

MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

The Small Town with a Big Heart

Badger Minnesota

5:00 PM - Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Badger Community Center 111 North Main St.

The City of Badger Council met in Regular Council on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM in the Badger Community Center 111 North Main St. .

1 CALL TO ORDER

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

a) Roll Call- D. Carpenter, J. Rinde, C. Christianson, D. Berger, G. Lee

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All members and guests stood and recited the pledge.

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After presented with the addition of canvassing the elections and bids for the fire truck and bids for the topper. Council member Carpenter made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council member Lee seconded. U.C.

4 CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Berger made a motion to approve the consent agenda a-f and motion seconded by Council member Christianson. U.C.

a) Minutes: Regular Council meeting October 19, 2022.

b) Requisitions: City of Badger purchased through Stacey Lockhart a 3 point blade for a city tractor @ \$675 from a Dennis L. Johnson
New chair for office clerk

c) Claims: 18241-18278 total \$96,562.42

d) Financials: receipts and disbursement registers, bank statement, schedule 1a, bank reconciliation. Void check#21179

e) Donations: \$10 donation to Fire department - Sheldon Hanson Memorial from Margret Ohlquist

f) Communications:

Council member Christianson discussed the use of Iworq system. It would be nice to start using this system again to have a record of concerns and verification things are getting completed as requested. This can also be attached to the city agenda. Tania Praska and Angie Gregerson will look into how the system has changed since last used and update at the December meeting.

5 PUBLIC FORUM/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None at this time.

6 PUBLIC HEARINGS (INCLUDES UTILITY)

None at this time.

7 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Nathan Olafson Special Assessments

Discussion had as requested by Nathan Olafson. Need more discussion with Dustin Fanfulik (engineer) for more clarity. Dustin and Nathan will be invited to the December council meeting to discuss in more depth.

- b) Appointment to Roseau County Affordable Housing Advisory Board/Multi-county Housing Authority

Motion made by Council member Carpenter to remove Corey Christianson from the Roseau County Affordable Housing Advisory Board/Multi-county Housing Authority and replace with Tania Praska, City Clerk-Treasurer. Motion was seconded by Council member Lee. U.C.

- c) Water Project - Pay App#3 Spruce Valley contingent

Angie Gregerson discussed the process of pay apps and the current pay app. Contingent on USDA approval for Spruce Valley at \$725,404.99. Council member Carpenter made a motion to approve and motion seconded by Council member Lee. U.C.

- d) Snow removal

Discussion had on how snow removal has been going. Zach stated we have had equipment breaking down and parts are on order. Equipment is being fixed as parts come in but it takes time. It was discussed to have a backup plan in case anyone is out from the snow removal team. We will accept applications for backup snow removers which will need to be approved by the city council. Will have a special meeting if we have interested person(s). Tania will add to Facebook and city website for substitute position(s).

Discussion had for Tania to send out a letter to the main street residents/businesses. Letter would be a reminder from city council to have sidewalks cleaned of snow and ice as they are responsible for safety outside of their buildings as well.

- e) Bobcat

Discussion had on possibly storing the attachments for the bobcat inside when not in use. This will help keep them from weatherizing. Discussion on the service agreement for the lease of the bobcat, blower, brush. All else for bobcat belong to the city. Zach will check on this.

- f) Property/Casualty Renewal - Bryan Modahl North Risk Partners LLC

This is tabled till the December meeting when Bryan Modahl will be able to discuss with the council.

- g) Fire truck Bids and Topper Bids

There were 2 fire truck bids the highest bid was Skip Hietala. Council member Berger will make sure to have fire truck ready for pick up by December 6th. Motion made to accept Heitala bid made by Council member Carpenter and seconded by Council member Berger. U.C.

There were no bids for the topper. Motion to have topper put on social media free for pickup made by Council member Lee and seconded by Council member Christianson. U.C.

- h) Canvass of elections 2022

Angie Gregerson discussed the canvass of elections. City council members reviewed the 2022 general election results. Council member Berger made a motion on the Elections canvass 2022 resolution motion was seconded by Council member Carpenter. U.C.

City of Badger newly elected mayor will be Dan Carpenter and Council members: Lee and Christianson.

8 OLD BUSINESS

- a) City Hall/ center updates:

Zach still working on contractors quotes.

- b) Culvert on Esther Street

There is a new letter to be sent to Dustin Fanfulik (engineer) to establish a re-quote for the culvert on Esther street. New quote will be presented at the regular monthly meeting, once received.

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND CITY STAFF

T&C: Lighting contest info presented by Kassi Tillberg. This is posted on Facebook and on the city website. Officers and by-laws will be voted during T&C December meeting. Tongue and groove still sitting under snow at the Heritage wall. Council member Berger will check with a few people to see if they will volunteer to put this up as soon as possible.

Planning Commission: Group met on Oct. 24th. Discussion had to have road paved and drainage created with the citizens of Spruce street. Discussion will be had with Dustin Fanfulik (engineer). Council member Christianson has done research and found programs to help with improvements on Durgin Park. More clarification and research is needed. Blight was also discussed. Council member Dan Carpenter will be stepping down from the chair of the planning commission as of January 1st, 2023.

Badger Area Community Fund: No updates at this time.

Fire Department: Fire protection agreement - it was discussed to remove the final page of the fire protection agreement which is the notarized page. A motion was made by Council member Lee and seconded by Council member Berger to drop that page. U.C.

Clerk: Group Application update - there is an increase of about 5% for the 2023 fiscal year. Public alert system was discussed. We will go ahead with this but we need quotes and more information. This will be brought up at the December meeting. Authorization form to grant access and submission rights on behalf of the City of Badger to the Office of the State Auditor for Tania Praska signed by Mayor Jim Rinde. Discussion had on contract vs. seasonal/part time help and PERA guidelines. Discussion had on property purchase guidelines by Meadowlark Lane. Starting up the newsletter again was discussed and will take place in the near future.

Maintenance: MN public works will come to fix the lift station as there were more disposable wipes found clogging the system.

10 ORDINANCES

Nothing at this time.

11 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Personnel Policy

We will do a strikethrough on p.29 of the personnel policy stating "Earned sick leave has no cash value upon termination or retirement." Motion made by Council member Carpenter and seconded by Council member Berger. U.C. Adding section 10.03 Clothing Allowance to the personnel policy was discussed. It should state "The city will provide each full time employee up to \$200 for clothing allowance per fiscal year." Motion to approve by Council member Berger and seconded by Council member Christanson U.C. Tania will get this updated and send to the Auditor.

12 ADJOURNMENT

Council member Carpenter made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM with a motion to second by Council member Berger. U.C.

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer