

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 7:00 o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, in the Council Room at 400 Railroad Avenue for the said City.

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

Also present were: Tom Schneider, Clerk/Adm., Joe Mergen, Public Works Supervisor, Jeremy Mathiasen, City Engineer, Stantec, Inc., Mike Kosik, Staff Writer, Albany Enterprise, and Jason Falconer, Albany Police Chief.

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 63308 to 63341. 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 April 17th and hearing none declared them approved.

Mr. Mathiasen appeared before the Council to update the Council on the progress of the 2013 Railroad Avenue (TH #238) Improvements. Mr. Mathiasen noted that the bituminous and concrete pavement has been removed and utilities are currently being installed at the intersection of 5th Street and Railroad Avenue (Phase 1). Mr. Mathiasen also noted that two construction meetings were held with the public and requests were made for the installation of additional temporary stop signs on Midland Avenue, Forest Avenue, and Lake Avenue for the purpose of slowing traffic using said streets as detour routes. Mayor Daron Gersch, with the consensus of the Council and recommendation from the City Engineer, directed the City Engineer to instruct the general contractor to install temporary stop signs on Midland Avenue, Forest Avenue, and Lake Avenue.

Mr. Mergen informed the Council that he received two bids to upgrade the 1999 standby diesel generator at the Water Treatment Plant to meet the new emission standards. Mr. Mergen noted that a new 350 KW standby generator is nearly \$185,000 and an upgrade is just under \$30,000. Mr. Mergen also noted that the City participates in the off-peak electric program with Stearns Electric Association saving nearly \$12,000 annually and if the City elects not to upgrade the generator, the City no longer can participate in the said Program. After due discussion, a motion was made by Tom Kasner and seconded by John Greer to approve the low bid received from Ramler Truck and Trailer Repair, Albany, MN in the amount of \$29,839.00 to upgrade the standby generator. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Mr. Schneider informed the Council that a field representative from the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) met with the Dean Mitchell, the Albany Fire Chief and Joe Mergen, Public Works Supervisor, to complete a survey of existing fire apparatuses and water distribution system. Mr. Schneider informed the Council that the field representative noted the survey should be done every five to ten years, but for some reason or another, the last survey completed for the City was in 1984. Mr. Schneider noted that insurance companies will be advised of the survey results which are to be completed next year. Mr. Schneider also noted that the current ISO rating for the City is a six (6) and that a lower rating may save residential and business owners money when purchasing their insurance on their home or business.

Mayor Daron Gersch announced the next regular Council meeting for 6:30 o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 and adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Tom Schneider, Clerk/Adm.