

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 7:00 o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 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., Joe Mergen, Supervisor, Public Works Department, Tim Hennagir, Staff Writer, the Star Post, and Jeremy Mathiasen, the city Engineer with the firm Stantec, Inc., St. Cloud, MN. Others present were: Bruce Winter, Berleen Winter, Kurt Pelzer, and Taryn Hollenkamp.

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 Keith Heitzman to approve/authorize payroll (3516-3553), electronic payments, transfers, and the payment of the following bills: Check Numbers 72420 to 72453. 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 January 4th and hearing none declared both approved.

Open forum/public comments: none

Jason Murray, the city's economic development consultant with the firm of David Drown Associates, appeared before the council to inform the council the city received a business subsidy application from RS Tooling, LLC, Albany, MN, 499 Huskie Drive, to construct a new manufacturing building in the Industrial Park. Mr. Murray presented to the council Resolution 2023-04 calling a public hearing on the establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No. 17 within Municipal Development District No. 1, the adoption of a Tax Increment Financing Plan relating thereto the modification of Tax Increment Financing District No. 16. After due discussion, a motion was made by Al Amdahl who introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2023-04
CALLING PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING
DISTRICT NO. 17 WITHIN MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1,
THE ADOPTION OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN RELATING THERETO
THE MODIFICATION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT 16, AND
THE ADOPTION OF THE MODIFIED TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN
RELATING THERETO**

(Public Hearing: 6:30 PM, March 15th)

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 Al Amdahl, John R. Harlander, Adam Rushmeyer, and Keith Heitzman, and none voted against the same whereupon the said Resolution 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. Mathiasen appeared before the council to update the council the bid opening for the proposed Forest Avenue Reconstruction Improvements is 11:00 AM, on February 1st.

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

Adam Rushmeyer to approve electronic payments, transfers, and the payment of the following: checks 40372-40378. Voting for the motion were Councilors Keith Heitzman, Al Amdahl, John R. Harlander, and Adam Rushmeyer, and none voted against. Mayor Tom Kasner abstained and the motion carried. Mr. Heitzman informed the council Mayor Tom Kasner, the golf course superintendent, will be retiring on February 28th after serving 36 years of employment at the Albany Golf Club, Inc. Mr. Heitzman and the entire council congratulated Mr. Kasner on his retirement and thanked him for all his years of service at the course.

The council took notice of a LG220 Minnesota Lawful Gambling exempt permit application submitted by the Albany Sportsman Club, Inc. for the purpose of conducting a raffle at Shady’s Hometown Tavern, 451 Railroad Avenue, on January 5, 2024. After due discussion, a motion was made by Keith Heitzman who introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05
APPROVING MINNESOTA
LAWFUL GAMBLING EXEMPT PERMIT APPLICATION

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, Al Amdahl, John R. Harlander, and Keith Heitzman, and none voted against the same; whereupon the said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

The council took notice of a proposed amendment to Appendix A, Albany’s Schedule of Fees and Charges, related to hourly rates for fire equipment. Mr. Schneider noted the amendment removes Engine 2 from the schedule having sold the engine to the City of Ghent, MN, and added Engine 1, new pumper, and Engine 5, the new aerial to the department’s fleet. After due discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Tom Kasner who introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06
A RESOLUTION AMENDMENDING APPENDIX A

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, Al Amdahl John R. Harlander, and Keith Heitzman, and none voted against the same; whereupon the said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Mayor Tom Kasner announced the next regular council meeting for 6:30 o’clock or as soon as thereafter on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, and adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Tom Schneider
Clerk/Adm.