

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

Monday, August 3, 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 3, 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) 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 Community Development Agency (CDA) 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.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Community Development Agency (CDA) Redevelopment Contract of the Prairie Falls Subdivision Redevelopment Project Phase Six (6) more described as Lots Nineteen (19) and Twenty (20), Prairie Falls Subdivision. The indebted amount is \$30,000, with a five percent (5%) interest rate. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the Community Development Agency (CDA) meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Bergman opened the regular City Council meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Bergman opened a public hearing at 7:04 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input regarding the proposed 2020-2021 Budget.

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.

Prior to the regular City Council meeting the City of St. Paul had a public auction at 6:00 p.m. to sell City property described as Lot One (1) and Part of Lot Two (2), Block 64, Original Town in St. Paul, Howard County, Nebraska. There was only one (1) bidder at the sale. Fritz Lee spoke on behalf of the American Legion Post #119 in purchasing the property.

Council member Kezeor moved to approve the American Legion Post #119 purchasing Lot One (1) and Part of Lot (2), Block 64, Original Town, Howard County, Nebraska in the amount of \$500. The property will need to be surveyed prior to creating a deed and approving an ordinance to confirm the sale of property at a regular City Council meeting. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The City will absorb all legal cost of transferring the property and the creation of the deed. The American Legion Post #119 will absorb the cost of the survey.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Redevelopment Contract of the Prairie Falls Subdivision Redevelopment Project Phase Six (6). Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Mayor Bergman opened the public comment period at 7:10 p.m. for the purpose of hearing public input regarding the proposed 2020-2021 Budget. City Clerk Beck voiced the 20-21 Budget department changes from the previous budget workshop on July 29, 2020; the changes were reviewed by Dana F. Cole & Co. (City Auditor). The Mayor and Council members were in agreement to set another 20-21 Budget workshop to finalize the department numbers on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The special meeting will be posted in four (4) places.

Mayor Bergman closed the public comment period at 8:09 p.m.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the minutes of July 6, 2020, July 20, 2020 and July 29, 2020 (special); disbursements of August 3, 2020; and zoning permits of July 27, 2020. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, Council member Klanecky voted nay. Motion carried 3/1.

Computer Management (Srv)	800.00
NE Dept Rev July Form 10 (Tax)	16875.93
Charter Spectrum (Srv)	194.97
Clearly (Phone)	147.04
Aurora Coop (G&O)	701.97
Black Hills Energy (Utl)	292.45
City Lights (Utl)	9925.40
Heartland Disposal (Srv)	5342.74
Jims Champlin (G&O)	1706.71
Mid-Nebraska Disp. (Srv)	3651.58
IRS (Tax)	33.02
Amazon Capital (Bks)	519.52
BJ Garage (Srv)	98.98
Banyon Data (Srv)	195.00
Bomgaars (Rep & Sup)	916.14
BSN Sports (Sup)	231.87
Cardmember Service (Sup)	242.95
CEI Security Sound (Srv)	1202.65
Central Dist Health (Lab)	137.50
City Health Ded (Sav)	5808.00
City 125 Plan (Ins)	170.00
City of Grand Island (Memb)	937.00
Consolidated Mgmt (Srv)	219.69
Custer Co Recycling (Srv)	61.80
Demco (Sup)	461.19
Diamond Engineering (Srv)	305896.41
Ditch Witch (Sup)	97.07
Dutton Lainson (Sup)	548.62
Eagle Eye Weed (Sup)	2263.00
Ebsco (Books)	47.28
Ellen Wakefield (Sch)	50.00
Fleet US (Sup)	113.14
Goettsche, Roger (Sup)	57.45
Hawkins Inc (Chem)	4438.01
Heartland Disposal (Srv)	510.00
Hesselgesser (Rep)	3500.00
Hometown Mkt (Sup)	110.00
Howard County Treasurer (Srv)	2782.05
Ho Co Register of Deeds (Srv)	10.00
Homestead Bank (Srv)	50.00
Howard Co. Med Ctr (Srv)	60.00
Howard Greeley REA (Sup)	175851.40
Island Sprinkler (Sup)	1053.67
JP Cooke (Sup)	72.75

John Deere Financial (Srv)	73.26
Jons Plumbing (Srv)	275.00
Loup Valley Supply (Sup)	213.22
Madison Life (Ins)	193.32
Menards (Sup)	26.90
Mid-American Research (Sup)	61.03
NE Power Review Board (Srv)	344.89
NE Statewide EMS (Conf)	200.00
NWEA (Memb)	20.00
OfficeNet (Srv & Sup)	354.32
Olsson (Eng)	18055.58
One Call Concept (Srv)	59.17
Open Caret (Srv)	200.00
Overland Ready Mix (Srv)	956.25
Parts Bin (Rep & Sup)	430.58
Petty Cash (Sup)	37.64
Quick Med Claims (Srv)	340.53
Rec Supply (Sup)	237.45
Regional Care (Ins)	93.50
SE Smith & Sons (Sup)	102.78
Schaper & White (Srv)	452.08
Servi-Tech (Lab)	154.95
SOS Inc (Srv)	640.00
Thiel Tire (Srv)	75.69
Thompson Welding (Srv)	156.28
Tommy Rene (Sup)	345.00
United Healthcare (Ins)	15667.01
U S Post Office (Sup)	460.00
Verizon (Srv)	301.55
Payroll	96531.67

Council member Thompson moved to approve Diamond Engineering Co. Pay Request #6 regarding the 2019 St. Paul Paving Improvement project in the amount of \$305,896.41. This motion comes with the stipulation that Utility Superintendent Helzer verifies that the Howard Avenue sidewalk is five (5) inches thick. The pay request is for paving Howard Avenue, and also some remaining storm sewer, sewer, and water work as well. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Klanecky moved to approve the Library employee wage increase of 3% regarding Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The Library Board approved the recommendation on July 15, 2020. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve advertising for a part-time City Police Department secretary; the position would consist of ten (10) hours a week. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Jessica Hancock expressed interest in the position; this would eliminate training.

Next on the agenda for discussion was to hire a fifth (5th) full-time City Police Officer in reference to the COPS Hiring grant. The grant provides up to \$125,000 in federal funds over a three (3) year award period; the local cash match required for the three (3) year period is \$66,773; this does not include the employee health benefits. The award start date is July 1, 2020 and ends June 30, 2023. The Chief of Police has 45 days from July 8, 2020 to submit a yes or no answer regarding the grant. Numerous persons were in attendance to speak in favor of hire. Mayor Bergman stated that he appreciated the public input. The item was tabled until the Mayor and City Council has the budget workshop on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Utility Superintendent Helzer reported on the Howard Avenue construction; Howard Avenue west of Sheridan Street will be open prior to the school opening.

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

Mayor Bergman stated that the Anthony Dush Softball tournament was well attended, with no complaints. Mr. Dush was a St. Paul Firefighter.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:15 p.m.

September 8, 2020
Date

Connie Jo Beck
Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

Joel M. Bergman
Joel M. Bergman, Mayor