

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

Monday, January 4, 2021

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, January 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Councilmembers Katie Kowalski, Jerry Thompson, Chuck Schmid & Mike Feeken. 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) 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.

Consent Agenda Items:

Council member Schmid moved to approve: (1) Council Minutes - Monday, December 21, 2020; (2) Disbursements - Monday, January 4, 2021; (3) Zoning minutes - Monday, December 28, 2020; and (4) NE Dept. of Transportation "Certificate of Compliance" regarding Maintenance Agreement No. 47; certifying that all roadway snow removal and/or surface maintenance has been accomplished as per the terms of the agreement. The amount due to the State of NE for snow removal is 4.12 lane miles x \$665 per lane mile = \$2,739.80 (Maintenance Agreement No. 47 was approved by Council on December 7, 2020). Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

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American Fence Company (Supplies)	6946.00
Bomgaars (Supplies)	578.50
Border States Industries (Supplies)	9.84
Charter/Spectrum (Service)	209.96
Christensen Insurance (Bond)	595.00
City Health Deductible Savings (Insurance)	6171.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (Insurance)	170.00
Custer County Recycling (Service)	21.70
Elmwood Cemetery (Cemetery)	100.00
Entech Pest Mgmt (Service)	85.00
Hansen International Truck (Supplies)	69.92
Heartland Disposal (Service)	113.00
Hireright LLC (Service)	71.40
Homestead Bank (Safe Dep)	10.00
Howard County Medical Center (Lab)	62.00
Howard County Clerk (Election)	463.96
Howard County Treasurer (Dispatch)	2782.05

Loup Valley Supply (Supplies)	3.00
Madison Nat'l Life (Insurance)	182.58
Nance County Sheriff (Supplies)	100.00
Nebraska Rural Water Assn (Membership)	200.00
Parts Bin (Supplies)	38.74
Petty Cash (Postage, Supplies)	22.38
Regional Care (Insurance)	99.00
S E Smith & Sons (Supplies)	20.45
State of Nebraska Central Svcs (Telephone)	159.86
TASC (Insurance)	554.00
Verizon Wireless (Telephone)	249.91
Heritage Bank UB ACH (Fee)	25.00
Gross Wages - December	86637.20

Non-General Disbursements

Sales Tax (VOID)	#389	0.00
Sales Tax : STS Construction: Prop. Improve.	#390	2305.00
Sales Tax: St. Paul Dev. Corp. Oper. Budget	#391	30000.00
Civic: Crescent Electric (supplies)	#1402	289.21
Civic: Midwest Alarm (service)	#1403	281.16
Civic: Entech Pest Management (Service)	#1404	85.00
Street Mmkt: Urbanski, JoAnn (Reimb Assess)	#2104	1658.00
Street Mmkt: Urbanski, JoAnn (Reimb 1/2 Street Assessment)	#2105	800.00

Major Bergman announced that the state mandated Covid-19 leave for City employees expired on December 31, 2020. Approximately half of the City employees used Covid-19 leave prior to December 31, 2020. Council member Thompson moved to authorize the remaining City employees the use of up to 80 hours of Covid-19 leave on a one-time basis if necessary. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Mayor Bergman announced a reminder that the next City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 due to the Martin Luther King holiday. The meeting time has been changed from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. due to a sewer rate study presentation being made by Randy Hellbusch with the Nebraska Rural Water Association of Wahoo.

Gene Killinger made an allegation that the City was in violation of the Open Meetings Act pertaining to Section 84-1412, paragraph 8.

A discussion was had to possibly purchase a snow-blade for use on City trucks. Utility Superintendent estimated the cost at \$4-5,000. Alternate options were to purchase a snow gate instead or to add a blade to a tractor. It was suggested that this item be discussed at the next budget session.

Utility Superintendent Helzer provided updates on recent snow removal efforts. Some efficiency changes were being implemented by the Street Commissioner pertaining to snow removal. A shortage of available City workers created some snow removal issues.

Police Sergeant Greenwalt indicated that the New Year's Eve DUI enforcements were successful, and that the Police Department was investigating recent attempted break-ins, mostly involving unlocked vehicles.

Council member Schmid identified a couple of recent cemetery issues, raised concerns about recent snow removal efforts, the Street Department employee training, cleaning and maintaining City equipment, and whether City employees should be required to have CDL's.

Council member Thompson indicated that not all City employees need to have a CDL. The City has snow removal equipment that does not require CDL's.

Mayor Bergman updates:

- (1) City received a reimbursement check of \$2,000 from St. Paul Keno LLC - Mike Nevriy regarding the 19-20 Keno audit; and
- (2) HireRight LLC - Dallas TX - "Discontinuation of Service" letter was sent via email on December 21, 2020 regarding the City of St. Paul employee random drug /alcohol testing. The Howard County Medical Center will perform the service for the City with no annual fee. Charges will be \$31 for a urinalysis test, and \$35 for an alcohol swab test.

Brenda Klanecky announced that she received information from Ron Sack and County Commissioner Kathy Hirschman pertaining to the 150th year celebration, and is working with the GCA Days Committee. Ms. Klanecky wants to make a presentation to the City Council at the February 1, 2021 meeting.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:35 p.m.

1-20-2021

Date



Joel M. Bergman, Mayor



Laura Berthelsen, Deputy City Clerk