

MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

The Small Town with a Big Heart

Badger Minnesota

5:00 PM - Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Via Webex (Covid-19)

The City of Badger Council met in Regular Council on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 5:00 PM in the Via Webex (Covid-19) .

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rinde Called to order: 5:00 pm

a) Roll Call-

Present: Mayor Rinde, Corey Christianson, Dan Carpenter, Stacey Lockhart,
Late: 5:19pm Daegen Berger
Others: Eric Dunrud, Hayley Moore, Sherri Kukowski, Brent Walsh, Randy Olson, Nicole Berger, Marsha Yates, Lloyd Hietala

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood to recite Pledge of Allegiance

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council members may add items to the agenda including items contained in the Council packets for discussion purposes or staff direction only. The Council will not normally take official action on items added to the agenda.

a)

4 CONSENT AGENDA

These items are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member, staff member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed elsewhere on the agenda.

a) Minutes:

b) Requisitions: **None at this time**

c) Financials: receipts and disbursement registers, bank statement, schedule 1a, bank reconciliation.

d) Donations: **None at this time**

e) Communications: **None at this time**

f) Claims:

RES-2-2021

Moved by Stacey Lockhart, seconded by Corey Christianson, Claims - 17815-17847

These claims include #17817 (\$295.46), #17829, (\$339.92), # 17838 (\$376.38) for Heritage Wall Project.

Request Christine to submit reimbursement for these claims and past claim # 17710 (\$781.74).

CARRIED. unanimously

5 PUBLIC FORUM/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Individuals may address the Council about any item not contained on the regular agenda. A maximum of 15 minutes is allotted for the Forum. If the full 15 minutes are not needed for the Forum, the City Council will continue with the agenda. The City Council will not take official action on items discussed at the Forum, with the exception of referral to staff or Committee for future report.

a) Marsha Yates - Brush Pile

Marsha addressed concern about brush pile by her property. Expressed danger and out of control pile. Asked the council when it will be taken care of. (logs, trees, garbage, over 60 foot pile)

Christianson asked if burning was an effective way to take care of it. Marsha suggested rummaging through the pile and removing dangers before burning, and suggested moving the pile away from the current pile.

Mayor Rinde asked if the Fire Department could burn it - Eric mentioned depending on fire bans and wind conditions. Mayor requested Eric to ask FD to check into burning it.

Christianson suggested maintaining the pile and monitoring to be sure no illegal dumping and extra garbage is dumped.

Discussion of potentially installing cameras to monitor area.

b) Randy Olson - Railroad Car

Randy asks to request the railcar behind his property to be removed.

Mayor Rinde asks Hayley to address this issue with the railroad to be removed.

Randy has also presented incentive ideas for the city to use for future homeowners.

6 PUBLIC HEARINGS (INCLUDES UTILITY)

a) Begin addressing unpaid utilities - past due notices and shut offs

Mayor Rinde reminds the council that the late fee and shut off protection was lifted in April 2021.

Council recommends addressing overdues and sending out shut off notices with reminders on protection lifts and set cut off. 30 days to pay in full or set up payment plan.

7 NEW BUSINESS

- a) T&C - Gambling application for Bingo Sept 17th, 2021

RES-3-2021

Moved by Corey Christianson, seconded by Stacey Lockhart, Motion to approve gambling application for Fall Festival bingo

CARRIED. unanimously

- b) Skippy Finns - Beer gardens in the street for Fall Fest

RES-4-2021

Moved by Dan Carpenter, seconded by Corey Christianson, Skip Hietala would like to confirm date of Fall Festival Sept 18th, 2021. Hietala requests to have an outside beer garden during the time of Jaycees Street dance. Hietala states cans only (no glass) he would like to allow to have drinks brought in and out. If approved he would like to operate 1 hour before the band start and when the band ends. This would be covered under Skippy Finns liability insurance- willing to provide proof.

Carpenter suggests a roped off/designated area with bands to those who are allowed to consume liquor.

Side note: Hietala gives permission to allow food stands within his property.

CARRIED. unanimously

- c) Bush Car/Baja Races - September 18th, 2021 - Brent Walsh coordinating
City insurance policy??

Location -

Walsh requests to use city land (by the Badger Arena) to host Bush car races for Badger Fall Fest. Walsh received verbal permission to use from School.

Sponsorship by Jon's Auto. Other interest in Sponsorship from other businesses.

Carpenter suggested sponsorship and donations come up front before insurance is paid. City will not fund this event.

RES-5-2021

Moved by Stacey Lockhart

Lockhart suggested being sure that it's cleaned up when complete.

Approval with conditions of insurance paid up front and land put back.

CARRIED. unanimously

RES-6-2021

Lockhart suggested being sure that it's cleaned up when complete.
Approval with conditions of insurance paid up front and land put back.
Motion made by Lockhart; seconded by Daegen
CARRIED.

d) Lenmark Lane Tax Forfeit Lots -

Mayor Rinde mentioned buying the lots for \$1 on tax forfeit, selling to property owners in the area for between \$3,000-\$4,000.
Berger mentioned being interested as a home owner in purchasing.
Christianson suggested to homeowners to keep the waterways open on condition of these selling of property.
Mayor mentioned there are no back taxes on these properties for sale.
Lots include 51.0060332, 51.0060333, 51.0060334, and 51.0060342.
(Tawney's Park 2nd Addition).

RES-7-2021

Carpenter suggests allowing the county to put up for Public sale. Council agrees.
Motion to purchase, declined.
Declined

e) Welcome basket -

Welcome Committee - suggestions made to increase budgets and grow welcome baskets. Council asked Hayley to bring ideas to the next meeting for new and improved welcome baskets.

f) Ambulance Bids -

3 ambulance bids were presented to the council:

Joey Shaw - \$302.00
John Dahl - \$2,100
Jessie Lockhart - \$350.00

RES-8-2021

Moved by Dan Carpenter, seconded by Stacey Lockhart, Make a motion to approve bid of \$2,500 from John Dahl to purchase Ambulance.
CARRIED. unanimously

g) Update bank accounts -

Update signature card on accounts: Remove Amy and add Hayley to bank accounts and ACH Authorization.

- h) Brent's title - zoning

Carpenter presents to the council that we need clarification Brent's title that Brent Walsh has the authority to enforce zoning issues and ordinances.

RES-10-2021

Motion made to clarify Brent's title for zoning enforcement.

Motion by Dan Carpenter, Seconded by Daegan.

CARRIED.

- i) Blight enforcement process -

Needs clarification if there was a joint powers agreement - council asks Hayley to check with Sheriff Gust if this agreement is still in effect and/or when it expires.

Process for future - City sends blight letters to citizens, Sheriff's department will follow up with those not followed.

8 CITIZENS COMPLAINTS

- a) 423 Spruce St - Building Permit

Walsh shares that complainant addressed concern over subdivision on building permit - complainant contested fee and refused to pay \$100 subdivision fee.

Walsh shares that the county has record of plots.

Complainant shares that when the land was purchased, the seller is building on a subdivided plot, not an unplotted lot.

Christianson asks what the risk of missing information - complainant shares there is no risk to future homeowners. Complainant would pay a fee if he divided the land at future resale.

Walsh's recommendation includes appreciation for complainant bringing revenue to Badger, but feels there is no record of original subdivision fee.

Council recommends the land is legally recorded, therefore in the future if the legal description of properties ever changed, the fee would be charged.

Christian suggests two options: waiving the fee and dropping it, or charging the fee and refunding once proof is presented that subdivision fee was paid in the past.

RES-11-2021

Mayor Rinde suggests charging the fee and reimbursing for paper trail for future records.

Motioned by Daegen, seconded by Lockhart.

CARRIED.

9 OLD BUSINESS

a) City Hall updates:

Walsh presented a bid from Darrin Dvergsten for concrete work for city hall updates needed including handicap accessibility work.
Dvergsten agrees to complete project by August 18th.
This wouldn't include new door and next phase projects.

RES-12-2021

Motion to accept bid for City Hall updates from Darrin Dvergsten, Dvergsten Heating & Cooling made by Mayor Rinde conditions include event for July 30th having a backup plan -
motion made by Dan Carpenter, seconded by Daegen Berger
CARRIED.

10 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND CITY STAFF

a) Maintenance project list: work hours, city hall steps, water meters

Project List - Emergency steps and drain tile are completed (City Hall). Eric has a report of things he has done, did not print it out but will get to council and be sure to include in packets at next council meeting. Eric has been cleaning up the lagoon. Suggests a camera on the property.

Water meters - 6 installed - working on lining up times to complete - Hayley will construct a letter to schedule installation.

Work hours - comes in at 7 - is prepared for Sherri (if watering in at 6-6:30)

Sherri suggested leveling bench in park

Lockhart asked about spraying; Christianson suggested dunks in the ponds - Eric responded with needing to order a case - council suggested order.

Christianson suggested asking the council to patch other streets besides county road (ask about a price on this) County will be coming soon to patch road by Farmers Union.

Eric will begin patching on 1st and Esther street.

b) Heritage wall updates:

\$9,612.74 - left to finish the project

Cement/ Sidewalks - \$4,200-\$4,500 estimated

Electrical - no estimate on this as of yet

Plates/braces - have arrived and need installation before cement - one braces are in place, the cement work can be finished within weeks.

Sherri confirmed that the money is available to accept cement/sidewalk bid.

Sherri asked about signage on Hwy 11 - Mayor Rinde will follow up for future discussion

Mayor Rinde will coordinate fill for cement (donation by Burians)

Sherri shared the family tiles will begin this week/next week.

- c) Fire Department: Fall Fest activities: Car Show, Cornhole Tournament, FD lunch, volunteer services for Bush Car event (if approved).

Street will be closed from the bank corner to NWCA - recommended to motion on allowing Kiddie Carnival.

RES-13-2021

Moved by Corey Christianson, seconded by Stacey Lockhart, Motion made to allow details of Kiddie Carnival with the addition of the petting zoo.

CARRIED. unanimously

- d) Planning Commission -

Commission made a motion to approve Jennifer Sanden conditional use permit and building permit for fence for daycare (Citizens State Bank building).

Discussion regarding fees - consistent with fees

Discussed zoning title for Walsh (previously acted on)

Discussion of street repairs will be on August's meeting agenda.

Discussed park improvements of new equipment and using other city owned lands for parks and rec improvements.

Look into 2022 grants and funding for improvements of parks and rec

- e) City Clerk -
Billing - updates

Hayley addressed concerns as far as billing process and pricing. Suggestions were made to revamp the billing preparation process and will prepare requisitions to address costs and time costs of preparing billing monthly.

Hayley addressed other findings within the month and shared thoughts and ideas to address concerns and bring ideas and suggestions to next months meetings.

11 ORDINANCES

- a) Building Permit Fee Schedule -

Building Permit Fee Schedule was passed in 2020.

New implementation of building permit fee schedules.

12 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Website redesign - Sandpieper Design

Motion to approve SandPieper Design \$6,000 budget - clarifications needed from SandPieper on pricing.

RES-14-2021

Motion by Dan Carpenter, Seconded by Daegen.
CARRIED.

- b) Coming up - Schedule budget meeting

Budget needs to be completed by September 30th -
Dates for meeting of budget:
Departments need to have requisitions prepared.

- c) Brush Pile followup -

Dan Carpenter asked about other locations for future brush pile.
Is there a way to include control i.e., cameras, confined area, patrolling the area, etc.
Brush pile concern will be brought to the Planning Commission for plans of addressing issue.

- d) Benefits discussion:

Eric brought concern about the percentage of health insurance paid by the city.
Corey, Dan, and Hayley will discuss and research options of health insurance plans and both Hayley and Eric will bring forward suggestions prior to the budget deadline.

13 ADJOURNMENT

- a) Rinde asked for a motion to adjourn - 7:28pm

RES-15-2021

Motion to adjourn by Daegan Berger, Seconded by Lockhart
7:28pm.
CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer