

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, June 16, 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, Jeremy Mathiasen, the City Engineer with the firm of Stantec, Inc., St. Cloud, MN, and Herman Lensing, Editor, The Star Post.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tom Kasner noted the following additions to the agenda: 1) Albany Holiday – 3.2% off-sale Malt (beer) Liquor license application.

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 71056 to 71093. 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 June 2nd and hearing none declared them approved.

Open forum/public comments: Samantha King, owner of Active Albany Nutrition, LLC, 401 Railroad Avenue, appeared before the Council to inform the Council she is holding a "customer appreciation day" event from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM on June 25th and requests permission to close that portion of the sidewalk abutting the east side of her building and on-street parking on 4th Street ending at her rear door facing 4th St. Mayor Tom Kasner, with the consensus of the Council, informed Ms. King the Council does not object to her request, but submit proof of insurance for additional coverage outside her building for the event.

The Council took notice of Resolution 2021-18, a joint resolution for Orderly Annexation Agreement between the Town of Albany and the City of Albany, approving the annexation of property owned (38,975+/- sq.ft.) by Bryan Schiffler Lucky of Albany, LLC., 20 Railroad Avenue. Mr. Schneider informed the Council if approved, the same resolution will be presented to Albany Township at their June 28th regular meeting and final approval is to be considered by the State Board of Adjustments. After due discussion, a motion was made by John R. Harlander who introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2021-18
JOINT RESOLUTION FOR ORDERLY ANNEXATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ALBANY
AND THE CITY OF ALBANY

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, Keith Heitzman, and Al Amdahl, and none voted against the same; whereupon the said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. *Correction/addition approved at July 7th Council meeting. The City agrees to pay the Town the following as full payment in lieu of taxes: 2021 (\$181), 2022-2025 (\$362 each year). The Zoning of the property to be annexed shall be Core Commercial (C1).*

Mr. Mathiasen appeared before the Council to inform the Council a contractor will begin the installation of curb and gutter sometime the week of June 21st for the 2021 Capital Improvement Project (Lake Avenue and Church Avenue). Mr. Mathiasen also noted the final bituminous wear course was

completed for the 2020 Capital Improvement Project (8th St./Forest Avenue/Midland Avenue/Albany Avenue).

Mr. Mathiasen presented to the Council estimated engineering costs and proposal related to the Golf View Drive Lift Station rehabilitation improvements. Mr. Mathiasen informed the Council the lift station was installed in 1984 and much of the equipment is in need of replacement, including but not limited to, pumps, electrical, stand-by generator, and may include the steel-can structure. Mr. Mathiasen discussed the scope of work to be completed and engineering fees which includes a preliminary report, design, bidding, and oversight during the construction phase at an estimated cost of \$61,000. Mr. Schneider informed the Council the construction costs to upgrade the lift station may be higher than due to difficulty securing materials being many vendors throughout the country are having difficulty in obtaining products and materials related to economic reasons and or COVID-19. After due discussion, a motion was made by John R. Harlander and seconded by Keith Heitzman to authorize Mayor Tom Kasner to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Stantec for the Golf View Drive Lift Station Rehabilitation Improvements. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Councilor Keith Heitzman, Albany Golf Club Liaison, presented to the Council the Albany Golf Club's checkbook register. After due discussion, a motion was made by Keith Heitzman and seconded by Al Amdahl to approve electronic payments, transfers, and the payment of the following: checks 39846-39885. Voting for the motion were Councilors John R. Harlander, Keith Heitzman, Adam Rushmeyer, and Al Amdahl, and none voted against. Mayor Tom Kasner abstained and the motion carried. Mr. Heitzman noted there were some changes to the kitchen hours and course activities are well under way. Mayor Tom Kasner noted the course is dry in certain areas and a good rain shower would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Schneider informed the Council individuals were interviewed for the full-time Patrol Officer position and Chief Carbajal recommended Carter Fish, Albany, be hired contingent upon successful completion of final employment requirements. After due discussion, a motion was made by John R. Harlander and seconded by Keith Heitzman, upon the recommendation by Chief Carbajal, to hire Carter Fish as a full-time Patrol Officer in the Albany Police Department contingent upon the successful completion of the employment requirements. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Mr. Mergen appeared before the Council to inform the Council he has not considered a watering ban for the City and is carefully watching the daily water use and well pumping readings due to the continued dry conditions in the area. Mr. Mergen noted the municipal wells can pump 2,000,000 gallons of water per day and currently 700,000 gallons per day are being pumped compared to 400,000 gallons per day in the past. Mr. Mergen noted the life expectancy of a well and other pumping equipment if required to operate for a long period of time can reduce the life expectancy of that well, but at this point in time he has no concerns and is not recommending a watering ban for the city. Mayor Tom Kasner thanked Mr. Mergen for the update.

The Council took notice of a request by the Church of Seven Dolours for a Temporary On-Sale Liquor license for the annual bazaar to be held on Sunday, August 8th, at 151 2nd St. South. After due discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Tom Kasner and seconded by Keith Heitzman to approve the said License. All voted for the motion and it carried.

The Council also took notice of a request by Larry Fleishhacker, 805 3rd Avenue, to combine two lots into one lot. Mr. Schneider informed the Council the city has approved similar requests in the past and has no objection to the said request. After due discussion, a motion was made by Keith Heitzman and seconded by Adam Rushmeyer to approve a Certificate of Compliance to combine Lots 1 and 2, Block 7, Trails Edge. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Mr. Schneider informed the Council the city received a public hearing notice from Stearns County Environmental Service Department regarding a request from Duane Ebensteiner, 21190 Pioneer Road, Albany, to rezone approximately 5.18 acres from the Agricultural 40 (A-40) zoning district to the Residential 5(R-5) zoning district. Mr. Schneider noted no future municipal water and sewer if projected to be extended near this area and recommended no action to be taken by the Council. Mayor Tom Kasner,

with the consensus of the Council, confirmed no comments on the request are necessary.

Mr. Schneider presented to the Council an application received from Linn Companies dba Albany Holiday, to renew their off-sale 3.2% Malt Liquor (Beer) license. Mr. Schneider informed the Council the application is complete and recommended approval. After due discussion, a motion was made by Keith Heitzman and seconded by John R. Harlander to approve the said license for the period beginning July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Mayor Tom Kasner announced the next regular Council meeting for 6:30 o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, and adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Tom Schneider
Clerk/Adm.