

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 Daron Gersch at 6:30 o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, August 7, 2013, in the Council Room at 400 Railroad Avenue for the said City.

Other Council members present were: Councilors Laurie Dingmann, John Greer, and Tom Kasner. Councilor John R. Harlander was absent.

Also present were: Tom Schneider, Clerk/Adm., Joe Mergen, Public Works Supervisor, Jeremy Mathiasen, City Engineer, Stantec, Inc., and Mike Kosik, Staff Writer, Albany Enterprise.

After due discussion, a motion was made by John Greer and seconded by Laurie Dingmann to authorize the payment of the following bills: Check Numbers 63545 to 63602 and 14904 to 14936. All voted for the motion and it carried. The complete check register is on file at the office of the City Clerk/Adm. for public inspection during regular office hours.

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

Mr. Mergen presented to the Council a list of property owners that have not paid their utility (water/sewer) bill after receiving notices that their utility bills were past due pursuant to Ordinance 30. Mayor Daron Gersch, with the consensus of the Council, directed Mr. Mergen to make one final contact with the property owners to encourage full and final payment.

Mr. Mathiasen appeared before the Council to update the Council on the progress of the 2013 Railroad Avenue (T.H. #238) Improvements. Mr. Mathiasen noted that a punch list will be prepared for the remaining work to be done on Phase I construction and the concrete improvements were completed to allow the Heritage Day parade to be on Railroad Avenue. Mr. Schneider informed the Council that he received questions from the public whether the temporary stop signs will remain in the residential neighborhoods north of Railroad Avenue during Phase II construction. Mayor Daron Gersch, with the consensus of the Council, noted that the temporary stop signs will remain during the duration of the Railroad Avenue Improvements. Mr. Greer noted that a traffic study can be considered if permanent stop signs should be considered in the future at specific intersections in residential neighborhoods. Mr. Schneider also informed the Council that additional traffic safety measures will be added to Church Avenue, the detour route for Phase II construction.

Mr. Mathiasen appeared before the Council to present Supplemental Agreement No. 3 for the 2013 Railroad Avenue (TH #238) Improvements. Mr. Mathiasen noted that the purpose of the said agreement is to change the intersection of 8th Street and Railroad Avenue from bituminous pavement to concrete payment at a cost of \$21,746 of which the City's share of the cost is only \$1,603. Mr. Mathiasen also noted that the said Intersection carries a heavy load of traffic and a concrete payment will require less maintenance and provide a longer pavement life than the bituminous roadway. Mr. Mathiasen informed the Council that MnDOT had no objection to the said Agreement. After due discussion and upon the recommendation by the City Engineer, a motion was made by Tom Kasner and seconded by Laurie Dingmann to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 3 between the City and MnDOT. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Mr. Mathiasen also presented to the Council Minor Work Order No. 2 that includes a proposed change to the permanent pavement markings or striping on the project. Mr. Mathiasen noted that based on conversations with Mr. Mergen and MnDOT, the contractor will be instructed to utilize a "grounding-in" method for placing pavement markings to increase the life of the striping resulting in a small increase in unit pricing. Mr. Mathiasen also noted that the placement of crosswalks had been discussed at the weekly construction meetings which resulted in only placing crosswalks at key crossing locations to reduce future annual maintenance expenses. Mr. Mathiasen informed the Council that both the striping and crosswalk

permanent markings are 100% MnDOT line items and the increased costs for “grounding-in” the markings and the savings not to install all of the crosswalks are included in the said Work Order. Mr. Greer recommended that the proposed north/south crosswalk remain on Railroad Avenue providing safe pedestrian travel to and from the City parking lot to 5th Street. After due discussion, a motion was made by John Greer and seconded by Laurie Dingmann to approve Minor Work Order No. 2, that includes a crosswalk location on Railroad Avenue on the east side of the intersection of Railroad Avenue and 5th Street that remains an overall reduction for MnDOT in unit pricing. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Mr. Mergen informed the Council that he received three bids from local contractors to install a block retaining wall at 101 Railroad Avenue, property owned by the City. Mr. Mergen recommended that Loren’s Tree and Landscaping, Albany, MN be awarded the low bid in the amount of \$8,900. After due discussion and upon the recommendation from Mr. Mergen, a motion was made by Tom Kasner and seconded by Mayor Daron Gersch to approve the low bid received from Loren’s Tree and Landscaping. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Mayor Daron Gersch announced the next regular Council meeting for 6:30 o’clock in the evening on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 and adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Tom Schneider, Clerk/Adm.