

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, July 5, 2023, in the Council Room at 400 Railroad Avenue for the said City.

Other Council members present were councilors Keith Heitzman, John R. Harlander, Al Amdahl and Adam Rushmeyer. Other's present were Heather Cruz, Deputy Clerk, Police Chief Ozzie Carbajal, Joseph Mergen, Supervisor, Public Works Department, Jeremy Mathiasen, the city engineer with the firm Stantec, Inc., St. Cloud, Tim Hennagir, Staff Writer, the Star Post, Molly Hoppe, Aaron Kleinschmidt, and Ann Studinski.

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 Keith Heitzman and seconded by Adm Rushmeyer to approve/authorize payroll (3726-3745), electronic payments, transfers, and the payment of the following bills: Check Numbers 72764 to 72790. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Mayor Tom Kasner also called for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the regular meeting of the council held on June 21st and hearing none declared them approved.

Open forum/public comments:

Aaron Kleinschmidt, General Manager, Albany Golf Club, Inc., appeared before the council to request an amendment to Ordinance 60.04, Subdivision 5, "Sunday Sales" to allow the sale of intoxicating liquor on Sundays in conjunction with the sale of food beginning at 8:00 AM on Sundays. Mr. Kleinschmidt informed the council the current language is 10:00 AM on Sundays and it would be ideal to have the option available to members and the public when tournaments are held prior to 10:00 AM. After due discussion, a motion was made by John Harlander and seconded by Al Amdahl to approve the request for the amendment to the mentioned ordinance.

Mr. Mathiasen presented to the council Payment Voucher No. 2 for the 2023 Capital Improvement Project. Mr. Mathiasen noted the payment voucher generally includes sanitary sewer, water main, storm sewer, and service installation along with some of the street reconstruction work. Mr. Mathiasen updated the council on the progress of the construction projects. He noted that the first round of curb and gutters has started, utility work will be finishing up in the next week or two. After due discussion and upon recommendation from the city engineer, a motion was made by Al Amdahl and seconded by Adam Rushmeyer to approve Payment Voucher No. 2 to Breitbach Construction Company, Elrosa, MN, in the amount of \$622,027.01. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Police Chief Ozzie Carbajal appeared before the council to update the council of Officer Slone's first few days of training. He will start with three days of administrative tasks and then proceed to FTO process through fall of 2023. He noted that Officer Bjork applied for an educational tobacco compliance grant, in which checks were performed at local tobacco licensed establishments. Two establishments failed to comply, no citations given, educational material was provided to help prevent future compliance failure. Chief Carbajal presented to the council a resignation letter received by Derek Stommes, Part-time Patrol Officer in the Albany Police Department. Mayor Tom Kasner and other council members thanked Mr. Stommes for his years of service in the said Department. After due discussion, a motion was made by Tom Kasner and seconded by John Harlander to approve Mr. Stommes resignation as a part-time Patrol Officer.

Mr. Mergen appeared before the council to update the council on the progress of the North Park improvements. Mr. Mergen presented to the council proposed Dog Park regulations for those dog owners using the new dog park located south of the softball field in North Park.

Mayor Tom Kasner announced the next regular council meeting for 6:30 o'clock or as soon as thereafter on Wednesday, July 19th and adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

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Heather Cruz, Deputy Clerk