

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

**Monday, January 6, 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 Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 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 7:00 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; 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.

Gary Hinrichs, Certified Public Accountant with Dana F. Cole & Company provided an audit presentation for the year ending September 2019; this is regarding the City of St. Paul's Financial Statement. Mr. Hinrichs stated that this was an unqualified audit, which represents a clean audit report; expenditures were within the approved budget limits. Council member Kezeor moved to approve the 2018-2019 Financial Statement from the City of St. Paul Auditors, Dana F. Cole & Company, Ord, NE. Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Two presentations were given one (1) by Ron Sack (FOLK), Omaha, NE and (2) IdeaBank Marketing, Hastings, NE regarding the Community Branding and Website Development. Each company has done wonderful things for different communities, vary in cost and have their own specialty, which merit consideration. Council member Kowalski moved to approve Ron Sack (FOLK) for the Community Branding and Website Development. Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski voted aye, Thompson voted nay. Motion carried 3/1. The Keno Fund will absorb the expense.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the minutes of December 2, 2019 (special), December 2, 2019 (regular), December 16, 2019 (special), December 16, 2019 (regular); and the January 6, 2019 disbursements. Council member Kezeor

seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Thompson moved to approve hiring Jan Derner as the new City custodian to clean the City Office area, along with cleaning the St. Paul Police Department at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Mrs. Derner will be cleaning the facility two (2) days a week for three (3) to four (4) hours instead of daily. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

The Mayor and Council members are offering an opportunity for all residents, property owners, and business owners to participate in the development of St. Paul's Downtown Revitalization (DTR) improvement plan, Community Branding, Welcome Sign and a Local Option Sales Tax special meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Utility Superintendent Helzer reported on the snow plows getting old and needing repairs. The City had a water main break between Paul and Jackson Streets that was repaired. Council member Klanecky stated that the City did a great job of cleaning the streets.

Chief of Police Paczosa submitted an "Incident & Nuisance" report, along with reporting on police business.

Council member Thompson wanted to thank all the departments for moving the snow. Council member Thompson also thanked the County for allowing us to utilize their dump truck, due to the City's truck being broke down.

Mayor Bergman updates included: (1) Mid-Nebraska Disposal rate change effective January 1, 2020; this is due to the Loup Central Landfill increasing their disposal fees effective January 1, 2020; (2) Mayor & City Council members can view the City Lottery Compliance Procedures Report from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 at the City Office.

Council member Klanecky moved to go into Closed Session at 8:33 p.m. to prevent needless injury to the reputation of City Clerk Connie Beck. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Persons in attendance were Mayor Bergman, Council members, Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski and Thompson, along with City Attorney Jason White. There was no discussion. The pending motion is to go into Closed Session to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion carried 4/0. Mayor Bergman adjourned closed session at 8:47 p.m.; with no action taken.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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Lori Royle, Deputy Clerk

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Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

