

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

**Monday, May 4, 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, May 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.; the meeting was also held by conference call by Telephone number (866)899-4679 and Access code #181-088-333. 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., 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.

Brian Friedrichsen with Olsson was present to discuss the 2019 Paving Improvement project modification in adding a storm sewer curb inlet by the library parking lot. This is to help the storm water travel towards the storm sewer system, instead of flowing east to the residence. The items needed for the job are existing pay items, therefore Olsson will not need a change order, but can overrun the quantities and catch them on the final change order to rectify quantities. Council member Klanecky moved to approve the modification to the 2019 Paving Improvement project in the amount of \$6,515. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Thompson moved to approve Diamond Engineering Co. Pay Request #3 regarding the 2019 Paving Improvement project in the amount of \$128,966.58. The pay request consists of pavement removals, new water and sewer construction on Howard Avenue; concrete on Kendall West; and the remaining concrete on Kendall East (Archer Credit Union). Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Chuck Schmid was present to discuss the City deeding over City property more described as Lot One (1) and Part of Lot Two (2), Block 64, Original Town to the American Legion Post #119; this is for the construction of an American Legion Club building. Per NE State Statute, a City of a Second Class who wants to convey any real property owned by it shall be exercised by a resolution directing the sale of real property. Real property that has a total fair market value less than \$5,000, the City is required to follow NE Statute 17-503.01; real property that has a total fair market value greater than \$5,000, the City is required to follow NE Statute 17- 503. Mr. Schmid stated that the American Legion Post #119 will absorb the survey cost regarding the property pin placement and the deed expense. The item was tabled, due to Mr. Schmid obtaining more information concerning the property valuation of Lot One (1) and Part of Lot Two (2), Block 64, Original Town.

Next on the agenda was the discussion regarding the American Legion Post #119 requesting to utilize Keno funds involving the construction of extending a storm sewer pipe in Block 64, Original Town. Olsson provided a \$22,100 quote on the project that consisted of: (1) a concrete pipe (38" tall by 60' wide), along with a concrete collar = \$18,100; (2) flare end sections approximately \$2,500; and (3) an existing headwall = \$1,500. Mr. Schmid stated that the project would beautify the US Hwy 281 corridor. Utility Superintendent Helzer referred to the May 16, 2016 minutes stating that Mr. Poland requested to extend the City storm sewer at his own expense when he owned the property. It was stated that if the project does not get completed, it will not affect the construction of the American Legion Post #119. After hearing no discussion/debate from the City Council members; there was no motion made from Council. Motion failed in utilizing keno funds.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the request of the American Legion Post #119 in vacating the alley in Block 64, Original Town between "L" Street and "M" Street; the alley will remain as an easement. Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. An ordinance will be considered / approved at the May 18, 2020 Council meeting.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 2020, April 20, 2020 (special) and April 20, 2020 (regular); disbursements of May 4, 2020; and the zoning permits of April 27, 2020. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Computer Managed (Srv)	800.00
Light Sinking (Sav)	6000.00
Water Sinking (Sav)	27500.00
Sewer Sinking (Sav)	56500.00
Street Sinking (Sav)	30000.00
Fire Sinking (Sav)	8000.00
EMT Equip. Sinking (Sav)	9000.00
Pool Sinking (Sav)	6000.00
Library Maint. Fund (Sav)	2500.00
Civic Center Sinking (Sav)	5000.00

Senior Center Sinking (Sav)	4000.00
DTCC New York, NY Water Bond (Ref)	367818.67
NE Dept Rev March Form 10 (Tax)	13579.15
Clearly (Phone)	144.57
Aurora Coop (G&O)	682.29
Black Hills Energy (Utl)	1219.03
City Lights (Utl)	9357.90
Heartland Disposal (Srv)	5319.08
Jims Champlin (G&O)	1491.34
Phonograph Herald (Pub)	1312.82
Ho. Greeley REA (Utl)	138684.41
Mid-Nebraska Disp. (Srv)	3598.50
NMVCA (Srv)	105.00
Baird Holm - Attorney (Srv)	1500.00
BOK Financial (Srv)	750.00
SE Smith & Sons (Sup)	3268.80
NE Law Enforcement Training (Sch)	135.00
Quick Claim Med (Srv)	680.93
911 Custom (Sup)	97.00
Ameritas (Bnd)	81788.75
Amazon Capital (Bks)	250.28
Awards Plus (Srv)	32.00
Barco (Sup)	471.59
Banyon Data (Srv)	3570.00
BJ Garage (Srv)	500.00
Bomgaars (Rep & Sup)	993.96
Bound Tree (Sup)	318.96
Central District Health (Test)	100.00
City Health Ded (Sav)	5808.00
City 125 Plan (Ins)	160.00
Core & Main (Sup)	94.57
Diamond Engineering (Srv)	128966.58
Dutton-Lainson (Sup)	2809.68
Elmwood Cem (Perp)	100.00
Filter Care (Srv)	179.50
Hawkin Inc (Sup)	2056.52
Heartland Disposal (Srv)	110.00
HireRight (Srv)	71.40
Homestead Bank (Srv)	52.20
Hometown Mkt (Sup)	78.48
Ho Co Treas (Srv)	2782.05
Ho Co Register of Deeds (Srv)	10.00
IIMC (Dues)	280.00

Itron Inc (Srv)	1456.77
Jacob Ford (Srv)	21.13
J L Graphics (Srv)	285.00
LARM (Ins)	45.04
MacQueen Emergency (Sup)	72.67
Madison Life (Ins)	182.58
Midland Telecom (Sup)	600.00
Miller Seed (Sup)	182.81
Miller, Lavern (Srv)	115.00
Municipal Supply (Rep)	1741.57
NE Dept of Transp (Srv)	2739.80
NE Law Enforcement Training (Sch)	50.00
NE Public Health (Lab)	157.00
NMPP (Dues)	1134.10
OfficeNet (Sup)	598.46
Olsson (Eng)	16481.45
One Call Concept (Srv)	38.84
Overland Ready Mix (Srv)	3549.88
Parts Bin (Rep & Sup)	92.86
Petty Cash (Sup)	71.35
Regional Care (Ins)	82.50
Roberts Pump (Sup)	40.38
Royle, Lori (Srv)	562.50
Sapp (Srv)	382.50
Schmaljohn, Marilyn (Sup)	145.00
Schaper & White (Srv)	247.92
SE Smith & Sons (Sup)	601.30
Servi-Tech (Lab)	115.10
Sherwin Williams (Sup)	129.28
Starkey Construction (Srv)	1500.00
State of NE Central Serv (Srv)	166.51
St. Paul Public School (Srv)	250.00
St Paul Rural Fire (Runs)	16118.40
TASC (Srv)	110.76
Thompson Welding (Srv)	235.60
Tisdall, Tammy (Sch)	50.00
Tommy-Rene (Pub)	97.00
Tri-County Sand & Gravel (Srv)	304.67
Wesco Dist (Rep)	917.07
Winsupply Co (Sup)	16.04
United Healthcare (Ins)	21802.93
US Post Office (Srv)	460.00
Verizon (Srv)	299.09

Council member Thompson moved to approve the "Pole Occupancy" agreement between Spectrum Mid-American, LLC and the City of St. Paul; the annual pole rental rate is \$3.50 per pole. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. City Attorney White approved the agreement.

After a brief discussion ensued concerning the opening of the City swimming pool in May 2020, the City's "LARM" Loss Control Manager recommends that the swimming pool stay closed for the summer season. The Mayor & City Council will revisit the matter the middle of May 2020 after Governor Rickett's gives more guidance during his Direct Health Measure (DHM) briefing. Private swimming pools were briefly discussed with no action.

Council member Thompson moved to approve an hourly wage increase of 4.5% for the non-union City employee's; this applies to Chief of Police Paczosa, Utility Superintendent Helzer and City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Beck. It was also approved that it will go retro-active to October 1, 2019. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor & Thompson voted aye, Council member Kowalski voted nay. Motion carried 3/1. The wage increase will be revisited annually by the Mayor & City Council members.

Utility Superintendent Helzer updates included: (1) Howard Avenue construction; (2) sanitary sewer repairs at 4<sup>th</sup> & "N" Streets; and (3) contacting the NE Dept. of Environment & Energy concerning the wastewater lagoons.

Chief of Police Paczosa reported on: (1) Trailblazer decals have been removed; ready for the State of NE Surplus sale; (2) ammunition invoice will be coming regarding the Law Enforcement Academy training for Trev Sharman; and the Chief of Police receiving a thank you card.

Council member Klanecky updates included: (1) the community needs to extend a thank you to the St. Paul local businesses for keeping their doors open, so that we can fulfill our daily needs; (2) awareness of COVID-19 procedures when performing teleconference meeting; and (3) need to keep an open communication with the City Officials regarding the opening of the Civic Center, Library, Recycling trailer, parks, pool, etc.; want to see COVID-19 safety procedures in place for each.

Mayor Bergman updates included: (1) City received DHHS Stimulus funds (COVID-19) in the amount of \$1,976.32 involving the St. Paul Rescue Squad Medicare billing; all COVID-19 expenditures need to be kept 3 - 5 years for auditing purposes; this is to account for the amount of stimulus received; (2) City Job Descriptions have been updated for "2020"; (3) City Clerk Beck acknowledges that all signatures were obtained from the City employees in receiving a 2020-2022 IBEW 1597 Union contract; (4) the Elmwood Cemetery directory and fencing (adjusted) has been insured; (5) the Summer Recreation program; (6) Street Commissioner Rick Goettsche submitted his resignation; his last day is June 4, 2020; and (7)

Howard County Emergency Manager Michelle Wojtalewicz has submitted her resignation; her last day is Friday, May 8, 2020.

As there was no further business to come before the Mayor and City Council; Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

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Joel M. Bergman, Mayor