

City of St. Paul Regular Meeting  
704 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Paul, NE 68873

**Monday, September 14, 2020**  
**Special 2020-2021 Budget Meeting**

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, September 14, 2020 at 6:00 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 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 6:00 p.m. with the "Pledge of Allegiance" 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, along with thanking the public for attending.

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.

At the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, there was a voting impasse by the Council members regarding the approval of the proposed 2020-2021 Budget. NE State Statute requires that the Municipal budget must be submitted to the State Auditors Office by September 18, 2020. Therefore another Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2020.

Per City Auditor Gary Hinrichs from Dana F. Cole & Co., the City of St. Paul doesn't need to hold another 2020-2021 Budget public hearing regarding the meeting of Monday, September 14, 2020.

After a lengthy debate regarding the 2020-2021 Budget numbers concerning the Police Department, the Police secretary position and the City Office renovations, Council member Kowalski moved to approve the City of St. Paul's 2020-2021 Budget, with the stipulation that the \$35,000 in the General budget (Improvements) designated for Office renovation be reduced to \$10,000 and Sewer improvements be increased by \$25,000. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the **ADDITIONAL** one percent (1%) increase for the total allowable restricted fund authority. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve Resolution 2020-18, whereas the 2020-2021 property tax requests be set at \$644,129.89 for the General Fund and \$202,000.11 for the Bond Fund. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 1%. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.646803 per \$100 of assessed value. The City of St. Paul proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax to be \$.656800 per \$100 of assessed value. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the City of St. Paul will decrease from last year's by -29%. A copy of the resolution will be certified and forwarded to the Howard County Clerk on or before Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

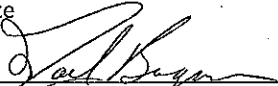
Council member Klanecky introduced Appropriation Ordinance #1011 for the operations of the General Fund and Utility funds necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities for the fiscal year

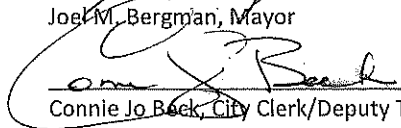
commencing on the first day of October 2020 and ending the last day of September 2021. Council member Kezeor waived the three (3) readings of Ordinance #1011 at three (3) different occasions. Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Council member Thompson moved for final passage of Ordinance #1011. Council member Klanecky seconded the motion. Council member Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:53 p.m.

10-5-20

Date

  
Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

  
Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer