

MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

The Small Town with a Big Heart

Badger Minnesota

5:00 PM - Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Via Webex (Covid-19)

The City of Badger Council met in Regular Council on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM in the Via Webex (Covid-19) .

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rinde called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

a) Roll Call-

Mayor - Jim Rinde

Council members - Daegan Berger, Dan Carpenter, Stacey Lockhardt

Others - Hayley (clerk), Mike (Advanced Utility Solutions), Sherri Kukowski (Heritage Wall)

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and recited the 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) Mayor Rinde requested adding Hammer Sanitation to the agenda item number 7.8

RES-1-2022

Moved by Daegan Berger, seconded by Corey Christianson, A motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition of 7.8

CARRIED. unanimously

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:

c) Claims:

- d) Financials: receipts and disbursement registers, bank statement, schedule 1a, bank reconciliation.
- e) Donations:
- f) Communications:
- g)

RES-2-2022

Moved by Corey Christianson, seconded by Dan Carpenter, A motion was made to accept the consent agenda.

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.

6 PUBLIC HEARINGS (INCLUDES UTILITY)

7 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Public Works Position -

Advanced Utility Solutions - Offer 1-

On the job training including repairs, on the call the training, etc or contract partnership staffing with an operator - overseeing water treatment facility, sampling, discharges, on call services, reports and paperwork, licensing requirements, flushing hydrants, maintenance on all wastewater systems, pond systems, etc. Minimum of once a week on site. \$3,500/month for on the job training with city staff (3 year contract). 60 notice to opt out if needed within the 3 year contract. Full-time/staffed with operator \$14,500 a month (10 year contract) with no opt out option available.

Council discussion - negotiation may be possible

Offer 2 -

A neighboring city has made an offer to utilize their operators for expansion in their city. Jim will meet with members of the council later this week to discuss needs and receive a proposal.

Offer 3 -

A licensed operator at \$1,200 - must be a part-time employee to be covered under city insurance - would be responsible for daily readings and testing. \$40/hr in emergency on the call situations. 30 day notice if either party wants to terminate contract proposed. This individual would be responsible for water and wastewater only, also offering to work with maintenance person monitoring ponds and discharges.

At this time, there are two applicants with the potential of one or two applicants turning in applications in the next week.

The city council will call a special meeting after Jim meets with the neighboring city to discuss.

b) Water Project -

Jim shares Angela with RD shared the water project is currently \$1.2M over budget. Angela shared that options include moving forward with the project and finding other projects, or moving forward with bids and see where they come in before deciding to move forward at this time. (project material costs are causing the project to go over budget). The council discusses moving forward with bids and seeing where the project costs come out before making a decision at moving forward this summer. Angela reminds that we have until July of 2025 to commit these funds to the project.

RES-3-2022

Moved by Dan Carpenter, seconded by Stacey Lockhart, A motion was made to recommend to the engineers to put the project out for bids at this time.
CARRIED. unanimously

c) League of MN Cities - Covid

Jim shares that Covid pay has officially been dropped and remote working should be suggested to end and all businesses and companies are free to open back to normalcy.

d) Roseau County Housing Loan pool board -

Council discussed not recalling appoint Corey to this pool board. Corey will reach out to Barb at Roseau county housing authority to discuss this request.

e) Auditor Contract -

Council discusses renewing Crystelle's contract at a 5 year due to being cheaper than the 3 year contract.

RES-4-2022

Moved by Stacey Lockhart, seconded by Daegan Berger, A motion was made to renew the auditor contract for 5 years.
CARRIED. unanimously

f) Fire Department -Gambling Permit

RES-5-2022

Moved by Dan Carpenter, seconded by Corey Christianson, A motion was made to approve the gambling permit for the FD for the 2022 smoker.

CARRIED. unanimously

- g) Skippy Finns - Catering license approval (April 2 - Hall & April 23 - Fire Department)

RES-6-2022

Moved by Daegan Berger, seconded by Stacey Lockhart, A motion was made to approve Skippy Finns for off-site catering of alcohol for two events in April.

CARRIED. unanimously

- h) Hammer Sanitation -

Hammer Sanitation suggests a message coming from the City that shares with citizens that all garbage should be bagged and tied or boxed to ensure it gets collected.

8 OLD BUSINESS

- a) City Hall updates: (Cleaning)

Jim shares that the furnaces at the City Hall are not working properly and the leak in the kitchen will be looked at in the morning by Beito Plumbing. Jim made calls and found a commercial cleaner to come look at the Hall and do a deep clean of the building in the next two weeks.

Jim will also reach out to Allen Thompson construction on options to putting in a door at the top of the basement steps.

RES-7-2022

Moved by Stacey Lockhart, seconded by Corey Christianson, A motion was made to contract with the commercial cleaning company to clean the Hall.

CARRIED. unanimously

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND CITY STAFF

- a) Planning Commission -

A meeting has not been set for the next Planning Commission meeting at this time. Dan will send out to the committee to get a meeting set in the near future.

- b) Heritage Wall update -

Mardi Gras - Good turnout \$3340.00 after expenses \$1738 with an addition \$885 still coming in. Adding that to the account balance of \$860 = \$3400 available to budget. \$2.25/square foot for tamarack has been quoted. Sherri hopes that we can finish the project by the beginning of June. July 15th - T&C will be moving forward with a summer Baja race.

Sherri is asking to use the City Hall for a brunch open to the public. Sherri also shares there is a \$5,000 donation coming in for the wall for landscaping including trees and flower pots.

10 **ORDINANCES**

11 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

12 **ADJOURNMENT**

a)

RES-8-2022

Moved by Stacey Lockhart, seconded by Dan Carpenter, A motion was made to adjourn at 7:07pm

CARRIED. unanimously

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer