

MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

The Small Town with a Big Heart

Badger Minnesota

5:00 PM - Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Badger Community Center 111 North Main St.

The City of Badger Council met in Regular Council on Wednesday, March 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.

a) Roll Call-

Members present: A. Gregerson, J. Rinde, C. Christianson. R. Dostal, G. Lee
Also present: A. Swenson, Z. Tillberg, K. Tillberg

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood to recite the pledge of allegiance

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by council member A. Gregerson to add 7.1 Badger All School Reunion to the agenda. Lil Chompers Committee could not make it for the council meeting, this discussion item will replace that. Council member R. Dostal seconded the motion, U.C.

4 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made council member C. Christianson to approve two added claims to the consent agenda #19037 #19038 totaling \$16,165.94 to be approved for claims council member A. Gregerson seconded, U.C.

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) **Badger All School Reunion**

Council member A. Gregerson brought up that committees from the City and

School should start thinking about the Badger All School Reunion for 2026. A. Gregerson stated the herself and Tia Hietala run the Reunion Facebook page and can post something on there to start getting the ball rolling on setting up committees, entrainment, activities, food etc. More to come on this soon

b) **Summer Help**

Anna Mother will not be returning this summer to help with the City Maint. Discussion was made that a posting be submitted on social media for the open position. Council states that the individual will need to be 18 or older to work for the City this summer and typically will work 30 hours/week.

c) **WSI Quote**

Motion was made by council member A. Gregerson to approve the Workers Compensation Coverage for the City of Badger seconded by council member G. Lee, U.C.

d) **Aged Billing**

Council reviewed the delinquent utility aged billing. Council discussed that when the Cold Weather Rule comes off in April, any resident that is 30 days behind will receive a door hangers giving them a date and time, along with their balance due, payable to the City Office by a certain date and time. Council discussed that each resident gets a utility bill monthly so this should be no surprise as to what they owe. If a resident pays by personal check, and their water has been tuned off, the City will wait until the check clears the bank to regain services to the resident.

e) **Cemetery Preservation Class**

Council reviewed the brochure that was submitted by the Roseau Co Museum on a class that will be offered on the preservation of headstones.

8 OLD BUSINESS

a) **Website Proposal**

A. Swenson gave the council members information and a quote on a website proposal for the City of Badger. This company has set up Newfolden's webpage along with other municipalities around the area. After council reviewed the quote council member A. Gregerson made a motion to approve Municipal Impact to build the City of Badger website seconded by council member C. Christianson, U.C.

b) **Mail boxes on Tamarack Street**

Z. Tillberg showed council how some mailboxes were set back on Tamarack Street causing the mail delivery having to drive on the seeded area and rutting it up. Council member R. Dostal stated he drove down Tamarack before the meeting and noticed 1 mailbox that should be set out further so this will not be

a issue anymore. Council member R. Dostal stated that he will get his taken care of when the ground is pliable.

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND CITY STAFF

a) Maint Department

Z. Tillberg updated the council on his duties that he has completed and is on his projected list. Z. Tillberg will be gone in April for water training. Z. Tillberg stated that he will be getting the spring/summer equipment ready in the next few weeks.

b) Clerk/Treasurer

A. Swenson gave the council an update on her completed task and what she is working on in the coming weeks. A. Swenson asked council if the Badger Fire Dept bill for Wiktel can go on autopay just like the City Office bill is. Council member A. Gregerson made a motion to approve putting the Fire Dept Wiktel bill on autopay seconded by council member R. Dostal, U.C.

c) Fire Department

Nothing at this time

d) Vets Park

Nothing at this time

e) Planning Commission

Nothing at this time

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

a) Blight Ordinance

The City is looking at updates to the current Blight Ordinance. The council would like Michelle Moren to look over the current verbiage to make any necessary changes. Council will discuss this more at the next council meeting.

11 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Blight Ordinance, Badger All School Reunion, Summer Help

12 ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by council member C. Christianson to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. seconded by council member A. Gregerson, U.C.

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer