

MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

The Small Town with a Big Heart

Badger Minnesota

5:00 PM - Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Badger Community Center 111 North Main St.

The City of Badger Council met in Regular Council on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 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 p.m.

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All Stood to recite the pledge of allegiance

- a) A. Swenson swore in newly elected council member Robert Dostal
- b) Members present: J. Rinde, A. Gregerson, C. Christianson, G. Lee, R. Dostal
Also present: A. Swenson, Z. Tillberg, K. Tillberg, T. Dann, M. Vacura

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by council member G. Lee to add 7.5 User Fees to the agenda motion was seconded by council member A. Gregerson, U.C.

4 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by council member R. Dostal to add claim number #19018 payable to the Badger Veterans Committee motion was seconded by council member C. Christianson, U.C.

5 PUBLIC FORUM/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

T. Dann spoke about the cost associated with his special assessments on his property. T. Dann asked the council if there is anything they can do to reduce the price as T. Dann doesn't believe that the assessment is fair. Council member R. Dostal stated that the council members are not engineers and this is a question for Widseth, and T. Dann should ask them on how they came up with the assessed price. Council stated they would look into this situation but nothing would happen this year as the assessments have already been submitted to the County.

6 PUBLIC HEARINGS (INCLUDES UTILITY)

Nothing at this time

7 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Laura Hill property

Mayor Rinde gave the council an update on the blight court hearing that was held against L. Hill. After the hearing the judge determined that it states in the

City of Badger ordinance the word "and" therefore the judge decided that L. Hill was found not guilty of her blight charge, as L. Hill's blight charge was for inoperable vehicles and for her to be noncompliant she had to be noncompliant with more than one blighting factors. The City will be going through the ordinances and sending them to the City attorney to review. They City of Badger following their protocol at the time time had L. Hill's vehicles towed to Badger Towing and Storage. Upon the determination of the not guilty charge the City of Badger has met with Badger Towing and Storage and will pay a reduced fee for the charges that have occurred from storage and towing of L. Hills property. L. Hill will need to get in contact with Badger Towing and Storage to retrieve her property.

b) Review of Ordinance

Council has determined they will have the City Attorney review ordinance #63

c) Application for part-time snow removal

Motion was made by council member A. Gregerson to hire Trent Byre for the position for PT snow removal seconded by council member C. Christianson, U.C

d) User Fees

Council discussed last months rate increase on sewer fees. After looking over the numbers and what is needed to maintain a surplus for this account, the council was in agreement that the fee for sewer can be reduced to \$42.00/month. This decrease will go into effect on the March 2025 utility billing. Motion was made by council member C. Christianson and seconded by council member G. Lee to reduce the sewer rate from \$47.00/ month to \$42.00/ month, U.C

8 OLD BUSINESS

A. Swenson to write up a purchase agreement for Doug Dollahan and also a letter to Doug Dollahan grandfathering him in on his lot. Council will review this letter before it is sent to Dollahan.

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND CITY STAFF

a) Maint Department

Z. Tillberg gave council an updated on his monthly duties Z. Tillberg also updated the council on his class he attended in Roseau on water training. Z. Tillberg was asked to remove the pile of snow in front of the firehall and around the fire hydrants.

b) Clerk/Treasurer

A. Swenson gave the council and update on what she is working, has completed, and tasks that are coming up. A. Swenson will meet with Kassi to

go over anything that needs to be completed when A. Swenson is out of the office. A. Swenson stated she is working on the audit information needed for Hoffman, Philipp, and Martell.

c) Fire Department

Motion was made by council member A. Gregerson to approve and amend the Badger Fire Relief Bylaw to change the yearly retirement distribution from \$500.00/year to \$700.00/year motion was seconded by council member R. Dostal, U.C.

d) VetsPark

Morris Vacura gave the council an update on how the the donations to and progress of the Badger Veterans Memorial Wall is coming. Morris stated that it all depends on what kind of Spring we have but the committee is hoping to have this project completed by Memorial Day.

e) Planning Commission

C. Christianson gave an update to council on the stake holder meeting that was held with the U of M and citizens within the area. More meetings to be held in March with more stakeholders within the county to decide on what towns, areas, ideas for improvements are needed. No planning commission meeting has been set due to conflict with schedules.

f) Town and Country

Nothing at this time

g) City Cemetery

Nothing at this time

h) Heritage Wall

Nothing at this time

i) Badger Area Community Fund

Nothing at this time

10 ORDINANCES

11 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Delinquent utility accounts

12 ADJOURNMENT

Council member A. Gegerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.
seconded by council member R. Dostal, U.C.

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer