

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

Monday, June 1, 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, June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.; the meeting was also held by conference call by Telephone number (866)899-4679 and Access code #842-777-141. 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 three (3) 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., 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

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.

FOLK, LLC was in attendance via teleconference to launch the new City of St. Paul "website". Council member Klanecky moved to approve the City's new website. 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 FOLK, LLC provide hosting and maintenance of the City's website for one (1) year costing \$200 monthly. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Council member Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. This item will be revisited in one (1) year if the City needs additional support.

There was a brief discussion on the changes to the COVID-19 statewide Directed Health Measure (DHM) regulations that will begin June 1, 2020 from the Dept. of Health & Human Services. Topics of discussion included: (1) Adult & Youth sports; (2) concession stands; and (3) utilization and sanitation of the City batting cage. Council member Thompson moved to approve City Resolution 2020-7 and the COVID-19: License and Management Agreement for the use of municipal property by the St. Paul Youth Sports Association (SPYSA). Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Thompson moved to approve City Resolution 2020-8 and the COVID-19: License and Management Agreement for the use of municipal property by the American Legion Post #119 Baseball. Also approved, was the American Legion Post #119 baseball team utilizing the City batting cage; this comes with the stipulation that a separate waiver is signed by the players and coaches to minimize City liability. This was per City Attorney White's recommendation. Councilmember Klanecky seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Dylan Woodgate was present to answer questions from city officials.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve City Resolution 2020-9 and the COVID-19: License and Management Agreement for the use of municipal property by the Sandhill's Reign traveling team. Also approved, was the Sandhill's Reign baseball team utilizing the City batting cage; this comes with the stipulation that a separate waiver is signed by the players and coaches to minimize City liability. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Restrooms will be utilized for emergency purposes only. Matt Stepanek and Shawn Kenny were present to answer questions from city officials.

Council member Klanecky moved to approve City Resolution 2020-10 and the COVID-19: License and Management Agreement for the use of municipal property by the Adult Men's Softball team. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Bob Hymer was present to answer questions from city officials.

Utility Superintendent Helzer will contact John Poppert (St. Paul Public School Superintendent) regarding the batting cage key fob system to limit access to the batting cage; waivers will need to be signed and returned to the City by each player and coach regarding the utilization of the batting cage. All teams must follow all Directed Health Measures (DHM) and social distancing guidelines when utilizing the batting cage facility.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the Sons of the American Legion Carl Mogesen Special Designated Liquor (SDL) application for Saturday, July 11, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. regarding the Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Street dance on Howard Avenue between 6th & 7th Streets. Identification will be checked, along with wristbands being utilized for underage drinking. The SDL application must follow all Directed Health Measures (DHM) and social distancing guidelines. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The GCA Day Committee needs to submit "plans" and receive approval from the Loup Basin Health Department if they have more than 500 individuals at the event.

Council member Kezeor moved to approve the request of Loup River Distilling closing 5th Street between Howard Avenue and Grand Street regarding a golf tournament steak feed on Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Loup River Distilling must follow all Directed Health Measures (DHM) and social distancing guidelines during this gathering. The City of St. Paul will provide the barricades.

City Clerk Beck and Chief of Police Paczosa signed off on a Loup River Distilling Special Designated Liquor (SDL) application for Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. regarding a golf tournament steak feed. The location will be at 503 Howard Avenue and 5th Street between Howard Avenue and Grand Street. Identification will be checked, along with wristbands being utilized for underage drinking. The SDL will need to follow the Directed Health Measure (DHM) and social distancing guidelines.

Council member Klanecky moved to approve Diamond Engineering Co. Drawdown #4 regarding the 2019 St. Paul Paving Improvement Project #018-3348 in the amount of \$68,562. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The majority of the drawdown was regarding the sanitary sewer main on Howard Avenue; homeowner sanitary sewer services are being installed.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the minutes of May 4, 2020 and May 18, 2020; and disbursements of June 1, 2020. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Diamond Engineering (Srv)	17030.00
Computer Management (Srv)	800.00
NE Dept Rev May Form 10 (Tax)	12778.07
Charter Spectrum (Srv)	194.97
Clearfly (Phone)	144.57
Aurora Coop (G&O)	1071.92
Black Hills Energy (Utl)	966.64

City Lights (Utl)	7980.20
Heartland Disposal (Srv)	5319.34
Island Glass (Srv)	2550.00
Jims Champlin (G & O)	1109.33
Phonograph Herald (Pub)	508.93
Ho. Greeley REA (Utl)	128520.48
Mid-Nebraska Disp. (Srv)	3625.50
Light Mmkt to ICS (Trf)	20000.00
Water Mmkt to ICS (Trf)	30000.00
Sewer Mmkt to ICS (Trf)	60000.00
Street Mmkt to ICS (Trf)	25000.00
Fire Mmkt to ICS (Trf)	20000.00
Cemetery Savings to ICS (Trf)	17000.00
General Prem to ICS (Trf)	100000.00
25% Infrast to ICS (Trf)	64000.00
Gerhold Concrete (Srv)	1870.96
BOK Financial (Srv)	13696.92
Ameritas (Bnd)	111502.50
Amazon Capital (Bks)	71.84
Archer Credit Union (Srv)	33289.00
Beck Tree (Srv)	110.00
BJ Garage (Srv)	37.50
Blackburn Mfg (Sup)	242.71
Bomgaars (Rep & Sup)	1010.98
Border States (Srv)	482.23
BTS Comm (Sup)	29.34
Cardmember Service (Srv)	816.07
Central NE Child Adv (Donation)	1000.00
City Health Ded (Sav)	5808.00
City 125 Plan (Ins)	160.00
Cline Williams (Srv)	20.00
Construction Rental (Sup)	290.67
Core & Main (Sup)	4158.70
Diamond Engineering (Srv)	68562.00
Dicks Repair (Srv)	75.07
Digital Ally (Srv)	145.00
Elmwood Cem (Perp)	100.00
Goettsche, Roger (Srv)	46.50
Hesselgesser Elect (Srv)	4600.00
Homestead Bank (Srv)	9.20
Hometown Mkt (Sup)	52.89
Howard County Med Clinic (Srv)	31.00
Howard County Treasurer Srv)	2782.05
Ho Co Register of Deeds (Srv)	36.00
Howard Greeley REA (Srv)	635.10
Island Sprinkler (Sup)	310.20
Jarecke Motors (Srv)	481.91
LARM (Ins)	2809.25
Loup River Pump Co. (Sup)	329.31
Loup Valley Supply (Sup)	486.95
Madison Life (Ins)	171.84
Metering Tech (Sup)	3012.53
Municipal Supply (Rep)	105.00
OfficeNet (Srv & Sup)	380.39
Olsson (Eng)	14505.82
One Call Concept (Srv)	54.93
Parts Bin (Rep & Sup)	220.77
Poland Constr (Srv)	362.50
Regional Care (Ins)	104.50
Rembolt Ludtke (Srv)	1820.00
Sargent Drilling (Test)	1500.00

Schaper & White (Srv)	656.25
SE Smith & Sons (Sup)	305.32
Servi-Tech (Lab)	626.15
St. Paul Public School (Srv)	304.37
State of NE Central Serv (Srv)	50.78
Sunset Law Enforce (Sup)	893.03
Thiel Tire (Srv)	76.94
Thompson Welding (Srv)	90.00
USA Blue Book (Sup)	82.58
Van Diest (Sup)	447.85
Verizon (Srv)	299.09
Wesco Dist (Rep)	1596.67
Wroblewski, Liana (Cem)	337.50
United Healthcare (Ins)	21802.93
US Post Office (Srv)	460.00
Payroll	118946.18

Mayor Bergman appointed Jamie Klanecky as the City Street Commissioner effective June 4, 2020. Council member Thompson moved to approve Mayor Bergman's appointment, along with a starting wage of \$22.33 hourly. Mr. Klanecky will move up a step on his employment anniversary. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Street Commissioner Rick Goettsche will retire on Thursday, June 4, 2020.

Council member Kezeor moved to approve Chief of Police Paczosa and Sergeant Greenwalt attending the 2020 NSA/POAN Law Enforcement conference in Kearney, NE from October 4 – 7, 2020. Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The conference will maintain training credit hours for the police officers.

Swimming Pool Manager Kristy Smith was in attendance via teleconference to give her 2020 swimming pool opening ideas and views. Mrs. Smith called numerous cities on procedures regarding the opening of the City swimming pool; this is due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, there were numerous individuals present to voice their ideas and opinion's regarding the swimming pool opening. After lengthy discussion, the item was tabled until Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the policy and procedures. The City's LARM Insurance will be contacted to discuss COVID -19 enforcement guidelines. A "Notice of Special" meeting will be posted in three (3) public places.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve placing Kristie Fousek on the following City signature cards: (1) General account; (2) City 125 Plan; and (3) City Health Deductible. Mrs. Fousek will be utilizing the accounts for payroll. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski and Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Thompson moved to approve utilizing the City Recycling Trailer beginning Tuesday, June 2, 2020 located at 4th and Jay Streets. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Charles Schmid will also have the aluminum can trailer at 4th and Jay Streets regarding can collection.

St. Paul Development Corp. Executive Director Mike Coghlan presented recommendations to the Mayor & City Council regarding the Local Option Sales Tax ballot question. Mr. Coghlan stated that the ballot question needs to be stated in detail, along with having a sunset clause. The projects the City can utilize the sales tax dollars for include: (1) the new Sanitary Sewer Treatment facility; (2) a new fire station; and (3) the Downtown Revitalization (DTR) project. Mr. Coghlan stated that the St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) will help the City promote the ballot question. After a brief discussion regarding increasing the Local Option Sales Tax, Council member Thompson moved to approve increasing the City's sale tax one half percent (1/2%). The increase will be on the ballot question in the General Election which is on Tuesday, November 3, 2020; a resolution requesting the increase needs to be submitted to the Howard County Clerk by September 1, 2020. Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Council member Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

After a very brief discussion on applying for a Downtown Revitalization (DTR) grant through South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD), Council member Klanecky's view was to let this matter rest a year; the Mayor and City Council members were in agreement, therefore the matter was tabled.

Utility Superintendent Helzer updates included: (1) Howard Avenue sanitary sewer main is complete; (2) Howard Avenue storm sewer update; (3) grass enforcement letters were mailed; and (4) the camera system in the park will be moved to the St. Paul Fire Hall as agreed upon by the Mayor and City Council.

Chief of Police Paczosa updates included: (1) Trailblazer sold for \$3,500; (2) the demolition of the house at 221 6th Street as a result of a recent fire and (3) weed letters have been mailed.

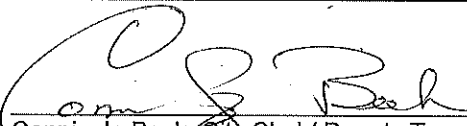
Council member Kezeor questioned whether the northwest part of town had any water problems, due to the recent St. Paul rains; Utility Superintendent Helzer stated that there was no water backed up in the area.

City Clerk Beck will email the Mayor & City Council members the 2019-202 IBEW 1597 Union contract.

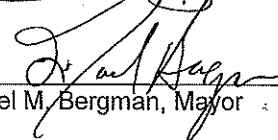
Mayor Bergman updates include: (1) the City will be posting in-house regarding the Street Equipment Operator job position until Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. The position will be advertised in the Phonograph Herald on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 and June 10, 2020, with a cutoff date of June 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. The NE League of Municipalities will have the position on their website; and (2) City Engineer Jeff Palik will be applying for a United States Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) loan forgiveness grant; this will be utilized for the new sanitary sewer treatment plant.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 9:12 p.m.

DATE: 7-6-20



Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/ Deputy Treasurer



Joel M. Bergman, Mayor