

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, October 5, 2022, in the Council Room at 400 Railroad Avenue for the said City.

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

Other's present were: Tom Schneider, Clerk/Adm., Jeremy Mathiasen, City Engineer with Stantec, Inc., St. Cloud, MN, Police Chief Ozzie Carbajal, Travis Okerlund, Superintendent, Albany Area Schools, and Tim Hennagir, Staff Writer, the Star Post. The following high school students were present for the meeting: Samantha VanHeel, and Allie Thelen.

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 John R. Harlander and seconded by Al Amdahl to approve/authorize payroll (3395-3407), electronic payments (900042-900047), transfers, and the payment of the following bills: Check Numbers 72165 to 72200. 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 September 21st and hearing none declared them approved.

Open forum/public comments: none

Councilor Adam Rushmeyer, Planning Commission Liaison, informed the council the Planning Commission held a meeting on September 29th on a request by RS Tooling, LLC, 499 Huskie Drive, Albany, MN, for the following: 1) Rezone Lots 4 and 5, Block 3, Albany Business and Industrial Park, from Highway Commercial (C3) to Industrial (M2), and 2) Comprehensive Plan amendment to the Land Use Plan from Commercial to Industrial. After due discussion and upon the recommendation from the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Adam Rushmeyer and seconded by Keith Heitzman to approve the request by RS Tooling, LLC, 499 Huskie Drive as follows:

- Rezone Lots 4 and 5, Block 3, Albany Business and Industrial Park, from Highway Commercial (C3) to Industrial (M2). The lots are contiguous to an existing industrial zone.
- Amend the Land Use Plan in the Comprehensive Plan from Commercial to Industrial. The lots are contiguous to an existing industrial designation.
- Increase in property taxes and employment opportunities.

All voted for the motion and it carried.

Councilor Adam Rushmeyer, Planning Commission Liaison, also informed the council the Planning Commission held a meeting on September 29th on a request by the Albany Area Schools, 300 3rd Avenue, Albany, MN for the following: 1) Rezone Lots 2,3,4,5,6, and 7, Theisen's Addition of Out Lots, together with the NW ½ of the vacated 50' foot-wide street lying directly adjacent to the SE lot line of said Lots 2 through 7 from Single Family Residential (R1) to Public District (PD), and 2) Comprehensive Plan amendment to the Land Use Plan from residential to public designation. After due discussion and upon the recommendation from the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Adam Rushmeyer and seconded by Al Amdahl to approve the request by the Albany Area Schools, 300 3rd Avenue, Albany, MN as follows:

- Rezone Lots 2,3,4,5,6, and 7, Theisen's Addition of Out Lots, together with the NW ½ of the vacated 50' foot-wide street lying directly adjacent to the SE lot line of said Lots 2 through 7 from Single Family Residential (R1) to Public District (PD), Section 80.24. The lots are contiguous to an existing Public District.

- Amend the Land use Plan in the Comprehensive Plan from residential to public designation. The request to amend the land use map is contiguous to an abutting Public Designation.
- Permitted uses allowed in the Public District are largely compatible with the adjacent Single Family Residential (R1) uses.
- The school's Early Child Learning Center is a permitted use in a Public District.

All voted for the motion and it carried.

Mr. Mathiasen presented to the council Payment Voucher No. 5 for the 2022 Capital Improvement Project. Mr. Mathiasen noted the payment voucher includes storm sewer, street, sidewalk, driveway, and restoration quantities. Mr. Mathiasen also noted the pay application is higher than the request in the council packet due to a correction in the quantities for the storm sewer materials. After due discussion and upon recommendation from the city engineer, a motion was made by John R. Harlander and seconded by Keith Heitzman to approve Payment Voucher No. 5 to Breitbach Construction Company, Elrosa, MN, in the amount of \$215,662.73. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Mr. Mathiasen informed the council traffic signs will be reinstalled for the 2022 Capital Improvement Project which may include potential new STOP signs on Midland Avenue. Mr. Mathiasen questioned if the council would support adding new STOP signs having previously discussed the idea with Police Chief Carbajal and Mr. Mergen. Mayor Tom Kasner, with the consensus of the council, directed Mr. Mathiasen to approve the addition of new STOP signs on Midland Avenue in the following intersections:

- North/south traffic 5th Street.
- East/west traffic 2nd Street.
- East/West traffic 4th Street.

Mr. Mathiasen also informed the council the city received a request from Joe Peternell, 1321 Shamrock Lane, for the construction of a new sidewalk on the north side of Shamrock Lane beginning at the Lake Wobegon Trail connection on 13th Street and ending at 12th Street and Shamrock Lane. Mr. Mathiasen noted the estimated cost for approximately 800' of 5' wide concrete sidewalk is \$28,000. Mr. Schneider noted the property owner has agreed to pay 20% of the estimated costs. Mayor Tom Kasner questioned if a sidewalk would ever be connected to the new sidewalk constructed this summer on the north side of Shamrock Lane ending at 911 Shamrock Lane. Mr. Schneider noted Mr. Peternell would be in favor of a new sidewalk on the north side of Shamrock Lane extending to property he owns at 1041 Shamrock Lane. Mayor Tom Kasner encouraged the council members to visit the site and action to consider to move forwarded on the aforementioned request will be considered at the next council meeting.

Mayor Tom Kasner excused himself from the meeting due to another commitment with the Albany American Legion club who is celebrating their 100-year anniversary and handed the gavel to Acting Mayor John R. Harlander to officiate the meeting for the remaining items on the agenda.

Mr. Mergen appeared before the council to question if the council wanted to move forward to order a 2023 Dodge pickup truck at an estimated cost of \$58,000 for the Public Works Department as per the equipment replacement schedule. Mr. Mergen noted the 2011 Dodge pickup will be traded-in to the Albany Chrysler Center so the overall cost is quite a bit less. After due discussion, a motion was made by Keith Heitzman and seconded by Adam Rushmeyer to authorize Mr. Mergen to order the 2023 Dodge pickup on the fleet program from the Albany Chrysler Center. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Police Chief Ozzie Carbajal appeared before the council to inform the council his department changed cell phone plans to FirstNet, a cellular network that is exclusively available for public safety users to have priority and secure use above all other users in a network during an emergency.

The council took notice of a proposed Promissory Note between the city and the Albany Golf Club for the purpose of financing a new TORO Reelmaster lawn mower. Mr. Schneider informed the council requests in the past have been approved and the club has never missed a payment. Mr. Schneider also noted the amount is \$50,000 at 1% interest payable over a 5-year term. After due discussion, a motion was made by John R. Harlander and seconded by Al Amdahl to approve the Promissory Note and payment terms. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Acting Mayor John R. Harlander announced the next regular council meeting for 6:30 o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, and adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Tom Schneider
Clerk/Adm.