

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Council in and for the City of Albany, Stearns County, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Tom Kasner at 6:30 o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, in the Council Room at 400 Railroad Avenue for the said City.

Other Council members present were: Councilors John R. Harlander, Keith Heitzman, Al Amdahl, and Adam Rushmeyer. None were absent.

Other's present were: Tom Schneider, Clerk/Adm., Joe Mergen, Public Works Supervisor, Ozzie Carbajal, Police Chief, Kate Asfeld, Staff Writer, the Star Post, and Jeremy Mathiasen, the City Engineer with the firm of Stantec, Inc., St. Cloud, MN.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Council took notice of approval of payment of bills. After due discussion, a motion was made by Keith Heitzman and seconded by Al Amdahl to authorize electronic payments (payroll), transfers, and the payment of the following bills: Check Numbers 70881 to 70930. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Mayor Tom Kasner called for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council held on March 17th and hearing none declared them approved.

Open forum/public comments: none

Jason Murray, the City's Financial Consultant with the firm of David Drown Associates, appeared before the Council to present a resolution authorizing the issuance, sale, and delivery of \$1,730,000 General Obligation Permanent Improvement Revolving Fund Bond, Series 2021B. Mr. Murray informed the Council S and P Global Ratings (Standard and Poors) assigned and affirmed a "A+/stable" long-term rating to the City. Mr. Murray presented to the Council the bond sale results that were opened at 11:00 AM on April 7th as follows:

1. Northland Securities	1.4693%
2. Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.	1.5146%
3. Bernardi Securities, Inc.	1.6232%

Mr. Murray recommended the low bid received from Northland Securities be approved to assist in funding the 2021 Capital Improvement Project. After due discussion, a motion was made by John R. Harlander who introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12
 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND
 DELIVERY OF \$1,730,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PERMANENT
 IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING FUND BOND, SERVICES 2021B

The motion for the foregoing Resolution was seconded by Adam Rushmeyer and after a full discussion thereon and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Mayor Tom Kasner, Councilors Adam Rushmeyer, John R. Harlander, Al Amdahl, and Keith Heitzman, and none voted against the same whereupon the said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. The full text of the said Resolution is on file at the office of the City Clerk/Administrator for public inspection during regular office hours. Mayor Tom Kasner, with the consensus of the Council, noted the interest to be charged on unpaid assessment balances will be three-percent (3%).

Mr. Mathiasen informed the Council the micro-monitoring devices have been installed in various locations in the sanitary sewer mains as per Phase II. Mr. Mathiasen also noted the 2021 Capital Improvement Project on Lake Avenue and Church Avenue are underway; whereas the first newsletter was mailed to property owners and there is a final public hearing schedule on April 21st for the purpose of adopting the final assessments levied on benefitted properties.

Councilor Keith Heitzman, Albany Golf Club Liaison, informed the Council the Albany Golf Club driving range (Toptracer) opened on March 29th. Mr. Heitzman noted the course opened on April 2nd, several weeks earlier than previous years due to moderate temperatures and dry conditions on the course.

Police Chief Ozzie Carbajal appeared before the Council to inform the Council Joanna Bigler, a part-time Patrol Officer, may no longer be available to consistently work scheduled patrol duties due to other employment responsibilities; whereby he may at some point advertise for a full-time Patrol Officer. Chief Carbajal noted currently two part-time Patrol Officers are working equivalent hours as a full-time Patrol Officer. Mayor Tom Kasner, with the consensus of the Council, informed Mr. Carbajal to advertise for a full-time Patrol Officer at his discretion.

Mr. Mergen appeared before the Council to inform the Council the City received one application for part-time seasonal employment in the Public Works Department. Mr. Mergen recommended Riley Garding, Albany, MN, be hired for the position. After due discussion, a motion was made by Al Amdahl and seconded by Keith Heitzman to hire Riley Garding at an hourly rate of \$11.00 for the said Position. All voted for the motion and it carried.

The Council took notice of a Minnesota Lawful gambling LG220 exempt permit application for the Church of Seven Dolors to conduct a raffle, paddlewheel, pull-tabs, bingo on August 8th at 151 2nd Street. After due discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Tom Kasner who introduced the following resolution and moved their adoption:

RESOLUTION 2021-11
APPROVING MINNESOTA LAWFUL GAMBLING EXEMPT PERMIT
APPLICATION (August 8th Church of Seven Dolors-Bazaar)

The motion for the foregoing Resolution was seconded by John R. Harlander and after a full discussion thereon and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Mayor Tom Kasner, Councilors Adam Rushmeyer, John R. Harlander, Keith Heitzman, and Al Amdahl, and none voted against the same whereupon the said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. The full text of the said Resolution is on file at the office of the City Clerk/Administrator for public inspection during regular office hours.

Mr. Schneider informed the Council the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law by the Federal Government on March 11, 2021 to provide \$350 billion in additional funding for state and local governments. Mr. Schneider informed the Council the City is projected to receive \$314,991 to be used for COVID-19 expenditures, premium pay for essential workers, investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure to be spent on or before December 2024. Mr. Schneider noted additional information will be forthcoming detailing specific guidelines and reporting requirements.

The Council took notice of a Minnesota Lawful gambling LG220 exempt permit application for the Albany FFA Alumni to conduct a raffle on October 1, 2021 at the Albany High School, 30 Forest Avenue. After due discussion, a motion was made by Keith Heitzman who introduced the following resolution and moved their adoption:

RESOLUTION 2021-13
APPROVING MINNESOTA
LAWFUL GAMBLING EXEMPT PERMIT APPLICATION
(October 1st Albany FFA Alumni)

The motion for the foregoing Resolutions was seconded by Adam Rushmeyer and after a full discussion thereon and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Mayor Tom Kasner, Councilors Adam Rushmeyer, John R. Harlander, Keith Heitzman, and Al Amdahl, and none voted against the same whereupon the said Resolutions was declared duly passed and adopted. The full text of

the said Resolution is on file at the office of the City Clerk/Administrator for public inspection during regular office hours.

Mr. Schneider presented to the Council a proposed job description for a full-time laborer in the Public Works Department. Mr. Schneider noted Robert Forster, an employee for nearly 38 years, has indicated he will be retiring on May 31st and it would be essential the hiring process begins immediately. Mr. Schneider noted he was informed by Mr. Forster that a letter of resignation will be submitted to the Council at the April 21st Council meeting. Mr. Schneider also noted the position does not require a water or sewer operators license, only a valid MN Class B drivers license. After due discussion, a motion was made by Keith Heitzman and seconded by Al Amdahl to approve the job description for the said position and to direct Mr. Schneider to advertise the position in the Star Post, the local newspaper. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Mr. Schneider informed the Council the City received a notice from Stearns County for a public hearing to be held on April 15th at the Stearns County Service Center on a request by Kurt and Kristin Krebs on behalf of Evelyn Krebs, 23336 Orchard Road, Albany, to rezone approximately 5 acres in Albany Township from the Agricultural 40 zoning district to a commercial zoning district. No comments or action was taken by the Council.

Mayor Tom Kasner announced the next regular Council meeting for 6:30 o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, and adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Tom Schneider
Clerk/Adm.