

Town of Badger

Minutes for the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held Tuesday,
December 13th, 2022 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers

Members present:	Mayor:	Dennis Butt
	Deputy Mayor:	Michelle Noseworthy
	Councillors:	Jazmin Eddy
		Nicholas Blackwood
		Ann Marie Young
Also, present:	Relief Clerk	Carol Ann Roberts
	Superintendent of Works	Scott Luscombe
Absent:	Councillor	Natasha Beaton
	Councillor	Jessica George

Meeting was called to order and chaired by Mayor Butt at 6:30pm

Discussion:

1. Mayor Butt welcomed Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works to the meeting. Mr Luscombe gave his report. Scott said that the lift stations and pump house are all working well. Scott informed council that the salt truck is still mobile but the transmission is getting worse each day. The truck could stop working any day now. Scott said that if the town could get a motor and transmission for the truck it would be worth it because the truck is actually in good condition. Discussion took place about installing cameras in the mainline. If the town decided to do so half the cost of this would be covered. Further discussion took place. Scott said that the front end loader has been serviced by Brandt and that new bushings are required. They have been ordered and will be installed once they arrive. Discussion took place regarding placing a screen over pipe in the main line and Scott advised that this would block off the lines and sand would get stuck. Scott then suggested that starting in the Spring of 2023 they would begin to clean the lines. He stated they would start with the lines with the furthest distance from the lift station. There being no other business Scott left the meeting at 6:43 pm.

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Butt asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held November 8th, 2022 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #085-2022 A. Young/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held Tuesday, November 8th, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Vote:

**In Favor 5: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy;
 N. Blackwood; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising:

No business arising

Correspondence:

1. Mayor Butt took the opportunity to thank the residents of Badger who took the time to send thank you notes to Council and staff regarding the events which took place throughout the year.

2. The town's annual donation of fifty dollars will be made to the Badger Food Hamper committee in their efforts to supply hampers to those in need at this time of year.

3. The Badger Town Council would like to thank Marathon Gold for their generosity to our town. Marathon Gold provided the town with a five hundred dollar sponsorship for our Christmas events.

Finances:

1. The Relief Clerk presented the accounts payable journal dated December 13, 2022 in the amount of \$57,782.29. Discussion held.

Motion #086-2022

J.Eddy/A.Young

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated December 13, 2022 in the amount of \$57,782.29 for disbursement as presented:

Vote:

**In Favor 5: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy;
N. Blackwood; A. Young.**

**Opposed 0;
Abstained 0.
MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held

Motion #087-2022

J.Eddy/A.Young

Resolved that petty cash be reimbursed \$99.50 (Supplies for Seniors Social /Office Supplies

Vote:

**In Favor 5: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy;
N. Blackwood; A. Young.**

**Opposed 0;
Abstained 0.
MOTION CARRIED.**

Finances: Presentation of 2023 Operating Budget:

3. Presentation of the proposed Operating Budget for 2023

The 2023 proposed Operating Budget was presented by Deputy Mayor, Michelle Noseworthy.

The Budget included a 4% wage increase for Town employees, some changes have been made to some of the expenses. There is no proposed changes to the tax structure for 2023. General discussion was held on each section of the Budget proposal.

Motion #088-2022 A. Young/ J. Eddy

Resolved that the 2023 Operating Budget for the Town of Badger be adopted by Council, as presented, with Revenues and Expenditures totaling \$678,081.53.

Vote:

**In Favor 5: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy
N. Blackwood; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #089-2022 N. Blackwood/J. Eddy

Resolved that all Town of Badger employees including the Town's ECEC grant employee be given a 4% wage increase effective January 1, 2023.

Vote:

**In Favor 5: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy;
N. Blackwood; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances - Budget Presentation continued:

Motion #090-2022 A. Young/J. Eddy.

Resolved that Council adopt the Municipal Tax Structure for the Municipality of Badger for the Taxation Year 2023.

Type of Tax: Rate:

Due date for the payment of all 2023 taxes is June 30, 2023.

Property Tax (minimum tax \$325.00)	8.5mills
Business Tax (minimum tax \$100.00)	Class of Business:
Restaurant/Take-Out	6mills
Stores (grocery & convenience)	6mills
Office space	7mills
Beauty salons	7mills
Garages, service stations	4mills
Lounges	4mills
Taxi/Courier Service	7mills
Utilities	20mills
Utilities with no fixed place of business	2.5%
Water and Sewer Tax:	
Residential (\$30 per month)	\$360 (annual)
Commercial (\$33 per month)	\$396 (annual)
Tax Certificate	\$25
Letter of Compliance	\$25
Dog Licence:	
Male & spayed female	\$ 5 (annual)
Female not spayed	\$25 (annual)
Building permits:	
Commercial	\$ 50.00
Residential	\$ 30.00
Extension to existing building	\$ 20.00
General repairs	\$ 10.00

Vote:

**In Favor 5: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy;
N. Blackwood; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Discussion took place regarding an email from Vonne Janes, CIP Insurance Adjuster regarding a claim submitted by resident on Sunset Drive regarding damages to her property. It was decided that the decision determined by the town's insurance company would be accepted.

Adjournment

Motion #091-2022 M. Noseworthy/A. Young

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Vote:

**In Favor 5: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy;
N. Blackwood; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager