

City of St. Paul Regular Meeting
704 6th Street
St. Paul, NE 68873

Monday, March 2, 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 2, 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.

Council member Kezeor moved to approve the St. Paul Public School purchasing and installing two (2) heaters for the American Legion baseball field restrooms at a cost of \$1,907, and having the City insulate the walls to assure that pipes don't freeze at a cost of \$200. The restrooms can then be utilized during the High School baseball season. Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2020, February 12, 2020 (special), February 18, 2020 and February 27, 2020 (special); disbursements of March 2, 2020; and the zoning permits of February 24, 2020. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kezeor moved to approve Fritz Lee's property improvement application regarding the property renovation at 704 7th Street in the amount of \$5,000. The improvements will consist of windows, doors, a new sign and other miscellaneous repairs. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Klanecky moved to approve Jeff Vogel's Auto repair loan from the Rural Economic Development Loan Grant (REDLG) program in the amount of \$70,000. The loan is to purchase the building that he is currently leasing from Bockmann Auto. The tax assessed value places the loan to value at 100%, with the loan taking first lien position. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

After much discussion it was recommended that the City would obtain additional bids for the

replacement of the compressor at the Water Treatment Plant, or consider purchasing a new dehumidifier. Ronnie Switzer will contact them and will report back at the next City Council meeting.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve transferring \$91,104 to the City Health Deductible account from the General fund. This is due to the City saving the funds from Fiscal Year 2017-2018 with having a deductible of \$2,700, then going to a higher deductible of \$6,550 in Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Utility Superintendent Helzer updates: 1) City of St. Paul received numerous street signs from the City of Grand Island for free due to them updating their signs; 2) City will have to replace at least two panels along Highway 281 across from Wells Plumbing to the north due to a broken water main that occurred in August 2019. The City will start this on Monday, March 9, 2020.

Mike Feeken wanted to know when Diamond Engineering was going to complete Custer Street by the railroad tracks. Utility Superintendent Helzer informed him that they would complete this when they come back. Helzer also informed that the City will have a preconstruction meeting on Friday, March 6, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. regarding paving projects on Howard Avenue and a portion of Kendall Street.

Chief of Police Paczosa submitted an "Incident & Nuisance" report, along with reporting on police business. Trev Sharman has started working and the equipment and decals are being installed on the new police cruiser.

Council member Klanecky asked about a property cleanup at 4th and Custer. Utility Superintendent Helzer will visit with the individual about this.

Mayor Bergman informed the Council that he has worked on the Union contract.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting 7:52 p.m.

Date

Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

Lori Royle Acting City Clerk