

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

**Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Paul, Nebraska was held at City Hall in said City on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Councilmembers: Brenda Klanecky, Ralph Kezeor, Katie Kowalski & Jerry Thompson. Absent: None.

Mayor Bergman opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m., thanking the public for attending and announcing that the City of St. Paul abides by the Open Meetings Act, which is posted on the west wall as required by Nebraska State Law. Mayor Bergman also stated that the City Council may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by State Law.

At 6:30 p.m. FOLK, LLC was placed on a telephone conference regarding a discussion and approval on the City's Branding tagline options. Three (3) different taglines were submitted from FOLK that consisted of: (1) St. Paul - In the Middle of Everything; (2) St. Paul – One Big, Little Community; and (3) St. Paul – Welcome to Wonderful. After brief feedback from the audience and City Council, Council member Kezeor moved to approve the City tagline as “St. Paul – Our Big, Little Community”. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion with placing it on record to amend the “One Big, Little Community” to “Our Big, Little Community. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor and Kowalski voted aye; Council member Thompson voted nay. Motion carried 3/1.

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

Mayor Bergman stated that 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 Kezeor moved to approve the Treasurer's Report regarding January 2020. Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Klanecky moved to approve the five (5) Special Designated Liquor (SDL) applications for the St. Peter & Paul Church Life Center at 713 Elm Street regarding the Lenten fish fry's on March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27 and April 3, 2020. The event will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; identification will be checked on all occasions, along with wristbands being utilized for underage drinking. Chief of Police Paczosa approved the applications. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. Chad Bauder was in attendance to answer any questions concerning the SDL's.

Council member Klanecky moved to approve Resolution #2020-2; whereas the City of St. Paul, NE is calling the outstanding General Obligation Water Refunding Bond, Series 2015 in the amount of \$365,000, with PiperJaffray Co., Lincoln, NE. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kezeor introduced Ordinance #1006 authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Water Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 of the City of St. Paul in the principal amount not to exceed \$380,000 for the purpose of paying off certain outstanding bonds of the City; prescribing the form of said bonds; authorizing Officers of the City to designate final terms for said bonds within stated parameters; providing for the levy of taxes to pay said bonds; providing for the sale of bonds; authorizing the delivery of the bonds to the purchaser; approving post-issuance tax compliance policies; and providing for publication of this ordinance in pamphlet form. The cost savings in refunding the bond is approximately \$15,094. Council member Klanecky waived the three (3) readings of Ordinance #1006 at three (3) different occasions. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. Council member Kowalski moved for final passage of Ordinance #1006. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kezeor moved to approve gWorks change order to "SimpleCity Physical Asset Management" Project No. 0996-001. This would add additional data storage of 5 GB to 500 GB, costing \$300 annually. Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor and Kowalski voted aye, Council member Thompson voted nay. Motion carried 3/1. Once the utility cards have been scanned and entered into the computer, Water Operator Jeremy Gorecki will provide a presentation on the gWorks system.

After a brief summary of the Escape Tanning LB 840 loan from the St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) Executive Director Mike Coghlan, Council member Klanecky moved to approve the amendment to the LB 840 Loan Agreement and Promissory Note entered into between Sarah (Call) Townsend dba Escape Tanning and the City of St. Paul, NE. The City will lend Escape Tanning an aggregate amount up to Ten Thousand (\$10,000) as evidenced by the Promissory Note; the additional amount is 3,052.39. The interest rate of 2.75% will remain the same and the last scheduled payment will be on February 15, 2024. Any payments ten (10) days late shall be assessed a late charge of \$20. City Attorney White approved the documentation. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. Mr. Coghlan will file a UCC on the equipment for collateral.

Council member Klanecky moved to approve hiring Trev Sharman, Palmer, NE for the Police Officer position. Mr. Sharman will be attending the Law Enforcement Academy in Grand Island, NE on May 4, 2020. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. Two (2) employment applications were submitted to the City.

The police on-call pay will be discussed during the negotiations of the IBEW 1597 Union contract.

The IBEW 1597 Union negotiation special meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the Mayor & City Council members AND 6:00 p.m. for the IBEW 1597 Union representatives.

Utility Superintendent Helzer reported on the NE Dept. of Environment & Energy (NDEE) City wastewater permit and repairing City manhole covers. There will be a Howard Avenue and Kendall (west) pre-construction meeting on Friday, March 6, 2020.

Chief of Police Paczosa submitted an "Incident & Nuisance" report, along with reporting on police business. The City's fire siren was also discussed.

Council member Klanecky stated that she gave a tour of St. Paul to another Housing Authority Director; the Director complimented the City on the cleanliness of the community.

Council member Kowalski reported that Erin Eckerman with FOLK, LLC also stated that St. Paul is a clean community.

Mayor Bergman updates included: 1) City received \$5,033 in proceeds from the Public Alliance Community Energy (ACE) membership and attendance distribution; Mayor Bergman allocated the funds to community improvements; 2) Nebraska Municipal Clerk's Institute & Academy Scholarships: Deputy Clerk Royle received full scholarship of \$443 and City Clerk Beck received \$100 off of the amount of \$273; 3) the Housing Authority Annual Report from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2019 can be seen at the City Office; and 4) City will be taking out anticipation notes with PiperJaffray Co. regarding Howard Avenue, the Kendall (west) repair and other projects.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting 7:35 p.m.

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Joel M. Bergman

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Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer