Town of Badger

Minutes of the 2022 Operating Budget meeting of the Badger Town Council held Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:

Mayor;

Dennis Butt

Deputy Mayor:

Michelle Noseworthy

Councillors:

Jazmin Eddy Jessica George

Nicholas Blackwood Natasha Beaton Ann Marie Young

Also, present:

Town Clerk/

Manager:

Pansy Hurley

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

Discussion:

1. Mayor Butt explained that tonight's meeting was called for the presentation of the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for the Town of Badger.

Deputy Mayor Michelle Noseworthy, Chairperson of the Finance Committee did the presentation.

Deputy Mayor Noseworthy asked Council to keep any questions until the Budget Presentation was completed. The presentation included an increase in council remuneration, and 2% wage increase for employees, there were no tax increases proposed in the Budget. Many of the expenditures are similar to last year. There was an increase in insurance cost which is reflected in this proposal. The Budget revenue and expenditures were presented at \$644,504.93.

Discussion on the following:

- increase of the council remuneration by \$4,200 which means each Council member will receive \$2,100 annually -2% wage increase for employees. It was felt it was better to look at this issue annually rather than committing to increases for more than one year.

Discussion continued:

All expenditures are reviewed each year when preparing our Operating Budget.

Tax collections are at 82% which is good. General discussion continued on all aspects of the Budget. The following motions were presented.

Motion #005-2022 M. Noseworthy/ A. Young

Resolved that the 2022 Operating Budget for the Town of Badger be adopted by Council, as presented, with Revenues and Expenditures totaling \$644,504.93.

Vote:

In Favor 7:D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George; N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.

Opposed 0; Abstained 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #006-2022 M. Noseworthy/N. Beaton

Resolved that Council adopt the Municipal Tax Structure for the Municipality of Badger for the Taxation Year 2022.

Type of Tax: Rate:

Due date for the payment of all 2022 taxes is June 30, 2022.

Property Tax (minimum tax \$325.00)	8.5 mills
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
Motels, Hotels/Bed&Breakfast	6mills

Motions continued:

Motion #006-2022 continued

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
Female not spayed	\$ 25
Building Permits:	
Commercial	\$ 50
Residential	\$ 30
Extension to existing building	\$ 20
General repairs	\$ 10

Vote:

In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George; N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young

Opposed 0; Abstained 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Continued:

Motion #007-2022 N. Blackwood/J. Eddy

Resolved that the all Town of Badger employees including ECEC grant employee be given a 2% wage increase effective January 1, 2022.

Vote:

In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George; N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.

Opposed 0; Abstained 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #008-2022

N. Beaton/J. Eddy

Resolved that Council remuneration expenditure be increased to \$14,700 per year with each member of Council receiving \$2,100 annually.

Vote:

In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George; N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.

Opposed 0; Abstained 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

Motion #009-2022 N. Blackwood/A. Young

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn.

Vote:

In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George; N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.

Opposed 0; Abstained 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager