

City of St Paul  
Special Council Meeting Minutes

Swimming Pool Opening

Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of St. Paul, Nebraska was held at the City Hall - 704 6<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Paul, NE in said City on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Bergman and Councilmembers: Brenda Klanecky, Katie Kowalski & Jerry Thompson. Absent: Council member Kezeor. Notice of the meeting was posted in three (3) different places around the City. 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 special meeting at 6:00 p.m., with announcing that the City of St. Paul abides by the Open Meetings Act, which is posted on the west wall as required by the 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.

An attendance sheet was signed for City record.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the opening of the St. Paul City swimming pool, along with forming policy and procedures. Mayor Bergman stated that on Monday, May 18, 2020 the City Council decided to close the St. Paul Municipal Pool. Then the City Council decided to revisit the matter, due to the Directed Health Measure (DHM) guidelines changing on June 1, 2020.

Therefore, on Monday, June 1, 2020, changes were created to the DHM that formed Phase II; those outlined changes affected the "gathering" guidelines regarding swimming pools. The guidelines consisted of: (1) "gatherings" will be limited to the greater of 25 people (excluding staff) or 25% of rated occupancy (not to exceed 3,000); (2) groups shall be no larger than six (6) individuals; and (3) there must be six (6) feet of separation between groups.

The City swimming pool capacity is 300 individuals, therefore the 25% of rated occupancy guideline will be followed; this will allow 75 individuals in the swimming pool.

Items of discussion included: cleaning and sanitizing; electrical usage; opening date and hours; contact tracing system; admission rate of \$2 per session; allowing groups of six (6) involving family or friends to stay together in the pool area by utilizing wristbands; City liability; number of lifeguards working during a shift; the utilization of the diving board and not utilizing the slides; and water aerobics (need signed waivers).

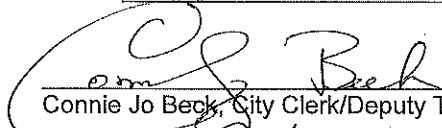
The swimming pool will be following these City guidelines: (1) persons planning to swim will have their temperatures checked prior to entering the pool area; (2) staff will collect names and telephone numbers in case contact tracing is needed; (3) a health screening questionnaire will be performed upon entry, (4) high-touch surfaces around the pool and in the bath-house will be disinfected between sessions; (5) water in reusable containers will only be permitted; the water fountain will not be operational; (6) the pool concession stand will be closed; bringing in food will not be permitted; (7) the diving board will be operational; the two (2) slides will not be operational; (8) swimming vest, pool noodles or any other swim equipment will not be available to individuals by the City pool; (9) pool toys are allowed to be brought into the pool area; you as the individual will be responsible for keeping track of the toys, along with not sharing the toys or equipment by any other individual(s); (10) there will be no seasonal pool passes; the pool will be open to the public upon payment of cash for the admission of \$2.00 per session; and (11) there will be no swimming lessons or private swimming parties.

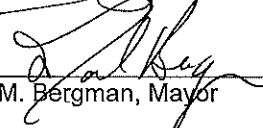
Council member Thompson moved to approve the St. Paul swimming pool opening on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. (noon), with the stipulation that City Attorney White, Loup Basin Health Department (LBHD) and the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) approve the City policy and procedure guidelines that will be completed by Kristy Smith (Pool Manager), Matt Helzer (Utility Superintendent) and Connie Jo Beck (City Clerk). Also approved is to close the swimming pool on Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) days and St. Paul's graduation day. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kowalski and Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

There was no further business to come before this session of the City Council.

Mayor Bergman closed the special meeting at 7:15 p.m.

DATE: 7-6-20

  
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Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

  
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Joel M. Bergman, Mayor