

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

Monday, August 17, 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, August 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Councilmembers Brenda Klanecky, Ralph Kezeor, Katie Kowalski & Jerry Thompson. Absent: None. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Phonograph Herald, a legal newspaper published in said City and County. Notice of the meeting was also posted in four (4) public places. Notice of this meeting was communicated in the advance notice. All proceeds thereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Bergman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and 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.

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 Thompson moved to approve Jakester, LLC as the new owner of the "Lottery Sales Outlet Location" more commonly known as the "Office Bar" at 706 7th Street, St. Paul, Howard County, Nebraska. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The new business ownership of Jake's Bar will begin on September 1, 2020.

Brian Friedrichsen and Jeff Palik from Olsson's were present to explain the reason for and the details of the construction of the new Sewer Treatment Facility and to answer questions from the Mayor and City Council. On July 5, 2016 a "Notice of Violation" (NOV) was issued to the City, due to the facility failing to meet permit limits for (1) Total Suspended Solids (TSS); (2) Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD); and (3) Ammonia (multiple times in 2013 through 2016). During the permit term, the facility has reported ten (10) months where the City was in noncompliance for ammonia. The City has met with the Department of Environment & Energy (NDEE) to discuss options for meeting current and proposed ammonia limits. Other topics of discussion consisted of: (1) Sequential Batch Reactor (SBA); (2) lagoon cells; (3) rental of the lagoon property; (4) the bid process; (5) bonding of the project; (6) grant information; (7) sewer rates; and (8) future staffing of the new facility. Council member Thompson moved to approve Olsson's "Letter Agreement for Professional Services" and utilizing the Sewer ICS reserve account to absorb the cost of the planning and design stage of the new Sewer Treatment Facility. The anticipated start date is October 5, 2020, along with an anticipated design completion date of May 1, 2021. Olsson's "Scope of Services" will be provided on a time-and-expense basis not to exceed \$289,603. The project location is at the City of St. Paul Lagoon Site - Howard Avenue, ½ mile east of US Hwy 281; the project description is a design of two (2) Sequential Batch Reactor (SBR) basins, blower/lab/storage building, sludge storage lagoon, and a new main lift station. The project phases consist of: (1) Project Management; (2) Topographic Survey; (3) Geotechnical Investigation; (4) Preliminary Design; (5) Final Design; (6) Project Permitting; (7) Equipment Pre-Selection Bid; and (8) Bid Phase Services. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, Council member Kezeor abstained. Motion carried 3/1. The Sewer Treatment Facility needs to

be in compliance within 4-1/2 years. Brad Slaughter, Public Finance Senior Vice President of Piper Sandler & Co was in attendance to answer questions regarding bonding the project.

After a brief discussion to increase the City sewer rates, the item was tabled to a future meeting.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the July 2020 Treasurer's Report and the August 10, 2020 Zoning Permits. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

The discussion on the City charging a "garbage" processing fee to be placed on the utility billing was also tabled to a future meeting.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the new Elmwood Cemetery Foundation Board members that consist of: (1) President: Joel M. Bergman; (2) Secretary: Gerald Solko; (3) Treasurer: Steffany Tartaglia; and (4) Board members: Gene Rice and Randy Jerabek. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Council member Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Due to the inactive status of the Elmwood Cemetery Foundation, documents will be submitted to the State of NE to bring the Foundation back into active status.

Due to Covid-19, the League Annual Conference and the Annual Business Meeting (Election of Officers and Directors to the League Executive Board) will need to be held by telephone conferencing, videoconferencing or similar technological means. In order to do so, it is necessary for the League's "regular members" to vote to approve amendments to the League "Articles of Incorporation" and "Bylaws." Council member Klanecky moved to approve the amendments to the "Articles of Incorporation" and "Bylaws" of the League of Municipalities by voting "for" Proposed Actions 1, 2 and 3 on the attached "Regular Member Ballot", along with authorizing Mayor Bergman to sign the "Regular Member Ballot". Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Reminder: The 2020-2021 Budget will be approved on Tuesday, September 8, 2020; this is due to the Labor Day holiday falling on a Monday. City Clerk Beck is awaiting the valuation from the Howard County Assessor; the valuation number will be certified on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

Utility Superintendent Helzer stated that Howard Avenue should be open in the next couple of weeks.

Chief of Police Paczosa submitted an "Incident & Nuisance" report, along with reporting on police business. Police Officer Trev Sharman will be graduating from the Law Enforcement Academy on Friday, August 21, 2020.

Mayor Bergman reported on: (1) City Well-field pasture rent; (2) City Office security; (3) Loup Central Landfill will have a public hearing during the Howard County Planning & Zoning meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. regarding adding setbacks from residences to Landfill and/or Transfer Station; and (4) sales tax proceeds.

Council member Kowalski moved to go into Closed Session at 8:20 p.m. for possible litigation. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. A motion has been made and seconded to go into Closed Session for possible litigation. There was no discussion. The pending motion is to go into Closed Session for possible litigation. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Council member Thompson moved to adjourn the closed session at 8:25 p.m. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. No action was taken.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:25 p.m.

September 8, 2020

Date

Joel M. Bergman

Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

Connie Jo Beck

Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer