City of St. Paul
Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 17, 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, November 17, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. Present was Mayor Snow and Councilmembers: Beck, Solko, Tomlinson & Klanecky. Absent: None. Mayor Snow opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with announcing that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

Gerald Solko, Council President presented Mayor James H. Snow the Designation of "Key to the City". This designation is in appreciation of the time and effort donated to the Growth and Prosperity of the City of St. Paul; First Presbyterian Church; St. Paul Rotary Club; Howard County Historical Board; Royal Coachmen Club; Howard County Fair Board and the Citizens of St. Paul. Mayor Snow thanked the City Council and stated that it's the volunteers that make St. Paul what it is today.

Councilmember Solko moved to approve the October, 2014 Treasurer's Report. Councilmember Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Dawyn Otto with Wholeness Healing Center, Grand Island, NE gave a presentation concerning an Employee Assistance Program. This program is an opportunity for companies like the City to offer a benefit to the employees and families dealing with work, personal, and/or family related problems, stress related illnesses or financial problems. This will help the employee have a more productive work environment. Cost is $1,500 per year for 18 employees including their spouse / domestic partner and children living at home or $2,000 per year for 25 employees. This has been postponed until the December 1, 2014 meeting, due to Councilmembers visiting the facility.

City Engineer Kevin Prior gave a presentation on the results he received on the paving analysis on "O" Street. The analysis is from US Highway 281 to 9th Street. Concerns of the City Councilmembers on "O" Street includes the budget, traffic, thickness of pavement, drainage, increase cost with the shortage of contractors, installing curb and gutter and widening of street from US Highway 281 to 3rd Street. It was unanimous by the City Council to stop the paving project at 7th Street, and focus on 7th Street through 9th Street in two to three (3) years. City Engineer Prior will present new estimates for all paving projects at the December 1, 2014 meeting.

Councilmember Solko introduced Ordinance #945 to Adopt and Impose a Sales Tax and Use Tax effective on or after February 1, 2015, of One Percent (1%) upon the same transactions within the Corporate Limits of the City of St. Paul, Howard County, Nebraska, on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose such a tax; to provide for the administration, assessment, collection, claims remedies, penalties and disposition of such Sales and Use Tax; and to repeal all Ordinances inconsistent herewith. Councilmember Tomlinson moved to waive the three (3) readings of

Ordinance #945. Councilmember Solko seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. Councilmember Solko moved for final passage of Ordinance #945. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. A copy of Ordinance #945, along with a certified map of the City of St. Paul Corporate Limits will be mailed to the State of Nebraska Department of Revenue.

Three (3) bids were submitted for the 2006 Police Chevy Impala. Councilmember Solko moved to approve high bid from Ty Johnson, Grand Island, NE, in the amount of $1,325. Councilmember Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. The City Office will remove the 2006 Chevy Impala from the liability insurance and the fixed asset list once the vehicle has been taken.

During the Levander Auto Body Project, the St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) purchased the southernmost two (2) lots from Levander's, described as Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8), Block 32, Original Town in the amount of $20,000.
The purchase of the Elstermeier Floral steel building (40' x 60') costing $10,000 was proposed by City staff, with approximate relocation cost of $7,000. This building could be moved over to the land south of Levander's and be utilized as a laboratory and storage facility for the sewer department. A discussion ensued on placing the metal building on the City lot east of the City Police Department. This would then free up the lots down by Levander to be utilized by another business. This item has been postponed until December 1, 2014, due to receiving another cost estimate from Mike Feeken.

Councilmember Solko introduced Ordinance #946 adding Article 6 to the City Municipal Code Book. This is the appeal procedure for discharged or disciplined Police Officers. Any City Police Officer or the City Police Chief may be disciplined, demoted or be discharged from duty by the Mayor. Councilmember Solko moved to waive the three (3) readings of Ordinance #946. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. Councilmember Beck moved for final passage. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. This is by a State of Nebraska Statute.

The City Council is requesting in the Heritage Living Center Agreement, the additional description that was omitted from the original copy, the correct date on Page 6 (4.6 iii), person/persons absorbing the cost of the appraisal and project fees. This Agreement has been sent back to the Vetter's Health Attorney's for corrections. This topic has been postponed until the December 1, 2014 meeting.

Utility Superintendent Updates include: (1) 2000 ton of City concrete has been crushed; this crushed concrete can be utilized on 1st Street by Pump & Pantry, Kelly's Court and the repair of the Elmwood Cemetery roads. The City Council will decide when to sell if there is an excess.

Councilmember Solko stated that 640 feet of fence at the Elmwood Cemetery has been installed, with the exception of two (2) rails that have been damaged and being

repaired. All winter projects have been completed at the cemetery for this year. There is an Elmwood Cemetery Board meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at the American Legion Club.

Councilmember Klanecky stated that the City needs to continue moving forward on the Northwest Drainage issue with Howard County and Farwell Irrigation District. Utility Superintendent Schmid and Water Commissioner Helzer have a meeting with Matt Lukasiewicz at Farwell Irrigation on Tuesday, November 18, 2014.

For Public Comment, Mike Feeken stated that there is a St. Paul Library Board meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. The land south of Adams Street has sold.

Councilmember Solko moved to go into Closed Session with inviting Tracy Howard at 8:20 P.M. to discuss personnel. Councilmember Beck seconded the motion. A motion has been made and seconded to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. There was no discussion. The pending motion is to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Motion carried 4/0. No action taken.

Closed Session ended at 8:40 P.M. per Mayor Snow.

Councilmember Klanecky moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41P.M. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

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James H. Snow, Mayor

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Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk