

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, January 2, 2013, in the Council Room at 400 Railroad Avenue for the said City.

Other Council members present were: Councilors John Greer, John R. Harlander, Laurie Dingmann, and Tom Kasner. None were absent for the meeting.

Also present were: Tom Schneider, Clerk/Adm., Jason Falconer, Police Chief, Joe Mergen, Public Works Supervisor, Stan Hanson, the City Engineer with Stantec, Inc., Mike Kosik, Staff Writer, Albany Enterprise, Jeff Eggert, Patrol Officer, and Troy Dingmann, resident property owner.

Mr. Schneider administered the Oath of Office to Mayor elect Daron Gersch and Councilors elect John R. Harlander and Laurie Dingmann.

After due discussion, a motion was made by Tom Kasner and seconded by John R. Harlander to authorize the payment of the following bills: Check Numbers 62961 to 63005 and 14684 to 14696. 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 meeting held on December 19th and hearing none declared them approved.

Mayor Daron Gersch presented the following proposed 2013 appointments:

Acting Mayor	John Greer
Animal Warden	Police Dept.
Weed Inspector	Daron Gersch
Assistant Weed Inspector	Joseph Mergen
Auditor	Schlenner Wenner Co.
Emergency Management Director	Steven Blenker
Community Education Liaison	Laurie Dingmann
EDA Board members	John R. Harlander, Tom Kasner
Equipment Commissioner	Tom Kasner
Fire Department Liaison	Tom Kasner
Golf Board Liaison	Daron Gersch
Health Officer	Daron Gersch, MD
Labor Commissioners	Laurie Dingmann, Daron Gersch
Official Depositors	Stearns Bank, Albany Credit Union
Official Publication	Albany Enterprise
Park Board Liaison	Laurie Dingmann
Planning Commission Liaison	John Greer
Police Commissioner	John Greer
Street Commissioner	John R. Harlander
Utility Commissioner	Daron Gersch
Albany Township Liaison	John R. Harlander
Fire Department Relief Association	Tom Kasner, Tom Schneider Ex-Officio

After due discussion, a motion was made by John Greer and seconded by John R. Harlander to approve the aforementioned 2013 Mayor's appointments. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Ervin Bueckers, owner of Bueckers City Sanitation, Inc., and Melissa Bueckers, Manager, appeared before the Council to request a rate increase and contract extension for an additional ten years. Mr. Bueckers noted that the aforementioned requests are due to increased operating costs and a request by his local bank for a longer contract. Mr. Greer informed Mr. Bueckers that the City entered into a six-year

Refuse Contract on August 24, 2010 through December 31, 2016 that included language that would not allow for any rate increases during the term of the contract. Mr. Bueckers informed the Council that he is recommending a \$2.00 increase per month and noted that his rates have not increased over the past twelve years. Mr. Greer questioned if any additional fees per month are being charged for fuel surcharge and landfill increases. Mr. Bueckers informed the Council that he had not charged any customers for a fuel surcharge and landfill increase even though the contract allows him to charge for these fees. Mr. Bueckers also informed the Council that it is not his intention to sell his company and has enjoyed working with the City the past several years with no problems of any kind. Mayor Daron Gersch, with the consensus of the Council, informed Mr. Bueckers that the request for a rate increase and extension of the existing contract will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Hanson informed the Council that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has partnered with Ducks Unlimited to improve the water quality in shallow lakes similar to North Lake and recommended that additional information be presented to the Council in the future to actively consider grant applications. Mr. Greer noted that the City is testing the lake for phosphorus levels and has been researching best management practices of improving the water quality in the lake. Mayor Daron Gersch, with the consensus of the Council, directed Mr. Hanson to contact the DNR for additional information on specific grant programs that may be available to the City to improve the water quality in North Lake.

Mayor Daron Gersch informed the Council that there is a vacancy on the Mainstreet Committee being former Councilor Jack Evens decided not to run for re-election. Councilor Laurie Dingmann volunteered to represent the Council on the Mainstreet Committee.

Mayor Daron Gersch informed the Council that there is a vacancy on the City's Economic Development Authority (EDA) being former Mayor Dennis J. Sand decided not to run for re-election; whereby Councilor John R. Harlander volunteered to be appointed to the EDA Board. After due discussion, a motion was made by John Greer and seconded by Laurie Dingmann to appoint John R. Harlander to the EDA Board. 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, January 16, 2013 and adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

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Tom Schneider, Clerk/Adm.