

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

**Monday, March 16, 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, March 16, 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; this was followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance."

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.

At 6:30 p.m., Ron Sack, Creative Director; Erin Eckerman, Branding Strategist; and Jim Buhrman Jr., Creative Director with FOLK, LLC Omaha, NE gave a presentation on three (3) logo design options and visual branding. This was created for a visual identity authentic to the City that will resonate with current and prospective residents, businesses, and visitors, so that St. Paul can call it their own. After a brief discussion, the Mayor and Council members agreed upon logo one (1) and three (3). Logo one (1) will be utilized for St. Paul banners, welcome signs, t-shirts, hats, employee t-shirts, etc.; logo three (3) will be utilized as a City seal on stationary, envelopes, etc. The two (2) logos will be officially approved at a future City Council meeting.

Council member Klanecky moved to approve Dalton Rother and Bob Hymer utilizing the City "middle or north" baseball fields for the Anthony Dush Memorial Softball tournament for men. The tournament will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 and Sunday, May 31, 2020, with a starting time of approximately 8:00 a.m.; all proceeds raised will go towards a scholarship to a St. Paul or Elba student in Anthony Dush's name. No gate fee will be collected. Randy Jerabek, Parks Manager will assist with the preparation of fields. An Anthony Dush memorial bench will be installed during or after the tournament. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. Flyers can be picked up at the City office regarding tournament information.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of St.

Paul and the St. Paul Public School District #1 for the purpose of establishing a joint contract between the two (2) entities regarding the operation of a baseball field, the indoor facility (batting cage) and the St. Paul tennis court. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. John Poppert, St. Paul Public School Superintendent approved the Interlocal Agreement via email.

The St. Paul Civic Center cleaning schedule and pricing, along with the "Electronic Sign" policy was tabled until a Civic Center budget can be established. The Civic Center budget workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce's request to close and barricade streets for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2020 between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). Rain date is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2020. The street closing consists of: Indian Street between 4th & 6th Streets and 5th Street between Howard Avenue & Indian Street. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kezeor moved to approve Robert Dvorak's Property Improvement application in the amount of \$1,113.60 regarding the Home Run RV Park on U.S. Hwy 281. The improvements must be visible from the street; the improvements consist of utilizing crushed concrete and additional signage. Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

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

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the 2020 St. Paul Fire Department billing rates according to the NE State Statute 35-901; there is a \$10 increase in the mileage from 2019. St. Paul Fire Chief Becker approved the change. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kezeor introduced Ordinance 1007, providing the issuance of Street Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2020, in the amount of \$910,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of paving improvements within the City of St. Paul, NE and necessary appurtenances thereto; providing for a paying agent and registrar of the notes; agreeing to issue bonds to pay the notes and accrued interest at maturity; prescribing the form of the notes; authorizing the sale and delivery of the notes to the purchaser and ordering the publication of the ordinance in pamphlet form. The anticipation bond will go towards improvements on Howard Avenue from 9th Street to Jackson Street, the Kendall (west) repair and completing the Kendall alley (east) regarding Archer Credit Union (City responsibility). Council member Kowalski moved to waive the three (3) readings of Ordinance 1007 at three (3) different occasions. Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. Council member Klanecky moved for final passage of Ordinance 1007. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. The anticipation bond funds will be available approximately April 23, 2020.

Water Commissioner Ronnie Switzer and Water Operator Jeremy Gorecki gave a brief

narrative of cost and warranty on five (5) vendors that submitted bids either to replace a compressor or to purchase a new dehumidifier for the City's Water Treatment Plant. Council member Kezeor moved to approve purchasing a new dehumidifier from Jerry's Sheet Metal, Grand Island, NE costing \$42,685; freight is included in the bid. The warranty consists of five (5) years on the new dehumidifier and one (1) year on parts and labor. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve repairing the sanitary sewer (collapsed) line at 4th & "N" Streets and utilizing the infrastructure fund to absorb the cost of the repair. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. Diamond Engineering will make this project a priority.

Council member Klanecky moved to approve a \$1.00 per hour wage increase to each 2020 seasonal sewer, park and cemetery employee. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Thompson moved to approve Resolution 2020-3, whereas the City of St. Paul Mayor and City Council declare, take an oath to support and defend the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 1-1 of the Nebraska Constitution. The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that it is the right of the people to keep and bear arms, and that right shall not be infringed and whereas, Article I, Section 1-1 of the Nebraska Constitution also provides the right to keep and bear arms, specifically "for security or defense of self, family, home, and others, and for lawful common defense, hunting, recreational use, and all other lawful purposes" and also provides that such right shall not be infringed upon. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. The City of St. Paul will be the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Second Amendment Sanctuary City.

Mayor Joel M. Bergman declared an "Emergency Item" for the agenda; there was no opposition from the City Council members regarding the matter. The emergency item was to discuss the COVID-19 community action plan that will be implemented for the safety of the citizens of St. Paul. The City is taking a pro-active approach to get information out, comply with the best recommended practices, and to follow the guidance received from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Federal Government, State of Nebraska, Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), and other State and Local Officials.

Utility Superintendent Helzer stated that Diamond Engineering will begin construction on Howard Avenue and Kendall Street (west) projects.

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

Council member Thompson thanked the Light Department for trimming the trees at US Hwy 281 and "L" Street.

Mayor Bergman reported: (1) LARM reimbursement of \$1,474 regarding the deer damage to the 2019 Dodge police cruiser; and (2) Deputy Clerk Lori Royle submitted her resignation to the City; City Clerk Beck will be job posting in-house for ten (10) working days regarding the

City Deputy Clerk position by the agreement of three (3) Council members.

Mayor thanked the audience for their input at tonight's meeting and adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

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Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer