

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

Monday, October 19, 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, October 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Councilmembers Brenda Klanecky, Ralph Kezeor, Katie Kowalski & Jerry Thompson. Absent: City Clerk Connie Jo Beck. 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.

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: all that portion of Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Seven (7) and Eight (8), Block Forty Seven (47), Original Town, St. Paul, Nebraska. Ms. JoAnn Urbanski was the only bidder at the sale; Ms. Urbanski is the owner of Jim's Truck Stop. Also, in attendance with Ms. Urbanski were Roger Finnigsmier and Virginia Schenck.

Council member Thompson moved to approve JoAnn Urbanski purchasing all that portion of Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Seven (7) and Eight (8), Block Forty Seven (47), Original Town, St. Paul, Nebraska in the amount of \$5.00. A deed will be formed, along with the consideration of an ordinance to confirm the sale of City property at the Council meeting on Monday, November 2, 2020. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the October 5, 2020 minutes; disbursements of October 19, 2020; zoning permits of October 13, 2020; and two (2) well permits (1) Bill and Connie Lothrop (1423 9th Street) and (2) Mike and Carmen Solko (1404 Jackson). Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Advanced Climate (Service)	1660.00
Air-O-Lator (Equipment)	7358.00
Aurora Coop (Fuel)	923.37
Awards Plus (Plaques)	104.00
BJ's Garage (Repair)	84.48
Barco (Supplies)	285.33
Beck Tree Service (Service)	235.00
Blackburn Mfg (Supplies)	170.90
Blackhill's Energy (Natural Gas)	384.67
BTS Communications (Telephone)	728.00
Cardmember Service (Conf & Supplies)	2224.08

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Central District Health (Testing)	120.50
Chamber of Commerce (Donation)	3000.00
City Lights (Utilities)	9412.51
Consumer Deposit (Meter Deposit)	250.00
Core & Main (Supplies)	31.25
COR Managed Service (Service)	800.00
Custer Co Recycling (Service)	31.20
Dutton-Lainson (Supplies)	1644.00
Filter Care (Service)	137.85
Harman, Kari (Service)	1620.00
Heartland Disposal (Service)	5344.68
Homestead Bank (ACH Fees)	29.40
Hometown Mkt (Supplies)	66.00
Howard County Register of Deeds (Service)	36.00
Howard Greeley REA (Supplies)	545.83
HTM Sales (Supplies)	148.30
Jarecke Motors (Repair)	105.00
Jim's Champlin (Fuel)	1155.49
Johnny's Lock & Key (Repairs)	99.00
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (Service)	3651.50
Municipal Chemicals (Supplies)	174.50
Municipal Supply (Supplies)	122.48
NE State Treasurer (License Fee)	90.28
NE Truck Center (Repair)	1791.89
OfficeNet (Supplies)	337.91
One-Call Concept (Service)	36.10
Open Caret (Service)	200.00
Overland Ready Mix (Concrete)	1558.00
Phonograph Herald (Publish)	591.85
PowerPlan (Repair)	1133.75
Schaper & White (Service)	1904.16
Servi-Tech (Lab)	244.70
SiteOne Landscape (Supplies)	1114.30
St. Paul Vet Clinic (Service)	132.00
State of NE Dept of Revenue (Tax)	14184.23
TO Haas (Repair)	18.76
US Postal Service (Postage)	460.00
Wesco (Supplies)	960.64

Non-General Disbursements

Civic: Cardmember Services (Supplies)	20.68	#1376
Civic: Heartland Disposal (Service)	80.00	#1377
Keno: Crisis Center (Donation)	1200.00	#260
Sales Tax: Chamber of Commerce (Donation)	9000.00	#386
Sales Tax: St. Paul Dev. Corp (Oper Budget)	30000.00	#387
Sales Tax: Christensen Ins (Prop Improve)	1265.00	#388
Sales Tax: Twin Loups Meats (Prop Improve)	1250.00	#1172

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

Council member Klanecky moved to approve Banana Rams LLC (Justin Blase) Special Designated Liquor (SDL) application for Saturday, December 12, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. regarding a wedding reception at the St. Paul Civic Center - 423 Howard Avenue. Identification

will be checked, along with wristbands being utilized for underage drinking. Also, all Directed Health Measurers (DHM) will need to be followed that is currently in place concerning Covid-19. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Sergeant Greenwalt approved the application. Council member Klanecky questioned placing signage on the Civic Center doors regarding Covid-19. St. Paul Development Corp. Executive Director Mike Coghlan will be on call during Sarah Townsend's leave of absence.

The discussion and approval regarding the BTS Communications "Unlimited Remote Support" contract involving the Wildex telephone system fee of \$19 per month for one (1) year "died for a lack of a motion." The BTS Service contract would cover any type of service call that the BTS personnel could remotely handle at the business rather than driving to St. Paul. The services would consist of: (1) changes to the telephone extensions; speed dial numbers, and answering machine messages when new employees begin employment; (2) changes to call forwarding to account for people on call regarding weekends and/or holidays; and (3) determine why a telephone isn't working or isn't transferring a call correctly.

The quarterly salaries regarding the Mayor, City Council members, City Treasurer and City Clerk were tabled until the Monday, November 2, 2020; Council member Klanecky questioned the City Treasurer and City Clerk rates of pay, due to the lack of comparisons. Council member Klanecky also questioned how much was budgeted and how many Council meetings were attended on average.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve a fund transfer of \$50,000 from the Sales Tax Money Market account to the Sales Tax Checking account, due to paying monthly disbursements. 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 opening a new Sales Tax "Insured Cash Sweep" (ICS) account at Citizens Bank & Trust and place \$50,000 from the Sales Tax Money Market account, so that the City can receive .85% interest City funds. Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

No action was needed regarding the approval of the City absorbing the cost of installing a street light at the west end of Paul Street. Howard Greeley Rural Public Power installed the street light on Thursday, October 15, 2020.

Acknowledgement of Procedures: City Council meeting "procedures" were emailed to the Nebraska State Auditor's Office (Cindy Janssen) on Monday, October 5, 2020. Council member Klanecky questioned a \$150,000 fund transfer made by City Clerk Beck. Mayor Bergman stated that the fund transfer was coded incorrectly; the NE State Auditor's Office acknowledged the miscoded item. City Clerk Beck accurately coded the fund transfer once it was brought to her attention by the NE State Auditor's Office.

Utility Superintendent Helzer invited the Mayor and City Council members to the Planning & Zoning meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Chief of Police Paczosa submitted an "Incident & Nuisance" report, along with reporting on police business. Chief Paczosa also reported on minor issues regarding the 2016 Chevy Impala and has been working with the new Police secretary.

Council member Klanecky stated that a concerned citizen approached her regarding school children walking on Kendall Street; this is a difficult area for traffic seeing the children walking to the bus especially when they are wearing dark clothing. City employees will look at the area to add additional lighting by the bus stop west of Casey's General Store concerning the school children's safety.


Council member Thompson questioned whether a stop sign should be placed at 3rd and Jay Street for westbound traffic, along with reporting on the Central City, NE Wastewater Treatment Plant tour.

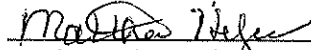
Mayor Bergman stated that Fredrick Benzel, a member of the St. Paul Fire Department has been promoted to a Fire Captain of the Grand Island Fire Department. There will also be a City Council member forum on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

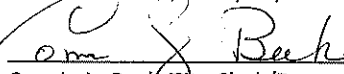
Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:50 p.m.

City Clerk Beck submitted informational items to the Mayor and City Council members: (1) Receipts September 2020; (2) Certificate of Deposits September 2020; (3) Civic Center 2019-2020 Expenditures; (4) Keno 2019-2020, 2018-2019 and 2018-2017 Receipts and 2019-2020 Expenditures; (5) Sales Tax Money Market 2019-2020 Expenditures; (6) REDLG 2019-2020 Revenue & Expenditure Activity report; and (7) TIF 2019-2020 Revenue & Expenditure Activity report.

November 2, 2020
Date


Joel M. Bergman, Mayor


Matthew Helzer, Utility Superintendent (Minutes)


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer