

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

Monday, July 6, 2020

Beginning July 1, 2020 the City Council and other public bodies subject to the Open Meetings Act can no longer hold meetings by video-conference, telephone conference or by conferencing by other electronic communication based on the Governor's Executive Orders No. 20-03 and No. 20-24, which waive certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act. Social distancing requirements will still be necessary when holding in-person meetings to comply with Directed Health Measurer's (DHMs) and Dept. of Health & Human Services(DHHS) guidance, including keeping individuals six (6) feet apart.

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, July 6, 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 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 Kowalski moved to approve ratifying all actions identified in the attached minutes taken by the City of St. Paul, NE during meetings held by telephone conferencing, before June 30, 2020, pursuant to Governor Rickett's Executive Orders No. 20-03 and 20-24: (1) April 6, 2020; (2) April 20, 2020 (special); April 20, 2020 (regular); (3) May 4, 2020; (4) May 18, 2020; (5) June 1, 2020; (6) June 4, 2020 (special); and (7) June 15, 2020. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kezeor moved to approve the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce COVID- 19: License and Management Agreement for Use of Municipal property for Non- Sports Venues, Facilities and Property. The agreement is for the utilization of the City Park's regarding the Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Days "Show & Shine" car show and other events. Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The St. Paul Chamber of Commerce submitted a Certificate of Insurance for the events; fireworks are excluded from the certificate. The League Association of Risk Management (LARM) will cover the GCA Day firework show.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Special Designated Liquor (SDL) application for YZGYZ, LLC dba The Filling Station (217 E. Stolley Park Road Suite N, Grand Island, NE License CK-113025) on Friday, July 31, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. regarding a wedding reception at the St. Paul Civic Center. The approval comes with the stipulation that all Directed Health Measures (DHM) and social distancing guidelines are followed. Identification will be checked, along with wristbands being utilized for underage drinking. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

At the Council meeting on May 4, 2020, the American Legion Post #119 was requesting the City of St. Paul to deed over Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block 64, Original Town for the construction of an American Legion Club building. Per NE State Statute, a City of the 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. In the request of the City filing a "Property Valuation Protest", Neal Dethlefs (Howard County Assessor) sent an email stating that all City property is exempt unless on or before March 1, the County Assessor sends notice to the City that it will be subject to property taxation for that year. Council member Kezeor moved to approve setting the value of Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block 64, Original Town less than \$5,000. A resolution will be approved on Monday, July 20, 2020 to set the date of the auction of the City property on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., which auction will be taking place north of the City office building. Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the minutes of June 1, 2020, June 4, 2020 (special) and June 15, 2020; disbursements of July 6, 2020; and zoning permits of June 29, 2020. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

St Paul Development Corp (Oper)	19000.00
Computer Management (Srv)	800.00
NE Dept Rev June Form 10 (Tax)	12229.02
Charter Spectrum (Srv)	194.97
Clearfly (Phone)	144.57
Aurora Coop (G&O)	653.17
Black Hills Energy (Utl)	469.96
City Lights (Utl)	7726.08
Heartland Disposal (Srv)	5545.99
Jims Champlin (G&O)	1443.68
Phonograph Herald (Pub)	445.74
Ho. Greeley REA (Pole)	297.11
Mid-Nebraska Disp. (Srv)	3631.16
Tisdail, Tammy (Sch)	50.00
Aurora Embroidery (Srv)	2566.00
Amazon Capital (Bks)	1142.55
Advanced Climate (Srv)	2291.46
Awards Plus (Srv)	20.00
BJ Garage (Srv)	589.11
Bomgaars (Rep & Sup)	1324.55
Brehms (Sup)	164.42
BSN Sports (Sup)	79.89
Charter Spectrum (Srv)	194.97
Christensen Concrete (Sup)	273.00
City Health Ded (Sav)	5808.00
City 125 Plan (Ins)	150.00
Consolidated Mgmt (Srv)	449.73
Construction Rental (Sup)	265.78
Core & Main (Sup)	2523.88
Crescent Electric (Srv)	112.51
Custer Co Recycling (Srv)	83.52
Danko Emergency Srv	495.52
Diamond Engineering (Srv)	78967.85
Egan Supply (Chem)	500.75
Entech Pest (Srv)	135.00
Gale Group (Sup)	29.38
Hach Co (Srv)	296.84
Hawkins Inc (Chem)	3062.98
Heartland Disposal (Srv)	510.00
Hometown Mkt (Sup)	79.02
Howard County Treasurer (Srv)	2782.05

Ho Co Register of Deeds (Srv)	36.00
Howard Greeley REA (Sup)	14.69
Jerabek, Caitlin (Reimb)	25.00
John Deere Financial (Srv)	2695.72
Kelly Supply (Srv)	93.35
LARM (Ins)	700.00
Loup Central Landfill (Agree)	2290.00
Loup Valley Supply (Sup)	51.20
Lower Loup Natural Res (Srv)	288.00
Macqueen Equip (Srv)	216.18
Madison Life (Ins)	193.32
Menards (Sup)	274.17
Midland Telecom (Srv)	2777.03
Midwest Hydraulic (Srv)	189.05
Midwest Radar (Srv)	120.00
Municipal Supply (Rep)	154.50
NE Law Enforce Train (Sch)	150.00
NE Iowa Ind (Srv)	62.20
NE Public Health (Test)	16.00
NE Gutter (Srv)	157.00
OfficeNet (Srv & Sup)	329.84
Olsson (Eng)	18207.42
Open Caret (Srv)	166.67
Overland Ready Mix (Srv)	681.75
Parts Bin (Rep & Sup)	117.62
Petty Cash (Sup)	36.53
Pheasant Forever (Dues)	35.00
Phonograph Herald (Pub)	713.14
Regional Care (Ins)	88.00
SE Smith & Sons (Sup)	880.94
Servi-Tech (Lab)	148.60
Smith, Kristy (Sup)	185.05
St. Paul Public School (Sup)	252.00
State of NE Central Serv (Srv)	164.28
Thiel Tire (Srv)	96.74
Thompson Welding (Srv)	387.75
United Healthcare (Ins)	23380.16
U S Post Office (Sup)	460.00
Van Diest (Sup)	380.79
Verizon (Srv)	299.09
Wells Plbg (Srv)	116.22
Wesco Dist (Sup)	5471.31
Payroll	118946.18

Council member Kezeor moved to approve Keefe L. Labart (1196 Eagle Road) as a St. Paul Firefighter; the Fire Department approved Mr. Labart on Thursday, June 11, 2020. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. A background check was approved by the St. Paul Police Department.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the 2019 St. Paul Paving Improvement (Project #018-3348) Pay Request #5 to Diamond Engineering in the amount of \$78,967.85. The majority of the pay request absorbed storm sewer work and replacing a sidewalk north of Howard Avenue; the other portion was for sanitary and water services. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve re-appointing LaDonna Wolinski to the St. Paul Housing Authority Board of Commissioners; the new term will be effective August 1, 2020 and will continue through July 31, 2024. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Council members Kezeor, Kowalski and Thompson voted aye, Council member Klanecky abstained, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Thompson moved to approve Resolution 2020-11, whereas the Heritage Bank is a designated depository of funds regarding this government entity and that the following persons are hereby authorized to draw and sign checks against such account and to transact other business with said Bank. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Jamie Klanecky, City Street Commissioner was present to provide his findings on mowing properties that is not owned by the City. Mr. Klanecky stated that his tractor metered 10.5 hours just to mow one (1) time; 4.5 hours contributed to mowing railroad properties. Therefore, with converting the time, labor and fuel cost of mowing non-owned City lots; the cost per time is \$788. Utility Superintendent Helzer will contact the NE Central Railroad Co. and Gavilon, LLC regarding mowing their property. Mayor Bergman stated that this is valuable information of cost to perform seasonal mowing. Mayor Bergman thanked Street Commissioner Klanecky for expediting the project.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the City selling personal property from various City Department's to the public - either by auction, sealed bid, placing items on the City website, along with pictures or possibly by online sales through Big Iron. The item was tabled to see if there will be a 2020 fall auction.

The City of St. Paul will have a 2020-2021 Budget workshop on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 beginning at 5:00 p.m. The notice will be published in the Phonograph Herald, along with it being posted in four (4) public locations in St. Paul, NE. On August 3, 2020 the City will have a public hearing to receive public input on the proposed 2020-2021 Budget.

The City of St. Paul will be opened to the public on Tuesday, July 7, 2020; the doors were closed approximately three (3) months, due to the Covid-19 virus. The City Office encourages individuals to utilize the City drop-box or drive-up window.

On Monday, June 1, 2020 the City Council approved increasing the Local Option Sales Tax one half percent (1/2%); the increase will be on the General Election (November 3, 2020) ballot. Council member Thompson expressed his interest in being a study session committee member to implement the Local Option Sales Tax ballot question.

Utility Superintendent Helzer updates included: (1) utility work has been completed on the Howard Avenue project; (2) once Howard Avenue is paved, then the Sheridan Street intersection will have priority to open first, due to traffic and school; and (3) swimming pool capacity, the 15 minute lifeguard rotation, and the City receiving numerous worthy comments on the City opening the swimming pool.

Chief of Police Paczosa was absent from the Council meeting, but submitted a lengthy "incident and nuisance" report.

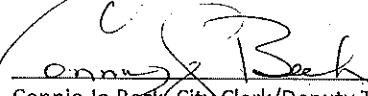
Council member Klanecky noted that in the NE Municipal Review pamphlet, there is an article applying to "Trees for Nebraska Towns" (TNT) program grant. The "Trees for Nebraska Towns" (TNT) program provides \$2,000 - \$20,000 to support public space tree planting projects in communities throughout Nebraska. This program emphasizes on planting large maturing trees in public spaces. Council member Klanecky stated that the program could be advantageous to St. Paul, due to the ash borer already being present in Kearney, NE. The grant would be a 50/50 match. Utility Superintendent Helzer will follow-up on the specifics of the grant.

Mayor Bergman updates include: (1) received Recycling Center hay proceeds from Jeff Christensen in the amount of \$701; (2) GCA Day events will be held on Friday July 10, 2020 (only Poker Run) and Saturday, July 11, 2020 vehicle "Show & Shine" and other events; (3) the "Flights of Honor" will have a display Saturday, July 11, 2020 at the St. Paul Civic Center facility; (4) and City Clerk Beck transferred \$210,000 from the Heritage Bank (City account) to the General ICS at Citizens Bank; this is due to receiving an enhanced interest rate.

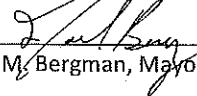
For public announcements: Mayor Bergman reiterated that the GCA Days events will be held this Friday, July 10, 2020 (Poker Run) and Saturday, July 11, 2020. Chuck Schmid, American Legion Post #119 Commander announced that the American Legion Post #119 will perform their ground breaking on Friday, July 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.; the location is at U.S. Hwy #281 (2nd Street) and "M" Street; everyone is welcome.

Mayor Bergman thanked everyone for being in attendance and adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:12 p.m.

DATE: 8-3-20



Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer



Joel M. Bergman, Mayor