

City of St. Paul Regular Meeting  
704 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Paul, NE 68873

**Monday, April 20, 2020**

**Note: The format of this meeting is by teleconference. The meeting is being conducted in this manner in order to comply with social distancing guidelines, due to the COVID-19 outbreak and intended to follow the authorization of Executive Order No. 20-03 issued by Governor Rickett's on March 17, 2020.**

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Paul, Nebraska was held by teleconference on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., with a call-In telephone number (toll free) 877-568-4106 and Access Code 536-249-797. Voice roll call was acquired by Mayor Joel M. Bergman; City Council members present were Council members: Brenda Klanecky, Ralph Kezeor, Katie Kowalski & Jerry Thompson. Absent: None.

Mayor Berman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., announcing that the City of St. Paul abides by the Open Meetings Act; there is a current posting on the west wall of the City Council Chambers as required by Nebraska State Law; also available on the web at "Nebraska State Statutes §84-1407 through §84-1413; and at the link:

[https://nitc.nebraska.gov/documents/statutes/NebraskaOpenMeetingsAct\\_current.pdf](https://nitc.nebraska.gov/documents/statutes/NebraskaOpenMeetingsAct_current.pdf)

Mayor Bergman also stated that the City Council may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by State Law; this was followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Individuals who have appropriate agenda items for City Council consideration should complete the "Request for Future Agenda Items" form located at the City Office. If the issue can be handled administratively without Council action, notification will be provided. If the item is scheduled for a meeting or study session, notification of the date will be given.

There was an opportunity for individuals wishing to provide input on any of tonight's agenda items. Those individuals were asked to reserve time to speak.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the FOLK LLC City Website Design. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Klanecky moved to approve the recommended guidelines from the Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) regarding the COVID-19 LB 840 Loan Deferment policy. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. St. Paul Development Corp. Executive Director Mike Coghlan will forward the CARC meeting minutes to City Clerk Beck to attach to the April 20, 2020 City Council minutes.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Treasurer's Report regarding March 2020. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Thompson moved to approve Resolution 2020-04, authorizing banking authority to the Officers of the City of St. Paul. Lori Royle (previous Deputy Clerk) was removed

from the resolution and Laura Berthelsen was added. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve Resolution 2020-05, whereas the Heritage Bank of St. Paul, NE is hereby designated as a depository of funds regarding the City checking account with said Bank and any of the following persons listed are hereby authorized to draw and sign checks against the account and to take any other action and transact other business on behalf of the City. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

After a discussion of the wage comparison study that was submitted by Chief of Police Paczosa concerning Police Officer wages, Council member Klanecky moved to approve the St. Paul Police Dept. wages: Sergeant Greenwalt \$24.81, Officer Costello \$22.11, and Officer Sharman receiving \$18.63 once he attains his six (6) month probation and is certified with the Law Enforcement Academy. The wages will be retroactive beginning October 1, 2019 regarding Sergeant Greenwalt and Officer Costello. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Klanecky moved to approve the requested on-call pay for the St. Paul Police Dept. that consists of: **(1)** Officer receives two (2) hours of regular pay when one (1) Officer covers the entire day (15 hours of on-call time); **(2)** for Holiday's, Officer receives three (3) hours of regular pay when one (1) Officer covers the entire day (15 hours of on-call time); **(3)** when Officer is called out when "on-call", the pay is 1.5 times the regular pay for hours worked (two (2) hour minimum); and **(4)** any "on-call" time that an Officer has under the 15 hours shall be paid at a rate of \$2.00 per hour. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Utility Superintendent Helzer reported: (1) sanitary sewer line collapsed at 4<sup>th</sup> and "N" Street; (2) water main break repair at US Hwy 281 between Kendall & "L" Streets; the NE Dept. of Transportation was performing traffic control (3) City Lineman are constructing an electrical service southwest of St. Paul at Adams and Taylor Streets; and (4) Health & Human Services will be contacting Utility Superintendent Helzer regarding COVID-19 regulations of the St. Paul Swimming Pool.

Chief of Police Paczosa stated that the Law Enforcement Academy training is being delayed, due to COVID-19 this year. Police Officer Sharman's training will begin on May 17, 2020 instead of May 6, 2020; graduation will commence on August 21, 2020. It was also reported that the 2019 Dodge police cruiser is out of the body shop.

Council member Klanecky stated that she has been receiving public complaints on the nuisance property at 213 7<sup>th</sup> Street; this nuisance was a house fire back in January 2020. Chief of Police Paczosa will contact the owner of the home to see if the house will be demolished. The other nuisance property is the trailer home down by the bowling alley on Custer Street. Mayor Bergman stated that he has received an inactive vacant home list from Utility Clerk Wroblewski; Mayor Bergman will be going over this list with Chief of Police Paczosa to remedy some of the nuisance properties in town.

Council member Kezeor reluctantly stated that he didn't know if he was going to remain as a City Council member. He stated that he will give this considerable thought and if he decides to

submit his resignation, it will be in the form of a letter.

Mayor Bergman advised the City Council that Laura Berthelsen is performing the duties of Deputy Clerk and is also covering the payroll duties as well. The Payroll Clerk/Secretary advertisement will be published in the Phonograph Herald, the NE Municipal Review and the NE Municipal Power Review "Essent" magazine.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

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Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer