City of St. Paul
Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 6, 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, October 6, 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.

Mayor Snow opened a public hearing at 7:01 P.M. regarding an amendment to the Highway Commercial (HC) Zoning Code.

Councilmember Tomlinson moved to approve consent agenda items of the September 2 and September 15, 2014 minutes, October 6, 2014 disbursements and the September, 2014 zoning permits as recommended by the Planning Commission. Councilmember Solko seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. No incomplete zoning permits should be submitted to the Planning Commission or the City Council especially when lot pins are involved.

AAT Inc (Sup)	758.10
Aguilar Printing (Srv)	235.70
Ameritas (Bnd)	80171.25
Amazon (Bks)	376.59
Anderson Radiator (Veh)	105.29
Barco (Sup)	865.34
BC/BS (Ins)	14315.27
Bomgaars (Sup)	293.64
Brehm Drug (Sup)	34.27
Cardmember Service (Sup)	141.75
City Gas (G&O)	2528.64
City Health Savings	3350.00
City Lights (Utl)	9404.78
City 125 Plan (Ins)	160.00
Crescent Electric (Sup)	215.51
Curry & Assoc (Srv)	2135.00
Dick's Repair (Srv)	37.98
Dinsdale Chevrolet (Veh)	32.90
Dutton-Lainson (Sup)	2343.16
Elmwood Cemetery (Imp)	600.00
Elstermeier Floral (Imp)	302.78
Emery-Pratt (Bks)	249.78

EMS Billing (Srv)	203.39
Gale Group (Bks)	27.57
Heartland Disposal (Srv)	420.64
Howard Co Treasurer (Srv)	1301.96
Howard Co REA (Srv)	142798.45
Hydro Tech (Srv)	495.50
Interstate Battery (Rep)	75.00
Kriz-Davis (Sup)	378.46
Laerdal (Rep)	143.54
Mid-NE Disposal (Srv)	1427.34
Murphy Tractor & Equip (Rep)	50.20
Officenet (Sup)	267.60
Olsson Assoc (Imp)	12706.78
Overland Ready Mix (Imp)	352.75
Parts Bin (Rep)	1117.93
Patton, Jeff (Srv)	6134.52
Petty Cash (Pst)	69.04
Roberts Pump (Imp)	647.54
S E Smith & Sons (Sup)	15.30
Servi-Tech (LTs)	144.25
Solko, Gerald (Sup)	30.95
St of NE Phone (Utl)	374.54
Terminix (Srv)	130.00
Thiels Tire (Veh)	598.51
Thompson Welding (Rep)	1658.55
TO Haas (Rep)	640.91
US Post Office (Pst)	500.00
Verizon Wireless (Utl)	74.42
Wisineski Const (Srv)	2322.64
Payroll	67742.00

Sharon Hueftle, Executive Director of the South Central Economic Development District gave a Nuisance Abatement Presentation. Nuisances are a safety hazard, and they create a negative image of the community. The presentation entailed **(1)** abatement of common nuisance problems, such as unlicensed cars, uncontrolled weeds, grass and bushes, homes with broken windows and doors and outbuildings in disrepair **(2)** the process is an administrative procedure, with the City adopting a nuisance ordinance to be read at three (3) consecutive meetings; identify and appoint a nuisance officer; roll out a community clean-up program; do press release to notify public of the nuisance abatement program; inspect quadrant of town for violators; mail courtesy letters to violators; inspect and re-inspect properties to declare any violators as “Nuisance Property”; abate nuisance properties that are still in violation and then carry out abatement **(3)** the cost invested includes

demolition, dumpsters, hiring people to remove the nuisance, towing & storage, title fees for abandon vehicles and landfill fees. The cost was presented on a six (6) or eight (8) year plan. The City Attorney will also be involved in this process. After a brief discussion from the City Councilmembers, this will be put on hold until further notice.

Sharon Hueftle also stated that there will be a workshop titled "Breathe Life into Your Town!" on October 16, 2014 from 5:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Kearney Ramada Inn, with a fee of $25.

Mayor Snow opened the comment period at 7:49 P.M. to amend the Highway Commercial (HC) Zoning Code.

After hearing no comments, Mayor Snow closed the comment period at 7:50 P.M.

Councilmember Solko introduced Ordinance #943 amending Section 506 to the Comprehensive Plan to allow Laundromats, dry cleaning and dyeing services. Councilmember Klanecky moved to waive the three (3) readings of Ordinance #943. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. Councilmember Solko moved for final passage of Ordinance #943. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Councilmember Beck introduced Ordinance #944 amending Chapter 5, Article 7, Utility Terrain Vehicle Municipal Code; changing the length not being more than 160 inches, which includes the bumper. Councilmember Solko moved to waive the three (3) readings of Ordinance #944. Councilmember Klanecky seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. Councilmember Tomlinson moved for final passage of Ordinance #944. Councilmember Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Two (2) bids were submitted for the crushing of 2000 tons of City concrete. Councilmember Beck moved to approve Greg Dobesh (3500 West Second, Grand Island, NE) bid of $10.30 a ton, possibly crushing more concrete to be sold if there is an excess. Councilmember Klanecky seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. This is in the 2014-2015 Budget.

Councilmember Solko moved to approve evaluating three (3) non-union personnel by the July 1 due to budget purposes. Councilmember Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. Councilmember Klanecky stated that this will set a base for these persons.

Electrical Commissioner Ed Thompson gave a presentation on the operation of a pole tester device. Two (2) bids were submitted for different devices from IML North America. This device will be utilized in the Light Department to detect pole decay. Councilmember Klanecky moved to approve Ed Thompson,

purchasing the pole tester from IML North American costing $8,740, with bits costing $20 apiece. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. Scheduling of the pole tester will begin on the feeder pole lines then moving on to the branch lines. Street lights are not a priority at this time. This is in the 2014-2015 Budget.

Councilmember Tomlinson moved to approve Chief Studnicka attend the NE Community Aid & Juvenile Justice Conference Oct. 29 – 30, 2014 in Lincoln, NE and Deputy Clerk Killinger and Water Commissioner Helzer attend the Nebraska Planning and Zoning fall meeting on October 19, 2014 in Holdrege, NE. Councilmember Solko seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Councilmember Solko moved to approve the new Utility Superintendent living within City limits. If the Utility Superintendent hired is not living in City limits, then he or she will have one (1) year to comply. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Councilmembers Tomlinson and Solko voted aye, Councilmembers Beck and Klanecky voted nay. Mayor Snow voted aye, breaking the tie. Motion carried 3/2.

Personal items have been flushed down the City Sewer System creating numerous problems. The City urges persons not to be flushing diapers, handy or diaper wipes or blue towels down the sewer system. Utility Superintendent Charles Schmid will place an ad in the Phonograph Herald, along with City Clerk Connie Jo Beck posting this ad in four (4) places around the City (Homestead Bank, Citizens Bank, U S Post Office and City Office to make persons aware of this issue. This ad will also be emailed to Mike Feeken to place on the City website.

St. Paul Development Corp. Executive Director Mike Feeken gave an update on the Heritage Living Center Building. It was unanimous by the Mayor & City Councilmembers to move forward on this project. This will be discussed again on October 20, 2014.

Properties of 1012 8th St. and 1016 8th St. has been through the nuisance process, since no cleanup has been completed the City personnel will be abating these nuisances on October 7, 2014.

Councilmember Solko moved to approve City Attorney Curry proceeding with legal action (demolition) on the Verley Trustee (Leona & Robert Verley) property at 1016 8th Street, more described as Lot 10, Block 70, Original Town. Councilmember Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

The letter from DEQ was discussed concerning the two (2) trailers at 504 Kendall and 1107 5th Street that are owned by Todd Wojtalewicz. It was unanimously agreed upon by the Mayor and Councilmembers to begin the

nuisance process on these properties. Chief of Police will be sending a Notice of Nuisance to the owner.

Councilmember Tomlinson moved to approve Certificate of Approval of Administrative Subdivision for Bartlett's Second Addition Replat for Michael P. and Marlene T. Rowley. The land is described as a replat of Lot Three (3), except the North Five (5) feet thereof and the North 60 feet of Lots Four (4) and Five (5), all in Block Eight (8) Bartlett's Addition, known as 1116 Grant Street. Councilmember Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Utility Superintendent Updates include **(1)** receiving traffic count numbers on "O" Street, Howard Avenue and Adams Street **(2)** sewer aerators were repaired and (3) painting of handicap stalls.

Mayor Snow acknowledged all the work and effort Marion Bahensky has put forth in comprising a pamphlet concerning the brick streets in St. Paul for the Mayor and Councilmembers.

Councilmember Solko Updates include **(1)** Councilmember Tomlinson and Councilmember Solko met with Marion Bahensky and Linda Rasmussen concerning the brick streets. Marion Bahensky stated that she supports the Sales Tax (LB840) issue. **(2)** Councilmember Solko and Deputy Clerk Killinger attended the Annual League Conference in North Platte, NE. At this conference Councilmember Solko learned that the community ash trees are at risk for ash borer, City needs to take a survey of the trees in town. Also a class on "Black Swan", which is the preparedness for disasters **(3)** Elmwood Cemetery, has a new row of hydrants that have been installed. Streets are being graded and the first 320 feet of fence completed. Three (3) ditches from Central Avenue to First Street will be filled in with sand first, then good dirt on top. Regulation signs will be erected next week and a generous monetary cemetery donation came in to the City for fencing, a thank you will be sent to the individuals.

Councilmember Tomlinson reported that the truck on 911 Davis is still parked on the street. A neighbor would like it removed. Chief Studnicka will show Councilmember Tomlinson where the VIN number is on the vehicle for verification.

Chief of Police Studnicka announced that there will be a Howard County wide Fire & EMS drill in St. Paul.
St. Paul Communication Center received a lightning strike last week, knocking out the Centers computers. The City has a backup program in backup Fund Accounting, Payroll, Utility Billing, Fixed Assets and the Shared files.

Public Comments from Mr. Feeken included **(1)** Library Board meeting on October 15, 2014 **(2)** Candidate forum for the Mayor and School Board of Education in the Library Community Room on October 19, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

(3) Sales Tax renewal meetings were held at the American Legion Club and St. Paul Housing Authority. A Sales Tax renewal meeting will be held at the Senior Center on October 14, 2014. **(4)** There is a wish for a Long John Silver in St. Paul **(5)** reporting of an ADA issue at the Flag Football field concerning persons entering to watch the game **(6)** creation of a City Facebook page.

There was no further business to come before this session of the Council.

Councilmember Beck moved to adjourn at 9:10 P.M. Councilmember Klanecky seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

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James H. Snow, Mayor

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Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk