under Council reports, Curtis inquired about the outdoor warning siren. Clerk has been in contact with Emergency Management and Frontline Warning Systems will diagnose the problem when they are next in the area. Curtis also asked about someone wishing to purchase land to build a large shed on some of the ag land in city limits. The only involvement the city would have in this, would be to determine if a building permit could/would be issued and if a variance would be required. Mayor reported that a nuisance abatement had been carried out and billed by the city and that Webster County had done some tree trimming. One residence complained, but the tree is not on private property and needed trimmed higher than what had been done by the residents to allow large farm equipment, semis and buses to pass freely underneath. Under regular agenda items, electrical work at the park was discussed. The floodlight has been replaced with a street light pole and fixture and the rest of the needed electrical work will take place in the spring. Some, but not all quotes for electrical work at the lift station at the lagoons have been received and clerk and public works will request the rest of them be received for the December meeting. The city is working with Iowa Rural Water Association to establish a Source Water Protection Plan for the city. Approval of the emergency response plan to be submitted to DNR was moved by Larson-White, second by Curtis, all ayes, Smith and Dunbar absent, motion carried. A letter was received from Webster County Conservation asking for the city's permission to conduct a survey that involves city property and granting a 30 foot easement for the Prairie River Trail system – Fort Dodge to Badger connection. Motion to approve conducting the survey, but not agreeing to an easement at this point was introduced by Larson-White, second by Higgins, Smith and Dunbar absent, motion carried. The city will need to discuss where the proposed easement would need to be since it may involve established trees and the city welcome sign if it is installed on the east side of Paragon Avenue. There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, second by Higgins, all ayes, motion carried. Adjournment at 7:35 p.m.

Glenda R. Rasmussen
City Clerk