

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

Monday, November 2, 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, November 2, 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) 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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Bergman opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. regarding the "Resolution of Necessity 2020-23"; whereas, the Mayor and City Council find and determine that under the provisions of the Nebraska State Statutes 17-913 through 17-925, it is advisable or necessary to build, reconstruct, purchase, or otherwise acquire a sanitary sewer system in whole or in part inside or outside the City. The "Resolution of Necessity 2020-23" is also the authorization for the City to issue General Obligation bonds at a lower interest rate, instead of the utilization of a Revenue Bond, which is at a higher interest rate. City Clerk Beck published the "Notice of Proposed Resolution of Necessity" in the Phonograph Herald, a local newspaper on October 14, 2020 and October 21, 2020 as required by law.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the October 19, 2020 minutes; November 2, 2020 disbursements (General and Non-General Funds); and the October 28, 2020 zoning permits. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Ameritas Investment (Bond Interest)	1288.75
Ace Hardware (Supplies)	70.98
Beed, Elwin (Service)	2500.00
Blackburn Mfg (Supplies)	556.16
Bomgaars (Supplies)	707.53
Brennick, Cody (License Fee)	32.37
Charter Spectrum (Service)	209.96
City Health Deductible Savings (Insurance)	6534.00
City of St Paul 125 Plan (Insurance)	170.00
Clearly (Telephone)	170.90
Consumer Deposit (Transfer)	250.00
Custer Co Recycling (Service)	35.60
Dept of Health/Reg & License (Books)	380.00
Dept of Rev Waste Reduction (Fee)	5945.33
Diamond Engineering - Final (Service)	154990.02

Dick's Repair (Service)	426.12	
Dutton Lainson (Supplies)	2276.00	
Elmwood Cemetery (Service)	100.00	
Gorecki, Jeremy (Education)	135.34	
Heartland Disposal (Service)	100.00	
Holiday Inn Kearney (Education)	1539.30	
Hometown Mkt (Supplies)	28.00	
How. Co. Treasurer (CCCC) (Communication)	2782.05	
Howard Greeley REA (Utilities)	157122.23	
Jarecke Motors (Repair)	643.70	
Johnson Service Co. (Service)	4397.00	
LARM (Insurance)	32.20	
Loup Valley Supply (Supplies)	46.65	
Madison National Life (Insurance)	193.32	
Menards (Supplies)	550.62	
Municipal Supply (Supplies)	635.25	
Nebraska Machinery (Service)	131.47	
OfficeNet (Supplies)	12.69	
Olsson (Service)	8488.96	
Overland Ready Mix (Concrete)	916.85	
Parts Bin (Supplies)	461.39	
Petty Cash, City of SP (Supplies, Postage)	57.69	
Quick Med Claims (Service)	1467.68	
Regional Care Inc. (Insurance)	99.00	
RR Donnelley (Supplies)	84.12	
Sapp Bros Petroleum (Fuel)	715.00	
Servi-Tech (Lab)	244.70	
State of NE Central Service (Communication)	159.89	
State Dept of Revenue (Fee)	25.00	
Thiel Tire & Auto (Repair)	78.32	
Thompson Welding (Service)	140.00	
TO Haas (Repair)	263.70	
United Healthcare (Insurance)	23830.82	
United Life Insurance (Insurance)	4720.32	
US Postal Service (Postage)	460.00	
Verizon Wireless (Communication)	249.91	
Wesco (Supplies)	16.50	
Gross Wages for October 2020	121954.57	
Heritage Bank UB ACH (Fee)	25.00	
Non-General Disbursements		
Civic: Utility Bill (UB)	855.76	#1378
Keno: Dept of Revenue Qtrly Report 2% Gross July - Sept 2020	3477.22	#261
Sales Tax Money Market Transfer to Sales Tax Checking	50000.00	10/19/20
Sales Tax Money Market Transfer to Sales Tax Insured Cash Sweep (ICS)	50000.00	10/19/20
Street Fund- Motor Veh Tax: Sales Tax	6019.94	#1173
25% Infrastructure: Sales Tax	6807.78	#1174

Mayor Bergman opened the public comment period at 7:05 p.m. regarding the adoption of the "Resolution of Necessity 2020-23" pertaining to the new sewer improvements in Sewer Improvement District No. 2020-1. After hearing no comments, Mayor Bergman closed the public comment period at 7:06 p.m. Council member Thompson moved to approve the final adoption of the "Resolution of Necessity 2020-23"; whereas a description of the project is outlined in the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan that consists of the following: (a) furnishing all materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances to complete the design and

construction of two (2) Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) basins, a blower/lab/storage building, and a sludge storage lagoon; and (b) furnishing all materials, equipment, labor and appurtenance to complete the design, construction and installation of a new main lift station. The total estimated cost of the project is \$5.5 million. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Thompson moved to approve Olsson's (Jeff Pallk) Renewal of Agreement for Street Superintendent and Engineering services for the City from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Olsson's Scope of Services will include: (1) Street Superintendent Service - \$4,000 Fixed Fee and (2) Consulting Service regarding projects will not exceed \$5,000. There was no cost change from the previous year.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve Olsson's Change Order No. 2 (Final) regarding the 2019 St. Paul Paving Improvement Project #2018-3348 in the amount of \$38,346.92. The final change order was to rectify all final quantities of the project that included: (1) Howard Avenue had extra removal of pavement regarding driveways and sidewalks; and additional seeding. The extensive changes on Howard Avenue were the addition of curb inlet and pipe at the library; additional water work on Grant Street encountering of lead joints in various pipe; and reworking an existing inlet that was in poor condition; (2) Kendall Street (west section) had additional cracked panels that were replaced; there was a deduction on seeding and over excavation; (3) "M" Street had pavement removal and replacement additions; there was a deduction on seeding; (4) Paul Street was built per plan, with no changes; and (5) Kendall Street (east) removed more driveway in the Bootlegger parking lot; City placed some gravel in the area, along with a deduction on the concrete header. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The Howard Avenue seeding will carry a one (1) year warranty; Utility Superintendent Helzer retained a full bag of seed from Cloudburst if an area needs to be reseeded.

Council member Thompson moved to approve Olsson's Final Pay Request # 8 to Diamond Engineering Co. in the amount of \$154,990.02 regarding Project No. 018-3348 - 2019 St Paul Paving Improvement project. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Brian Friedrichsen with Olsson's provided a brief schedule regarding the new Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF): (1) Advertising for equipment (November 16, 2020); (2) WWTF bid opening (December 15, 2020); (3) Bid review / Study Session (December 17, 2020); and (4) WWTF award of bid (Tuesday, January 19, 2021).

Council member Thompson moved to approve the City transfer of funds from the Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) accounts in the amount of \$154,990.02 regarding the Olsson "final draw" invoice to Diamond Engineering regarding the 2019 St. Paul Paving Improvement Project #2018-3348. ICS withdrawals will come from the Street \$127,091.80; Sewer \$18,598.81; and Water \$9,299.41. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Sewer Commissioner Bill Gregoski and Utility Superintendent Matt Helzer provided a video presentation regarding a sewer main repair located south of 3rd and "O" Streets (gravel) northwest of Jim's Champlin Skyline Cafe. Sewer Commissioner Gregoski discovered the break while performing routine maintenance on the sewer line. The sewer line serves the majority of Matelyn Retirement facility, along with the homes north of the facility. The discovery was a 15 ft. clay tile breakage, along with a settled surface area. After a lengthy discussion concerning the three (3) options of repair, Council member Klanecky moved to approve Johnson Service Company, Kearney, NE Option 1, which included a "Cured in Place Point Repair Liners" in the approximate amount of \$5,800 to \$8,200, along with the repairs being expended from the Sales Tax 25% Infrastructure fund. The repair will take at least two (2) overlapping point repair liners, to make a patch 15 ft. long to repair multiple spots in the pipe (from 101' to 116'). The only unknown is whether there is a void outside the break in the pipe at 113'. If the void is large enough, the cracks may extend to the next joint due to the outward pressure on the pipe from

the packer ball being inflated to set the point repair liner against the host pipe. If this would occur, a 3rd liner may be needed to seal the rest of the pipe and overlap the joint with the liner onto a good section of pipe. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor & Kowalski voted aye, Council member Thompson voted nay. Motion carried 3/1. There is no guarantee with the repair, but it was stated that it should be a 50 year product. Sewer Commissioner Gregoski was instructed by the City Council to schedule a date with Johnson Service Co., Kearney, NE to get the repairs completed.

The ordinance directing and authorizing the sale of City property of all that portion of Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Seven (7) and Eight (8), Block Forty-Seven (47), Original Town and Mayor Bergman signing the Municipal Corporation Special Deed is postponed until Monday, November 16, 2020. This is due to Mrs. Urbanski wanting to receive legal advice on the land survey cost and a paving assessment.

Council member Klanecky moved to approve the City transfer of funds into the Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) accounts at Citizens Bank & Trust: Keno Money Market \$60,000; General Premium Investment \$20,000; and Library Maintenance \$15,000. The ICS funds will receive an interest rate of 1.40%, along with a no withdrawal penalty. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Chief of Police Paczosa was present to explain Police Officer Sharman's wage to be comparable with another City Police Officer's wage regarding the same years of service. If this is approved, the comparability wage increase needs to be completed by November 1, 2021. Council member Thompson moved to approve Police Officer Sharman's wage increase of a \$1.46 hourly on April 1, 2021 and another hourly wage increase of \$1.46 on October 1, 2021. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Next on the agenda for the second (2nd) time was the review and possible action regarding the Mayor, Council members, City Clerk and City Treasurer quarterly salary increases involving the attendance of City Council meetings and/or City Special meetings. Per NE State Statute 17-612; the salary of any elective officer in a City of a Second Class or Village shall not be increased or diminished during the term for which he or she has been elected except when there has been a combination and merger of offices as provided by sections 17-108.02 and 17-209.02, and except when there are officers elected to the City Council, a Board or Commission having more than one (1) member and the terms of one (1) or more members commence and end at different times, the compensation of all members of the City Council, Board, or Commission may be increased or diminished at the beginning of the full term of any member thereof. No person who resigned or vacated any office shall be eligible for the same office during the time for which he or she was elected if during the same time the salary was increased. After little debate on the topic and comparability, Council member Kowalski moved to approve a fifty percent (50%) increase across the board regarding the Mayor, Council member, City Clerk and Treasurers quarterly salary. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, Council members Klanecky & Kezeor voting nay. Mayor Bergman voted aye to break the tie. Motion carried 3/2. The new salary will be effective December 7, 2020, which includes: Mayor \$3,600; Council members \$2,400; City Clerk \$2,700; and City Treasurer \$2,400.

After a brief discussion regarding the City of St. Paul's Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA or Act) Employee Paid Leave policy, Council member Klanecky would like to see some minor changes to the policy. The item was tabled until the next meeting. The policy was emailed to City Attorney White and the IBEW 1597 Union City Representative Rich Michel. Mayor Bergman will assist City Clerk Beck in making the changes.

A brief discussion ensued on the celebration of the City of St. Paul's 150th Anniversary in 2021. Council member Klanecky stated that the celebration should be incorporated with the Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Days event. Council member Klanecky stated that she contacted the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce; St. Paul Rotary Club; St. Paul Historical Society and Ron Sack regarding the event. Stephanie Tartaglia stated that the GCA Day Committee may want to

contact Carol Quant regarding the Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Day theatre play. There will be more discussion in the future regarding the celebration.


Chief of Police Paczosa submitted an "Incident & Nuisance" report, along with reporting on police business such as (1) 2016 Chevy Impala repairs; (2) Police Continuing Education (CE) hours; and (3) Thefts.

Mayor Bergman updates included: a. U-Betcha Auto LB840 Loan paid in full; Deed of Trust released; b. the implementation of the new sales tax cannot begin until the first day of the calendar quarter that is at least 120 days following receipt by the Dept. of Revenue of the certified materials; implementation will begin April 1, 2021; c. Dana F. Cole & Co. will be auditing the City's 2019-2020 bookkeeping in November 2020; d. USDA will be auditing the Rural Economic Development Loan Grant (Redlg) program recipients in November 2020; e. City Clerk Beck is required to submit to the NE Dept. of Revenue on or before December 1, 2020 a copy of any new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) redevelopment project plans not previously reported or any amendments made to existing projects, along with a brief narrative; and f. the Anticipation Bond of \$910,000 will be called on November 23, 2020 regarding the Olsson Project #2018-3348.

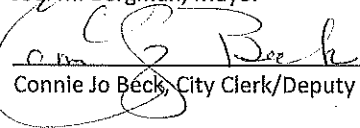
Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:36 p.m.

December 7, 2020

Date



Joel M. Bergman, Mayor



Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer