

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

Monday, September 21, 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, September 21, 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.

The first item on the agenda was to discuss deeding over City property consisting of: All of Lot One (1), parts of Lots Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), and Eight (8), Block 47, Original Town to Jim's Truck Stop (JoAnn Urbanski). In attendance regarding the discussion of Block 47, O.T. was JoAnn Urbanski, Roger Finnigsmier and Virginia Schenck. Mrs. Urbanski hired Stevens Land Surveying LLC, Grand Island, NE to survey all of Block 47, O.T.; a plat was prepared to show the City of St. Paul the conditions on the ground regarding the property. Utility Superintendent Helzer explained the plat diagram pertaining to the owners in Block 47, O.T.; stating that the Jim's Truck Stop sign is positioned on City property, along with stating the placement of an old municipal well. The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) has no issues with the Stevens Land Surveying plat. NDOT requests that enough of the Right-of-Way (ROW) be retained for the functionality of US Highway 281. The NDOT asked not to be paid back for their portion of the costs, as the NDOT's name is not on any deeds. Mrs. Urbanski over paid \$1,658 for a portion of paving on Lot Eight (8), Block 47, O.T.; this is on ground that is partially owned by the City. There was a brief discussion on reimbursing Mrs. Urbanski for the paving, but this topic will be discussed more at the next City Council meeting. After City Attorney White stated that Block 47, O.T. has a calamity of errors that came about through the years, City Attorney White stated that the City can either keep, sell, or make it right with Mrs. Urbanski regarding the paving assessment. Per City Attorney White, the City property will need to be sold at public auction per NE State Statute 17-503.01 – Real property less than five (5) thousand dollars; sale; procedure. Mrs. Urbanski's parking lot paving in the amount of \$12,825 was also considered. Council member Kezeor moved to authorize a Resolution directing a sale of City property in Block 47, O.T., with a total fair market value of less than five (5) thousand

dollars to be placed on the agenda on Monday, October 5, 2020. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Per City Attorney White, Mrs. Urbanski can make a claim to the City regarding the portion of paving in Lot Eight (8), Block 47, O.T. that is owned by the City.

Council member Klanecky introduced Ordinance #1012; to vacate the 16 foot alley proceeding north and south in Block 47, Original Town of St. Paul, Howard County, Nebraska; reserving an easement; and to provide for an effective date. Council member Kezeor waived the three (3) readings of Ordinance #1012 at three (3) different occasions. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Council member Klanecky moved for final passage of Ordinance #1012. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council member Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Ordinance #1012 effective date is Friday, October 16, 2020.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the August 2020 Treasurer's Report; September 2019-2020 Fiscal Year end disbursements; September 14, 2020 zoning permits; and Police Officer Matt Costello attending the Officer Survival class in Grand Island, NE on October 26 - 27, 2020 to receive 16 Continuing Education (CE) hours. Council member Kezeor seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

September 2020 Mid-Month

Computer Management (Srv)	800.00
NE Dept Rev Sept 2020 Form 10 (Tax)	17805.03
Clearly (Phone)	147.04
NE Secretary of State (Fee)	30.00
David A. DeMary Estate (Ref)	13.18
Action Flag Co (Sup)	600.62
Aurora Coop (G&O)	828.35
Barco Municipal Products (Sup)	3809.60
Benzen EMS/Fire Consulting (Svc)	700.00
BJ's Garage (Srv)	1676.00
Black Hills Energy (Utl)	343.83
Christensen Insurance (Ins)	40.00
City Lights (Utl)	11121.20
Consolidated Management Co (Srv)	12.68
Core & Main (Sup)	684.61
Custer County Recycling (Srv)	34.20
Dept of Health & Human Services (Ref)	157.14
Dick's Repair (Srv)	151.10
Gall's Inc (Sup)	8.95
HD Graphix (Srv)	100.00
Heartland Disposal (Srv)	5344.01
Homestead Bank (Srv)	30.20
Hometown Market (Sup)	5.78
Howard County Register of Deeds (Srv)	16.00
Hydro Tech Inc (Srv)	108.63
Island Sprinkler Supply (Sup)	643.58
Jacobs Ford (Srv)	149.05
Jarecke Motors Inc (Srv)	77.44
Jims Champlin (G&O)	1185.50
John Deere Financial (Srv)	354.14
Koperski, LaDonna (Mil)	259.90
League of NE Municipalities (Edu)	325.00

MacQueen Equipment (Sup)	72.29
Menards (Sup)	222.18
Meyer, Deb (Edu)	82.80
Meyer, Nathan (Edu)	88.55
Michael Todd & Company (Sup)	5020.58
Mid-Nebraska Disp. (Srv)	3676.91
NE Municipal Clerks Assn (Edu)	70.00
OfficeNet (Sup)	420.16
One Call Concepts (Srv)	41.47
Open Caret (Srv)	200.00
Overland Ready Mixed (Srv)	499.50
Pierson, Kari (Edu)	70.73
Rally Point TC LLC (Edu)	249.00
Schaper & White (Clr)	306.25
S E Smith & Sons (Sup)	13.30
Swanson, Joe (Edu)	123.47
WESCO Distribution (Sup)	2043.29
Wilbert Memorials (Srv)	125.00

September 2020 Non-General Mid-Month

ICS: Trfr to Checking: Diamond Draw #7 (Trfr)	157120.87
Civic: Cardmember Service (Sup)	60.84
Civic: City of St. Paul (Utl)	1111.34
Sales Tax: Schaper & White (Srv)	247.92

At the City Council meeting on Monday, September 8, 2020 City Council member Klanecky questioned the depth of the Howard Avenue sidewalk of five (5") inches. Brian Friedrichsen with Olsson's performed core testing at two (2) separate sites just days after the meeting to determine the depth of the concrete; the core samples consisted of: (1) between 9th and Grant Street was 4 ¾ inches and (2) between Grant and Sherman Streets was 5 ¾ inches. Council member Kezeor moved to approve additional core testing at: (1) between Sherman and Sheridan Streets and (2) between Sheridan and Jackson Streets. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The results of the core testing will be at the Monday, October 5, 2020 City Council meeting for discussion.

Brian Friedrichsen with Olsson's invited the Mayor and City Council members to the Central City, NE Wastewater Treatment facility on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m. regarding the functionality of a "Sequential Batch Reactor" (SBR). Council member Klanecky wanted to bring awareness to a methane gas alarm regarding the City's new Wastewater Treatment facility. Also discussed was a Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy (NDEE) planning grant in the amount of \$20,000; City match is 10%. The grant will be utilized for the planning & design stage of the City's Wastewater Treatment facility. A resolution will be considered on Monday, October 5, 2020 City Council meeting.

Council member Klanecky moved to approve Jennifer M. Mitteis (1013 Grand) as a City of St. Paul Rescue Squad EMT, with the stipulation that the St. Paul Fire Department approves the application. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kezeor, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Ms. Mitteis was approved by the St. Paul Rescue Squad on July 27, 2020.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve setting a sun-setter date on the sales tax ballot question once a bond term date has been set for the new Sewer Treatment Facility; this is per the stipulation that the sales tax ballot question passes. 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 two (2) Property Improvement applications regarding: (1) Christensen Management Services, Inc. dba Christensen Insurance (Jim Christensen) 219 Howard Avenue - updating of business signage in the amount of \$1,265; and (2) Twin Loups Quality Meat (Robert Strong) 805 Howard Avenue - concrete work regarding the front entrance sidewalk and load out area in the amount of \$1,250. 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 consideration was placing a street light at the west end of Paul Street at US Hwy 92. Howard County would absorb the cost of the material and the City would absorb the cost of the labor to erect the pole. City Electrical Commissioner Thompson stated that the only cost to the City would be two (2) hours of labor to complete the task. Howard County and possibly the State of Nebraska will need to submit a proposal, along with submitting a "permit to occupy" prior to the installation of the light pole.

After little debate concerning the City's non-union employee wages, Council member Kowalski moved to approve a 3% increase regarding the non-union employee wages effective October 1, 2020. This includes the City Clerk, Utility Superintendent, Chief of Police, Police Sergeant and two (2) Police Officers. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Klanecky, Kowalski & Thompson voted aye, Council member Kezeor voted nay. Motion carried 3/1.

Utility Superintendent Helzer updates included: (1) Cloudburst will begin work on sprinklers and seeding on Howard Avenue this coming Wednesday or Thursday; (2) Johnson Service will be in town to unplug a storm sewer between Elm and Farnum Streets on US Hwy 281; and (3) brief discussion on the American Legion Post #119 storm sewer pipe on US Hwy 281.


Chief of Police Paczosa submitted an "Incident & Nuisance" report, along with reporting on police business regarding a burglary, subpoena, schooling and receiving an additional Police Secretary application.

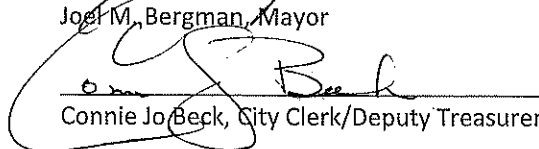
Council member Klanecky had questions regarding the City agenda being on the City website; the question was answered by City Clerk Beck.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:31 p.m.

10-5-20

Date


Joel M. Bergman, Mayor


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer