

MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

The Small Town with a Big Heart

Badger Minnesota

5:00 PM - Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Badger Community Center 111 North Main St.

The City of Badger Council met in Regular Council on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the Badger Community Center 111 North Main St. .

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniel Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 15th, 2023.

a) Roll Call-

Daniel Carpenter, Corey Christianson, Daegan Berger, Amber Wojciehowski.
Absent: Gretchen Lee

b) Others present-

Robert Dostal, Tim McDaniels, Carol McDaniels, Kassi Tillberg, Dennis Lunde

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3 SWEARING IN OF AMBER WOJCIEHOWSKI TO CITY COUNCIL

Clerk Praska presented Amber Wojciehowski the Oath of Office and swearing in as a member of City Council.

4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Council member Corey Christianson and seconded by Council member Daegan Berger. U.C.

5 CONSENT AGENDA

With the addition of claim 18381 @ \$8,500 added for the water truck purchase by the fire department making the claim adjusted to \$47,348.14. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Council member Daegan Berger and seconded by Council member Amber Wojciehowski. U.C.

a) Minutes:

February 15, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
March 1, 2023 Special meeting

b) Requisitions: None at this time.

- c) Claims: 18361-18380 totaling \$38,848.14 - adjusted and approved to claims 18361-18381 totaling \$47,348.14.
- d) Financials: receipts and disbursement registers, bank statement, schedule 1a, bank reconciliation.
Voided checks: 21318
- e) Donations: None at this time.
- f) Communications:

Discussion had on Two Rivers Watershed on their 10 year plan. Council member Corey Christianson suggested Clerk Tania bring up drainage with the watershed.

- g) Minnesota Pump Works Maintenance Agreement

Zach discussed with Council this is a standard yearly agreement with Minnesota Pump Works.

- h) Minnesota Department of Health Plan review approval on plans & specifications on well: Assessment Job No. 1

Communication to the council showing approval from the Minnesota Department of Health on the plans and specifications on the well. A motion to move this section from public hearings to Communications area of agenda made by Council member Amber Wojciehowski and seconded by Council member Corey Christianson. U.C.

6 PUBLIC FORUM/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Robert Dostal was present at public forum to discuss issues with blight around the city. He stressed his concerns and asked for follow through on all blights in progress and future blights.

7 PUBLIC HEARINGS (INCLUDES UTILITY)

8 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Garbage Bids

Council received two (2) bids for garbage removal in the city limits. North Country Clean-up @ \$5900/month and Hammer Sanitation @ \$4100/month. Discussion had with both company's on issues the city currently has and how they could improve. Motion to accept the lowest bid with Hammer Sanitation was made by Council member Corey Christianson and seconded by Council member Daegan Berger. U.C.

- b) Summer Help

Council discussed that Clerk Tania will post on social media and the city website, an opening for summer help. Would be ideal to use previous summer

helper if they apply. Also, for more help in the summer months, Clerk Tania will reach out to the intercounty program and see if we can reopen account and utilize.

c) Zachary Tillberg Signatory for Debit Card

Motion to approve adding Zach Tillberg to the use of the debit card was made by Council member Daniel Carpenter and seconded by Council member Daegan Berger. U.C.

d) Gworks

Discussion had on Gworks and moving forward with the utilization of all their services. Motion to approve the contract with Gworks made by Council member Corey Christianson and seconded by Council member Amber Wojciehowski. U.C.

A motion to end services with Icompass, Sandpieper Designs, and Iworq, once Gworks is in full motion was made by Council member Daegan Berger and seconded by Council member Corey Christianson. U.C.

e) Notary approval for City Clerk Tania Praska

Discussion had on having the Clerk be a notary. It would be a nice service for the community. Motion to approve the registration, new appointment, and stamp for Clerk Tania to become a notary was made by Council member Amber Wojciehowski and seconded by Council member Corey Christianson. U.C.

f) Grant for new well

Council looked over the grant proposal for the new well needed. Mike Strodtman from Minnesota Rural Water Association drew this up for the City of Badger. A motion to have Clerk Tania sign and submit was made by Council member Corey Christianson and seconded by Council member Daegan Berger. U.C.

g) Watermain Replacement Easements

Council discussed how to proceed with the easements for four (4) locations requested by WSN. Clerk Tania will reach out with all 4 households; Corey Christianson & Ketsarin Sriyota, William & Susan Smith, Leahdore Meland, Stacey & Heidi Warne. Clerk Tania will set up times to sign with a notary at the bank making these agreements submitted by the city attorney valid and legal.

h) Meter/handheld discussion

Discussion had on the meter options presented. Zach discussed the differences and what he has learned about them. Decision to ask Dustin Fanfulik, from WSN, to attend April meeting to discuss farther was made.

i) Roseau County Museum public works information

Motion to approve the interview on "how water works" of Zach Tillberg, public works for the City of Badger, by the Roseau County Museum was made by Council member Dan Carpenter and seconded by Council member Corey Christianson. U.C.

- j) Procurement Policy - needed per Auditor

The auditor for the City of Badger requested we have a Procurement Policy. A motion to adopt the Procurement Policy as presented from the auditor was made by Council member Corey Christianson and seconded by Council member Amber Wojciehowski. U.C.

9 OLD BUSINESS

- a) City Hall updates:

Zach and Brent Walsh checked the eaves of the community center. All looked good for structure. Cosmetics need fixing as wear & tear of taping and mudding from heat and moisture. Motion to put ceiling work, scraping popcorn, re-taping & painting, updating lights to LED will need to go out for bids made by Council member Daegan Berger and seconded by Council member Amber Wojciehowski. U.C.

- b) Wiktel update

Discussion on benefits to internet/phone hook up for the shop and hall took place. For the price, it is not beneficial to hook up the hall. The shop will be tabled for discussion at the April council meeting.

- c) Hammer Sanitation Dumpsters

Discussion had during the garbage bids on making sure the dumpsters were removed from the city property along the heritage wall fence. All was taken care of before the meeting commenced.

- d) Follow up on Wright Locksmith and Security Systems with quotes

Discussion had on quotes submitted from Wright locksmith. Decision to invite Laurence Wright to the April council meeting was decided for further discussion.

10 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND CITY STAFF

- a) Fire Department:

1 - recent purchases - purchased water truck from DNR - bill due \$8,500 (pay from anonymous donation of \$5,000 remaining from Savings account 9000375) + Purchasing new rims for new tanker out of fundraising account \$2,500. Motion to have \$3,500 moved from savings account and \$5,000 used from donation early this year to pay for the water truck from DNR made by Council member Corey Christianson and seconded by Council member Amber Wojciehowski. U.C.

2 - news and updates - no more news or updates at this time.

b) BACF:

1 - extend invite for Mayor Daniel Carpenter to join the committee with council approval.

2 - news and updates

1-Motion granted by council to have Mayor Daniel Carpenter join the Badger Area Community Fund committee made by Council member Corey Christianson and seconded by Council member Daegan Berger. U.C.

2-Brochure and applications will be updated soon by Clerk Tania and posted. Three scholarships up to \$1,000 each will be available for local groups.

c) Heritage Wall

Discussion had on finishing up the work at the Heritage Wall. Clerk Tania was asked to reach out to Brent Walsh to find out if he will be finishing this spring or if other arrangements will need to be made.

d) Planning Commission

A motion to approve planning commission recommendation of having Angela Gregerson a member of the planning commission was made by Amber Wojciehowski and seconded by Council member Daegan Berger. U.C.

Discussion on the creation of Ordinance No. 64 regulating the parking and storing of recreational vehicles was had. Planning commission created this and brought to council for discussion and possible approval. Motion to move forward to attorney approval with public hearing at 5 PM before regular April council meeting, contingent on attorney approval was made by Council member Daniel Carpenter and seconded by Council member Daegan Berger. U.C.

Discussion had on street improvements with decision to invite Dustin Fanfulik, of WSN, to the April Council meeting to discuss moving forward with feasibility and next steps.

Discussion had on blight in the City of Badger. City Staff will continue working on this in the following months and move forward to completion of all blight matters in the future. Policy and procedure will be discussed further if need be.

e) T&C

Kassi Tillberg was present to update on T&C news and upcoming events.

There is an Easter Egg Hunt at the hall on April 1st. Kassi asked if the street in front of the hall could be closed from 2-4 PM for the egg hunt. Motion to close the street on April 1st from 2-4 PM was made by Council member Corey Christianson and seconded by Council member Daegan Berger. U.C.

T&C will be having a beatification contest this summer being judge by a local floral place. They are hoping to have this contest the week after the fair.

f) Clerk Report

Clerk Tania attached to the agenda her "clerk happenings" since the last meeting.

g) Maintenance Report

Zach met with Department of Health and discussed that we will need to comply with improvements to a few things.

Zach discussed how snow removal was going and all the information he received and learned at the water conference last week.

11 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Travel Policy

Discussion had on adjusting the travel policy in place. This will be tabled until the April council meeting after more investigation and comparison to other town/county policies.

b) Chicken Ordinance

Motion to set public hearing on chicken ordinance at 5 PM at the April regular council meeting made by Council member Corey Christianson and seconded by Council member Amber Wojciehowski. U.C.

12 ADJOURNMENT

Council member Daegan Berger made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM and seconded by Council member Amber Wojciehowski. U.C.

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer