City of St. Paul
Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 4, 2014, 7:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Paul, Nebraska was held at the City Hall in said City on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. Present was Acting Mayor Solko and Councilmembers: Beck, Tomlinson, Klanecky & Solko. Absent: Mayor Snow. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Phonograph Herald, a legal newspaper published in said City and County. Notice of this meeting was also posted in four places. Notice of this meeting was communicated in the advance notice. All proceeds thereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public. Acting Mayor Solko opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with a statement regarding the open meeting act.

Acting Mayor Solko announced that a sign in sheet needs to be signed for persons speaking during the meeting, along with signing an attendance sheet.

Acting Mayor Solko opened a public hearing at 7:01 P.M. for all 2014 Street Improvement projects.

Councilmember Beck moved to approve consent agenda items of the July 7 minutes (with the amendment that Councilmember Klanecky approves to have the Variance Board minutes be attached to the minutes of the July 7 Council meeting for record purposes) July 21 and July 23, 2014 (study session for cleaning up properties) minutes, August 4, 2014 disbursements and the July 2014 zoning permits as recommended by the Planning Commission. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Councilmembers Beck, Tomlinson, Klanecky, Solko voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Action Flag (Sup)	490.51
Advance Climate (Rep)	169.16
Amazon (Bks)	17.99
Aurora Co-Op (Sup)	688.11
Baseball Museum (Sup)	15.00
BC/BS (Ins)	14338.66
Blackburn (Sup)	110.17
Bomgaars (Sup)	401.47
Brehm Drug (Sup)	26.46
Cardmember Services (Edu)	1467.29
Central District Health (Srv)	108.50
Central NE Bobcat (Rep)	60.00
City Gas (G&O)	3319.91
City Health Savings (Ins)	3350.00
City 125 Plan (Ins)	170.00
City Utilities	11248.87
Coca-Cola (Con)	213.00
Computers on the Run (Srv)	274.99
Curry & Associates (Srv)	1635.00
Demco (Sup)	158.97
Dutton Lainson (Sup)	1142.90
Eakes Office (Sup)	61.96
Ed Roehr Safety Products (Sup)	113.14
Elliott Equipment (Rep)	990.54
Elstermeier Floral (Sup)	15.80
Emery Pratt (Bks)	716.66
EMS Billing (Srv)	425.67
Farrar, Sara (Edu)	190.00
Gale (Bks)	60.54

Hawkins (Chm)	1358.50
HD Waterworks (Sup)	4963.87
Heartland Sanitation (Srv)	357.10
Heiman Fire Equip (Sup)	3472.44
Herrick, Kyndsay (Edu)	610.61
HOA Solutions (Cmp)	452.63
Hometown Market (Con)	177.69
Howard Co Clerk (Srv)	2.00
Howard Co Treasurer (Srv)	1301.96
Howard Greeley REA (Sup)	163655.28
J P Cooke Co	60.37
Jarecke Motors (Rep)	137.80
Jim's Truck Stop (G & O)	2405.28
Kanter, Linda (Edu)	321.75
LARM (Ins)	1019.70
Loup River Pump Co (Rep)	163.27
Loup Valley Supply (Rep)	99.71
Mid NE Disp.(Srv)	1862.00
Mid-Plains Power (rep)	6.69
Midland Telecom (Rep)	130.00
Medicaid (Srv)	82.30
Midwest Service (Sup)	131.50
Officenet (Sup)	532.15
Olsson (Eng)	4723.67
OneCall (Srv)	42.65
Parts Bin (Rep)	343.56
Patton, Jeff (Srv)	6271.17
Petty Cash (Pst)	6.62
Pro Lube (Srv)	31.99
RC Booth Enter (Sup)	101.18
S E Smith & Sons (Rep)	90.07
Sams Club (Sup)	45.14
Seri-Tech Lab (Chm)	256.75
Sherwin Williams (Sup)	511.96
SOS Portable (Srv)	650.00
St of NE Telephone (Utl)	365.32
Sweet Shoppe (Srv)	58.68
Terminix (Srv)	130.00
Thiel'sTire (Srv)	18.19
Thompson Co (Con)	614.08
Thompson Welding (Srv)	179.52
Tommy Rene Printers (Srv)	347.14
Townsend, Terri (Edu)	115.26
US Postal (Srv)	500.00
Verizon (Utl)	74.51
Voigt, Darla (Edu)	392.31
Wahoo Library (Srv)	98.00
Westco (Sup)	1517.50
Widga Financial 9Srv)	360.00
Payroll	131061.85

The Recreational Committee went out for Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) for the Walk & Bike Trail Phase #1. The committee used the matrix scale in determining the recommendation for two (2) RFQ's. The RFQ's came from Olsson Engineering and JEO Consulting. Councilmember Beck moved to approve the recommendation of the Recreational Trail Committee hiring Olsson Engineering to proceed with the Walk / Bike Trail. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Councilmembers Beck, Tomlinson, Klanecky & Solko voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

A copy of Olsson's Associates Request for Qualification will be at the City Office for review. Project initiation fees are $1,500 coming from Keno Funds, which are used for community betterment.

Attorney Steve Morrison from Curry & Associates was the auctioneer in sell Lots 1 & 3, Block 62, Original Town at 6:00 P.M. on August 4, 2014 in the City Council Chambers. Councilmember Tomlinson moved to approve Eugene and Valerie Killinger high bid of $2,500 on Lot 1, Block 62, Original Town and Frederic and Kay Meyer Properties LLC high bid of $1,000 on Lot 3, Block 62, Original Town. Councilmember Beck seconded the motion. Councilmembers Beck, Tomlinson, Klanecky & Solko voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Councilmember Klanecky moved to approve the authorization of Olsson Engineering creating a Sanitary and Water District for Kelly's 2nd Addition. This is a request from Chad and Carrie Hancock. Mr. & Mrs. Hancock own Lots 3 & 4, Block 2 of Kelly's 2nd Addition. Councilmember Beck seconded the motion. Councilmembers Beck, Tomlinson, Klanecky & Solko voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Undertaking this project with the other paving projects will lessen expense for this project.

Councilmember Klanecky moved to approve the Agreement between the City of St. Paul and the Library Director (Angela Blankenship) of the St. Paul Community Library. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Councilmembers Beck, Tomlinson, Klanecky & Solko voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Kay & Gary Gay (919 Howard Avenue) submitted a letter to the City concerning sewer backing up in their basement. They are requesting cleanup cost from the City. This claim was denied by City insurance. Therefore, the City did not take any action concerning this problem. The Sewer Department follows a sewer maintenance schedule.

Acting Mayor Solko opened the public hearing at 7:25 P.M. for public comments on the 2014 Street Improvement projects.
Kevin Prior with Olsson Engineering gave a power point presentation on the 2014 Street Improvement Districts, followed by answering questions from the audience.
Numerous citizens were present at the meeting to voice their opinion on saving the bricks on Howard Avenue. The citizens stated that this gives the town of St. Paul a unique and historic appearance. The City also received comments from the audience in favor of getting rid of the bricks, due to the deterioration and roughness of the street. Among other topics discussed were (1) speed limit on Howard Avenue (2) grants to preserve the bricks (3) discussed the width of a sidewalk on the north side of Howard Avenue to accommodate children coming and going to school and those persons that run a motorized scooter. Brad Slaughter with Ameritas Investment answered financial questions.
Linda Rasmussen (723 Sheridan) a resident on Howard Avenue wanted questions answer from a letter she submitted to the City Clerk. Acting Mayor Solko stated that the City will absorb cost to replace underground sprinkler heads & grass, move trees & bushes and make sure she has proper drainage going away from the home.
Acting Mayor Solko read an email from Pastor Thomas Clark in considering using a concrete paver / form that will give the look of brick streets while still paving with concrete.
Councilmember Klanecky thanked the audience for their input, while Councilmember Solko stated that the Councilmembers work for the citizens.

"L" Street improvements from 2nd Street to the East right-of-way line of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way were next to being discussed. Alice Osterman had questions concerning funding and gap paving. Brad Slaughter with Ameritas Investment and City Engineer Kevin Prior answered those questions. Fred Meyer stated that he will pay their share of paving on "L" Street and that they will have two (2) commercial buildings abutting this street.

There was no objection with “O” Street from 2nd Street (US Highway 281) to 9th Street, repairing Elm Street from 9th Street to Grant Street and East – West alley in Block 83, Original Town, from 7th Street to 8th Street.

Acting Mayor Solko closed the 2014 Street Improvement public hearing at 8:58 P.M.

Councilmember Beck moved to approve Resolution #2014-12 that on the 7th day of July, 2014, by Ordinance #936 the Mayor & Council created Street Improvement District #2014-1(Howard Avenue from 9th Street to Bruce Street); that notice of creation was published as required by law, which notice set the 4th day of August, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. for a hearing date to determine the sufficiency of the petition for street improvement. This hereby determines the total front footage of property directly abutting the streets to be improved in District 2014-1 is 3880.1. The petition of the District 2014-1 is hereby determined sufficient. The governing body shall cause the bid letting to transpire. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Councilmembers Beck, Tomlinson & Solko voted aye, Councilmember Klanecky voted nay. Motion carried 3/1.

Councilmember Tomlinson moved to approve Resolution #2014-13 that on the 7th day of July, 2014, by Ordinance #937 the Mayor & Council created Street Improvement District #2014-3 (“O” Street from 2nd Street (US Highway 281) to 9th Street); that notice of creation was published as required by law, which notice set the 4th day of August, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. for a hearing date to determine the sufficiency of the petition for street improvement. This hereby determines the total front footage of property directly abutting the streets to be improved in District 2014-3 is 3758.02. The petition of the District 2014-3 is hereby determined sufficient. The governing body shall cause the bid letting to transpire. Councilmember Beck seconded the motion. Councilmembers Beck, Tomlinson, Klanecky & Solko voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

As there were no objections to Street Improvement District #2014-4; Councilmember Beck moved to approve Resolution #2014-14 creating Street Improvement District #2014-4; repairing Elm Street from 9th Street to Grant Street. Notice of creation was published as required by law, which notice set the August 4, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. for a hearing date to determine the sufficiency of written objections, which have been filed. This hereby determines the total front footage of property directly abutting the streets to be improved in District 2014-4 is 842.7. The plans, specifications and estimates of cost by the engineers in connection with the construction of Street Improvement District #2014-4 are accepted and approved and to cause notice to bidders to be published as required by law for receiving bids soon as possible. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Councilmembers Beck, Tomlinson, Klanecky & Solko voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

It was unanimous by the Councilmembers to meet August 20, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. to discuss the Utility Superintendent’s job description and duties.
Councilmember Beck moved to approve Beyond Blue Prints Property Improvement Funding Application in the amount of $5,000. This consists of masonry, fence & landscaping. Sales Tax funding will absorb the cost. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Councilmembers Beck, Tomlinson, Klanecky & Solko voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

The St. Paul Chamber of Commerce request of additional funds of $1,500 was postponed until August 18, 2014. City Clerk Beck will contact Carolyn Scarborough to see how the funds will be utilized.
Councilmember Beck moved to approve not changing the Chamber of Commerce allocation for Budget Year 2014-2015. This would be $6,000 coming from the General Fund and $5,000 coming from the Sales Tax Fund. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Councilmembers Beck, Tomlinson, Klanecky & Solko voting aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Councilmember Beck moved to approve the Employee Progress Report Form, with the exception of adding the word “Incident” to the title of the form. Councilmember Solko seconded the motion. Councilmembers Beck, Tomlinson, Klanecky & Solko voted aye,

nays none. Motion carried 4/0. This form is to report accomplishments, improvements and incidents.

Utility Superintendent Updates includes (1) Howard Greeley Public Power took down a tree on 1st Street, so construction can begin on a new business (2) Painting of school crosswalks (3) Assist school in hauling clay at ball fields, including crush concrete (4) Sewer maintenance on the N1/2 side of town and Howard Avenue and (5) the Water Treatment Plant has a 12" water main valve malfunction, Sargent Irrigation is assisting the Water Dept.

Acting Mayor Solko Updates include (1) City employee, Lori Royle successfully completed the E-verify exam (2) a letter of gratitude was sent to Lori Royle & Ronnie Switzer in helping an individual obtain cemetery information (3) a $100 donation was received by the City to plant a tree in the Elmwood Cemetery and (4) the Elmwood Cemetery Committee will begin to plant trees in the old section of the cemetery.

Councilmember Tomlinson moved to go into Closed Session at 9:26 P.M. to discuss Personnel and the purchase of real estate. Councilmember Beck seconded the motion. A motion has been made and seconded to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and the purchase real estate. There was no discussion. The pending motion is to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and the purchase real estate. Councilmembers Beck, Tomlinson, Klanecky & Solko voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. No action was taken.

Closed Session ended at 9:54 P.M. per Acting Mayor Solko.

There was no further business to come before this session of the Council. Councilmember Klanecky moved to adjourn at 9:55 P.M. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Councilmembers Beck, Tomlinson, Klanecky & Solko voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

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Gerald Solko, Acting Mayor

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Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk