

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 Acting Mayor Tom Kasner at 6:30 o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, in the Council Room at 400 Railroad Avenue for the said City.

Other Council members present were: Councilors Al Amdahl and John R. Harlander and Councilor Keith Heitzman. Mayor Daron Gersch was absent.

Also present were: Tom Schneider, Clerk/Adm., Jeremy Mathiasen, City Engineer, with Stantec, Inc., Jean Pundsack, resident, Mike Kosik, Editor, Albany Enterprise, Joe Mergen, Public Works Supervisor, and Albany High School students present were: Maleah Wohletz and Gracie Dobmeier.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

After due discussion, a motion was made by John R. Harlander and seconded by Al Amdahl to authorize electronic payments, transfers, and the payment of the following bills: Check Numbers 67742 to 67778 and 16719 to 16733. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Acting Mayor Tom Kasner called for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council held on October 18th and hearing none declared them approved.

Open forum/public comment: Acting Mayor Tom Kasner announced that anyone appearing before the Council during this time may speak for a period of three (3) to five (5), the Council will not discuss any issues that have been already been addressed by the same individual, and no members may speak on behalf of others that are not present for the meeting. Jean Pundsack, 211 Railroad Avenue, appeared before the Council to request a meeting with herself, the City, and other community members who had concerns about pedestrians crossing Railroad Avenue and vehicle parking on mainstreet (Railroad Avenue). No action was taken by the Council.

Pursuant to due notice, Acting Mayor Tom Kasner called the public hearing into session at 6:38 o'clock in the evening to consider and possibly adopt the proposed assessment for a single-family residential lot, a forfeited property that has been sold, within the Whispering Oaks at Two River subdivision for costs related to the installation of utilities, streets and other municipal improvements. Mr. Schneider noted that a public notice was published in the Albany Enterprise on October 18th and no written comments were received. Acting Mayor Tom Kasner closed the public hearing at 6:40 PM. After due discussion, a motion was made by Al Amdahl and seconded by John R. Harlander to certify to the Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer the following remaining delinquent amount that shall be payable in full with general taxes for the year 2018 and the remaining balance shall be payable in equal annual installments including principal and interest extending over a period of seven (7) years, with interest at the rate of 4.0% per annum, in the amount annually required to pay the principal over such period at such rate, the first of said installments to be payable with general taxes for the year 2018:

Address	PID #	Delinquent Amount	Remaining Balance	Total Due
102 Schwinghammer Dr.	40.25655.0083	\$5,620.80	\$9,820.64	\$15,441.44

All voted for the motion and it carried

Mr. Mergen informed the Council that he, the City Administrator, Mayor Daron Gersch, and Ron LaFond, Stantec, met with representatives from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to discuss the City's Wastewater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit renewal. Mr. Mergen noted that the Minnesota Environmental Science and Economic Review Board (MESERB), a joint powers organization of 42 Minnesota Cities including the City of Albany, will review and comment on the proposed effluent limit of 381 kg/yr total phosphorus and a letter will be forwarded to the MPCA in

December. Mr. Mergen noted that the interim effluent limit of 525 kg/yr will remain until a new NPDES permit is issued by the MPCA.

Mr. Mergen also noted that the cost to replace the 1960's "stick" welder with a new wire feed welder is \$2,400 and recommended that a new welder be purchased. Acting Mayor Tom Kasner, with the consensus of the Council, directed Mr. Mergen to proceed to purchase a new wire feed welder.

Acting Mayor Tom Kasner, Albany Area Fire Board liaison, informed the Council that the Albany Fire Department ordered a new 2500 RAM Crew Cab pickup from the Albany Chrysler Center to replace the 1997 Chevrolet Suburban, Unit 12.

The Council took notice of a transportation contract renewal between the City and Tri-County Action Program, Inc. for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 at a lump sum payment of \$800. Mr. Schneider informed the Council that the bus service is provided to residents of the community one day a week for a limited amount of time. After due discussion, a motion was made by John R. Harlander and seconded by Al Amdahl to approve the payment by the City of \$800 to Tri County Action Program and to approve the said contract. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Mr. Schneider informed the Council that there are two unpaid water bills and recommended that a public hearing be scheduled to consider the certification of the unpaid water bills to the Stearns County Auditor to be collected as a special assessment in the year 2018. After due discussion, a motion was made by Acting Mayor Tom Kasner and seconded by John R. Harlander to schedule a public hearing at 6:30 o'clock or as soon as thereafter on Wednesday, December 6th, at City Hall, 400 Railroad Avenue, for the purpose to certify unpaid water bills to the Stearns County Auditor to be collected as a special assessment in the year 2018. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Mr. Schneider also informed the Council that he and other members of the committee for the Safe Routes to School Program completed two grant request applications (State Farm Safety Grant/Laura Jane Musser Fund). Mr. Schneider noted that if funds are approved, the request is to purchase three Rapid Flash Beacon Crosswalk LED Warning Systems for the following three street crossings: 1) County Road #54 Albany Area High School south entrance, 2) 8th Street (State HWY #238) Lake Wobegon Trail, and 3) 4th Street and Railroad Avenue (State HWY #238) intersection adjacent to the City Hall/Library building. Mr. Schneider noted that the estimated cost for the three warning systems is nearly \$32,000 and that maximum grant application is only \$25,000; whereas additional funding will be required from the City, State, Stearns County, and/or School District.

Acting Mayor Tom Kasner announced the next regular Council meeting for 6:30 o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 and adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Tom Schneider
Clerk/Adm.