City of St. Paul
Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 16, 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, June 16, 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. concerning the LB 840 Citizens Advisory Review Committee Report.

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

Utility Superintendent Charles Schmid presented pictures to the City Council regarding flooding issues once again on the west side of town due to recent rains. A study was approved by City Council regarding this drainage problem. City Engineer Kevin Prior will present drainage study information to the City Council on July 7, 2014. A letter is to be sent to Todd Wojtalewicz regarding the July 7, 2014 meeting.

Chris Dethlefs a member of the Community Friendliness Committee gave an update on a new name and upcoming plans of the project. The new name is "Newcomers and Friends of St. Paul – Connecting newcomers and residents of St. Paul, Nebraska". Items of topic included (1) brochures (2) Facebook group page (www.facebook.com/nameofgroup) (3) current events in St. Paul (4) block parties (possibly first Tuesday of the month (5) coordinate a volunteer fair in conjunction with another event and (6) newcomer bags. The next committee meeting will be on June 25, 2014. For questions regarding the new committee, call the City Office.

Mayor Snow opened the public comment period at 7:12 P.M. for the LB840 Citizens Advisory Review Committee Report from June 4, 2014.

St. Paul Development Corp. Executive Director Mike Feeken gave a brief overview of the Citizens Advisory Review Committee report. There are two (2) LB 840 projects that have not submitted the necessary documentation, therefore letters are being sent to the owners requesting compliance of the plan. A written policy will be put in place for the required LB 840 documentation for the CAR Committee. Mr. Feeken also submitted an expenditure pie chart of the LB 840 Sales Tax plan.

Mayor Snow closed the public hearing at 7:20 P.M.

Councilmember Beck moved to approve the LB 840 Citizens Advisory Review Committee report. Councilmember Klanecky seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Councilmember Beck moved to approve the adoption of a written policy for "Non-Compliance with Submitting Required Documents and Information Timely to the Citizen's Advisory and Review Committee" concerning the LB 840 plan. Councilmember Klanecky seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

The City of St. Paul is in the process of renewing their Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Book, therefore Bobbi Pettit; Community Planner with the South Central Economic Development provided training on “The Basics of Comprehensive Plans”. The training consisted of describing the Nebraska regional map; promoting a positive economic climate, which supports regional growth; learning that the rural is growing at a pace faster than Lincoln & Omaha; the importance of land use and planning; true and false questions regarding the Comprehensive Plan; laws that govern planning (19-901 through 19-915); basic Comprehensive Plan components and the purpose of a Comprehensive Plan. The Mayor & City Councilmember thanked Ms. Pettit for providing an impressive presentation.

Councilmember Beck moved to approve the Junk Jaunt Committee utilizing the west and north City parking lots for vendor use only. No motor homes and campers will be allowed in this area. Certificate of Insurance needs to be on file at the City Office. The Junk Jaunt is scheduled for September 26 – 28, 2014.

Utility Superintendent Updates include 1) selling of the well field land and utilizing money to pay water debt down and 2) swimming pool will be closed July 4th at 5:00 P.M.

Councilmember Beck questioned a power outage. Electrical Commissioner Ed Thompson stated that a pole snapped by the Howard County Communication Center, which the electrical crew had to do a temporary repair. The electrical crew currently is upgrading 4,000 feet of cable from 9th St. to Sheridan St. on “M” Street.

Mayor Snow reported a nuisance update on 1212 Howard Avenue and 611 5th Street.

Councilmember Solko stated that there will be a cemetery volunteer meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the Library Conference room.

Councilmember Beck moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 P.M. Councilmember Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

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Mayor James H. Snow

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Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk