

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

Monday, April 5, 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, April 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Council members 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 §84-1407 through §84-1414. Mayor Bergman also stated that the City Council may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by NE State Law §84-1410.

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. Also, any City patrons that are requesting "Public Records" or have "Questions or Concerns" in regards to the City, they need to be submitted in writing to the City of St. Paul, so that it can be addressed appropriately. These forms are available online, in a file folder on the back wall of the Council Chambers or at the City Office.

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 a public hearing at 7:03 p.m. regarding the consideration of adopting the levy of special assessment, along with setting an interest rate for Street Improvement District 2014-1 (Howard Avenue) and Street Improvement Projects 2020-1 ("M" Street); 2020-2 (Paul Street); and 2020-3 (Kendall Street East).

St. Paul Swimming Pool Manager Kristy Smith was present to discuss the 2021 Swimming pool wages; admission fees; opening/closing hours; aerobics class; and concessions. It was also stated by St. Paul Pool Manager Smith that she wanted to follow the Wood River Municipal pool contract form and the admission rates. There are no restrictions to the Directed Health Measures (DHM) guidelines at this time; therefore, the swimming pool will go back to normal business with minimal changes. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the increase of swimming pool admission rates; Brandon Nowak was present, stating that he will donate funds to keep the swimming pool admission rates low, so that it can be affordable for families. Council member Kowalski moved to approve: **(1) Wages:** a \$.25 cent hourly increase for all pool employees: 1st year \$8.25; 2nd year \$8.50; 3rd year \$8.75; 4th year \$9.00; 5th year \$9.25; 6th year \$9.50; Assistant Manager \$11.75; and Manager \$16.25. Employees teaching Red Cross lessons will receive an additional \$.25 cents hourly; **(2) Swimming pool pass:** Anyone purchasing a pool pass beginning today (April 5, 2021) through June 30, 2021 will pay the "2019" swimming pool rate; Mr. Nowak will absorb the sales tax rate during this period: Family \$110; Single \$55; Senior (55+) \$50; Daily \$4. Any pool passes purchased July 1, 2021 through the close of the pool, will pay the "2021" admission rate: Family \$120; Single \$65; Senior (55+) \$50; Daily \$4; and age four (4) and under is free; the City will back out the 6.50% City tax for the "2021" rates. At least one (1) parent must accompany their children; **(3) Swimming pool hours** will be from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and adult swimming is from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; **(4) Aerobics:** Monday & Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and **Fitness:** Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For swimming lessons contact the City Office. Council member Schmid seconded

the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Mayor Bergman opened the public comment period at 7:52 p.m. to hear paving assessment objections; consider adopting a levy of special assessments; and setting an interest rate for the above Street Improvement District and Projects.

Brian Friedrichsen with Olsson's was present to discuss and answer any questions regarding the 2019 St. Paul Improvement project assessments. The topics discussed were: (a) the assessments; possibility to amend Melvin & Linda Schmaderer's and Anthony Fanta's per City Engineer - Olsson; (b) interest rate; (c) sprinklers concerning the Fuller, Rowley and Brandt properties; (d) removal of rock at 9th Street and Howard Avenue; and (e) City has extra grass seed for Howard Avenue patrons.

Mayor Bergman closed the public comment period at 8:14 p.m.

Council member Schmid moved to approve Resolution 2021-2A, adopting the levy of special assessments regarding Street Improvement District 2014-1 (Howard Avenue) and Street Improvement Projects 2020-1 ("M" Street); 2020-2 (Paul Street); and 2020-3 (Kendall Street East). This comes with the exception that Olsson's (City Engineer) will verify the accuracy of the assessment figures for Melvin & Linda Schmaderer and Anthony Fanta, along with setting an interest rate of 3.15 % for fifteen (15) years. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Note: Exhibit A - City of St. Paul Notice of Levy of Special Assessment and Notice of Meeting set for Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. was published in the Phonograph Herald on February 24, 2021, March 3, 2021, March 10, 2021, March 17, 2021 and March 24, 2021. The Assessments are payable in fifteen (15) equal installments, the first of which shall become delinquent not less than fifty (50) days (May 31, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.) from the date of adoption of Resolution 2021-2A stated above in this paragraph. The 1st principal payment shall become delinquent on June 1, 2021. If the first installment becomes delinquent, it will carry a 14% interest rate by NE State Statute 45-104.01. The assessment can be paid monthly, annually or in full at any time.

After a brief narrative from Council member Schmid regarding selling City bricks, Council member Thompson moved to approve selling the City bricks to individuals or non-profit organizations that live in St Paul. The bricks will be 20¢ for individuals and free for non-profit organizations; the bricks need to be picked up at the City lagoon area between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A liability waiver must be signed at the City Office prior to collecting the bricks. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Contact the City Office prior to picking up the bricks or if you have any questions. There was a brief discussion on utilizing the bricks for the Downtown Revitalization (DTR) project or for a City welcome sign.

Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) President Brandon Nowak was present to discuss the GCA Day "operation" and "fireworks" funding, along with street closings. Mr. Nowak stated that Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Days is a great time to "showcase" St. Paul.

Council member Feeken moved to approve the Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Day committee requesting "operation" funding in the amount of \$3,000 to be absorbed by the Keno funds; this will be utilized for GCA Days and the 150th Celebration of St. Paul and Howard County. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid and Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Day committee requesting fireworks funding in the amount of \$4,000 to be absorbed by Keno funds. The fireworks will be on Friday, July 9, 2021 beginning at 8:00 p.m. at 4th and Indian Streets (East of swimming pool). Rain date is scheduled for Sunday, July 11, 2021. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Schmid moved to approve the Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Day closure of streets on Friday, July 9, 2021 and Saturday, July 10, 2021: (1) 4th Street between Howard Avenue and Jay Streets and (2) Indian Street between 4th and 6th Streets. Council member

Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

St. Paul Civic Center Director Sarah Townsend was present for the discussion of purchasing a refrigerator for the Civic Center concession stand. Mrs. Townsend and others considers it a necessity, due to having the new bleacher seating, along with many activities taking place in the facility. Council member Schmid moved to approve the St. Paul Civic Center purchasing a single glass door merchandiser refrigerator, costing between \$500 to \$1,200, along with the stipulation that the Civic Center Advisory Committee approves the purchase. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Prior to the approval of the Consent Agenda, there was a brief discussion on Zoning Permit Application 2021-5 pertaining to a replacement of an existing fence. Planning Commissioner Chairman Jerry Woodgate read the City Zoning Regulations – Fence, Walls, Hedges and Trees 9.8.09. Council member Feeken moved to approve Consent Agenda items: (1) Zoning Permits of March 29, 2021; (2) March 15, 2021 minutes; (3) April 5, 2021 disbursements; (4) St. Paul Fire Department 2021 Billing Rates. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

April 5, 2021 Disbursements

Heritage Bank (UB ACH Fee)	25.00
Payroll: March 2021	75691.86
Quick Med Claims (Service)	481.72
Bomgaars (supplies)	389.66
Cardmember Svc (education, supplies, postage)	4149.10
Charter Spectrum (service)	209.96
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	6534.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	170.00
Construction Rental (supplies)	950.23
Core & Main (supplies)	436.96
Crescent Electric (supplies)	492.81
Custer County Recycling (service)	40.80
Danko Emergency Equip (supplies)	180.00
Dick's Repair (service)	77.15
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	168.38
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	200.00
Entech Pest Management (service)	85.00
Filtercare of Nebraska (service)	42.85
Greenwalt, Scott (meal, mileage)	91.59
Hawkins (chemicals)	2051.65
Heartland Disposal (service)	113.00
Holiday Inn (lodging)	1539.30
Hometown Market (supplies)	25.74
Howard Co. Treasurer (dispatch fee)	2782.05
Howard Co. Register of Deeds (fees)	30.00
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	155635.71
HTM Sales (supplies)	144.74
Jarecke Motors (repair)	947.62
Jerabek, Randy (meal, mileage)	47.70
LCL Truck Equipment (supplies)	130.77
Loup Rivers Scenic Byway (dues)	25.00
Loup Valley Supply (supplies)	18.45
MacQueen Equipment (supplies)	694.06
Madison National Life (insurance)	182.58
Meyer, Nathan (meal & mileage)	184.00
Municipal Supply (supplies)	850.00
NE Public Health Environment (lab)	247.00
Nebraska UC Fund (tax)	880.00
OfficeNet (supplies)	29.97

Olsson (engineering)	36210.59
One Call Concepts (service)	5.76
Paczosa, Marcus (meal, mileage)	81.98
Parts Bin (supplies)	416.91
Petty Cash (meals)	30.80
Regional Care (insurance)	93.50
Sherwin Williams (supplies)	1720.35
SiteOne Landscape (supplies)	2808.51
SE Smith & Sons (supplies)	210.21
Smith Welding (service)	41.90
State of Nebraska Central Svcs (telephone)	5.71
Sterling West (supplies)	85.00
TO Haas (repair)	45.12
Uline (supplies)	34.00
United Healthcare (insurance)	22037.64
V-Bar Trailer Sales (repair)	311.75
Verizon Wireless (phones)	184.48

April 5, 2021 Non-General

Homestead Bank: Civic Check Order	19.73
St. Paul Dev Corp: Bed Head (TIF) (Tax Credit)	103.48
S. Squared-Enterp: Prairie Fall (TIF)	1030.53
City of St. Paul: MAD Dev (TIF)	395.54
MAD Development (TIF)	395.53
Street Fund: Motor Vehicle Tax (Sales Tax)	4535.76
25% Infrastructure Fund (Sales Tax)	6256.88
Civic: City of St. Paul (utilities)	2566.89
Civic: Sarah Townsend (service)	300.00
Civic: Myers Heating & A/C (service)	303.00
Civic: Charter/Spectrum (service)	181.95
Civic: Uline (supplies)	86.45
Civic: Entech Pest Mgmt (service)	85.00
Civic: Verizon (service)	41.12
Sales Tax: Bed Head Coffee (Prop Improve)	3388.38
25% Infrast: gWorks (Agreement)	18000.00
Civic Sinking: Loup River Pump Co. (Repairs)	2569.19
Civic: Cardmember Svc (supplies, concessions)	454.64
Civic: Heartland Disposal (service)	80.00
Home Depot Pro (supplies)	192.55
St. Paul Dev Corp: Operating Budget (sales tax)	30000.00

Council member Schmid moved to approve City's 2019-2020 Financial Statement transfers into the Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) accounts for: (1) Ambulance \$15,254; and (2) Library \$29,577, along with City Clerk Beck deducting (\$27,152) from the Cemetery's ICS account to reimburse the General Cemetery account at Homestead Bank. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council member Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Utility Superintendent Helzer reported on the upcoming "Spring Clean-up" that will be held from Friday, April 9, 2021 through Sunday, April 18, 2021.

City Council member Feeken reported on the U.S. Dept. of Treasury American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds; the Treasury will be issuing "Guidelines" on how to expend the funds. The City needs to have a public input session regarding the transparency of funds.

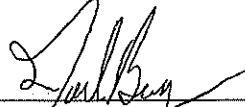
Mayor Bergman updates:

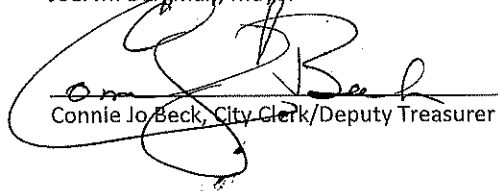
- (1) City's electrical Production Cost Adjustment (PCA) credit for February 2021 is \$16,599.18;
- (2) American Rescue Act (ARP) plan was signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021; \$65.1 billion is allocated to the nation's 19,000 cities. The funds can be utilized for "water, sewer and

broadband"; (3) a bid "Notice" will go into the Phonograph Herald on May 5, 2021 and May 12, 2021 regarding the hay harvesting at the City Recycling Center north of St. Paul; (4) City received a sewer lagoon rent payment in the amount of \$3,500; and (5) City received a League Association of Risk Management (LARM) reimbursement for a damaged Civic Center heating system well-head in the amount of \$1,569.19.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 9.28 p.m.

4-20-21
Date


Joel M. Bergman, Mayor


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer