

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

Tuesday, July 6, 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 Tuesday, July 6, 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.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) June 21, 2021 Council minutes; (2) June 28, 2021 zoning permits; (3) July 6, 2021 disbursements; and (4) Two (2) Special Designated Liquor (SDL) applications regarding: 1) Tall Tree Tasting - Denise Pahl (#122009) Beatrice, NE on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a Birthday Party at the St. Paul Civic Center (423 Howard Avenue; 2) Howard County Medical Center Foundation (#47-0737522) on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for Dueling Pianos at the St. Peter & Paul Parish Hall (713 Elm Street). Identification will be checked, along with wristbands being utilized for underage drinking and all Directed Health Measures (DHM) are to be followed if necessary. Chief of Police Daniel Howard approved both SDL's; and (5) St. Paul Rescue Squad's 2021 Rate Change Request regarding EMT runs; the St. Paul Rescue Squad kept the current rates. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

July 6, 2021 Disbursements

Gross Payroll - June 2021	95122.26
Adamson, Tom (book)	8.00
Advanced Climate Control (repair)	1313.22
Amazon Capital Services (books)	4798.36
American Legal Publishing (publish)	371.00
Berthelsen, Laura (supplies)	96.73
BJ's Garage (repair)	159.00
Bomgaars (supplies)	498.15
Border States (supplies)	88.67
Cardmember Svc (supplies, postage)	159.12
CEI Security Sound (repair)	1116.50

Cengage Learning (books)	98.32
Charter Spectrum (service)	229.96
Chesterman Coca-Cola (concessions)	116.77
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	6534.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	150.00
Collaborative Summer Reading (supplies)	51.03
Consumer Deposit: C. Thompson (Utility Dep)	250.00
Core & Main (supplies)	1186.00
Custer County Recycling (service)	33.50
Demko (supplies)	731.08
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	232.98
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	100.00
Entech Pest Management (service)	135.00
Heartland Disposal (service)	513.00
Heritage Bank UB ACH Fee (Fee)	25.00
Hometown Market (supplies)	386.84
Howard Co. Treasurer (dispatch fee)	2782.05
Howard Co. Reg of Deeds (recording fees)	10.00
Internal Revenue Service (fee)	43.18
Island Sprinkler Supply (supplies)	303.12
Mad Science (program)	435.00
Madison National Life (insurance)	161.10
Midwest Radar & Equipment (service)	120.00
Municipal Supply (supplies)	2378.80
NE Public Health Environment (lab)	274.00
Odeys Inc (supplies)	1126.00
Olsson (engineering)	37072.19
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	780.90
Parts Bin (supplies)	219.18
Quick Med Claims (Service)	894.27
Regional Care (insurance)	82.50
SE Smith & Sons (supplies)	10.26
Sherwin Williams (supplies)	33.10
Smith Welding (service)	16.41
State of Nebraska Central Svcs (telephone)	159.73
Van Diest Supply (chemicals)	285.50
Verizon Wireless (phones)	184.52
Ben Pavelka Enterprises (concrete crush)	
\$40,734.40	

July 6, 2021 Non-General

Sales Tax: Street Motor Veh Tax	8270.53
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure	8035.18
Civic: Entech Pest Mgmt (service)	85.00
Civic: Weber, Ashley (Summer Rec)	260.00
Civic: Kanter, Linda (Summer Rec)	205.00
Civic: Kramer, Alexis (Summer Rec)	60.00
Civic: Hometown Market (Summer Rec)	472.04
Civic: Herrick, Kyndsay (Summer Rec)	610.00
Civic: Verizon (service)	41.13
Civic: Heartland Disposal (service)	80.00

The Howard County Communication Dispatcher wage has not been updated since the 2018-2019 Budget, therefore, Howard County Commissioner Kathy Hirschman, Mayor Joel Bergman, Chief of Police Daniel Howard and City Clerk Connie Jo Beck met on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 to review and update the new dispatcher wage. Council member Thompson moved to approve the 2021-2022 Howard County Communication Dispatcher wage of \$3,122.42; the formula is

based on the 2004 Interlocal Agreement regarding the Operation, Maintenance and Participation in the Howard County Communications Center. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Schmid moved to approve accepting the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds in the amount of \$412,912; along with opening an interest bearing account to keep the bookkeeping orderly. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The Mayor and Council members were in agreement to have a special meeting to receive public input regarding the utilization of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the City Council meeting.

Council member Thompson moved to approve paying \$11,765.23 to pay the Civic Center (Pledge) loan #50354 in full; this will be absorbed by sales tax funds. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The original amount of the pledge loan was \$405,000 that was dated August 2017.

After a brief discussion on paying additional principal on the 2nd Civic Center loan (#50353), the Council members were in agreement to keep the principal payment the same, so that the sales tax fund could build value. The current principal payment on the loan is \$64,087 and the current loan balance is \$886,849. The item will be reviewed annually during budget time to see whether the principal amount merits an increase. On August 1, 2022 per the loan agreement, a new variable interest rate will be set regarding the loan.

Next on the agenda for discussion was COR Managed Service (Doug Cramer) requesting to update the City's wireless equipment in the Council Chamber and City Office, along with moving the City employee emails from a physical server to Office 365 Cloud; the purpose is for cyber security. The cost to move 17 employee emails from the physical server to Office 365 Cloud would be an additional cost of \$100 per month to the current agreement. COR Managed Services is trying to remove employees off the office exchange server, also for the purpose of security issues. This would be a one (1) time fee of \$1,000 to update the wireless equipment; and a one (1) time labor fee of \$1,400 to move the employee's email to Office 365 Cloud. The effective date would be October 1, 2021. The item was tabled until City Clerk Beck could get further information regarding Office 365.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the St. Paul Police Department purchasing five (5) Glock 17 Gen5 9mm guns, four (4) weapon Streamlight Tac gun mounted lights and four (4) Safariland Level 3 gun holsters with hood from Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, South Sioux City, NE. Jack's Uniform will give the St. Paul Police Department a credit of \$900 for the City's four (4) .40 caliber Smith & Wesson weapons; this will bring the total invoice to \$2,310.10. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The Police 2020-2021 Budget has sufficient funds to absorb the cost. It is a requirement for the Police Department to qualify shoot once annually.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the St. Paul Police Department purchasing two new (2) computers from Computer Managed Services (COR) for the Police Department. The front computer in the Police Department is dated and operates slowly; this would be replaced with a new/larger capacity computer costing \$2,940. This computer will be utilized to download dash camera, body camera videos, and photos. The second new computer costing \$1,768 would be utilized by Police Officers Costello and Rawlings; the front office used computer would be utilized by Sergeant Greenwalt. All the computer parameters were reviewed by Doug Cramer with COR Managed Services. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The computers will be absorbed by the Police and General 2020-2021 Budget. Mayor Bergman gave a brief update regarding police cruiser laptops for electronic citations intended for the future.

The Mayor and City Council members were in agreement to set the 2021-2022 Budget Workshop on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., along with setting a special meeting to receive public input regarding the 2021-2022 Budget on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Utility Superintendent Helzer reported on Todd and Michelle Padrnos's storage container at 108 Howard Avenue; the container was to be removed off the property by June 30, 2021.

St. Paul Police Department updates: Sergeant Greenwait stated that the On-Call Police Officer pay agreement needs to be placed on a future agenda to be updated. The Police Dept. also provided an "Incident & Nuisance" report.

Mayor Bergman thanked local businesses and residents concerning the clean-up of their properties.

Council member Thompson gave a brief update on the placement of the "St. Paul Welcome Sign" at the City north-yards, along with discussing repair work to the City parking lot west of the City Office.

Mayor Bergman updates included: (1) A certified letter has been sent to Todd & Michelle Padrnos (2nd Phase) regarding a nuisance hearing on Monday, July 19, 2021 Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. (2) Sales Tax revenue; (3) The South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD) released the five (5) year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for a 30-day public review. The five (5) year CEDS is a compilation of regional analysis and strategic planning that will guide the work of the District over the next five (5) years; (4) Governor Ricketts announced the state proclamation (declaring an emergency) associated the response and recovery to COVID-19 ended Wednesday, June 30, 2021. The City Council has no authority to hold meetings subject to the Open Meeting Act by virtual conferencing as provided in Section 84-1411(7); and (5) the attendance to the 2021 Nebraska Ag and Economic Development Summit in Kearney, NE on August 3 - 4, 2021.

For Public Announcements: Mayor Bergman stated that Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Days will be this weekend on Friday, July 9th; Saturday, July 10th; and Sunday, July 11, 2021 in St. Paul, NE.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:04 p.m.

July 19, 2021
Date

Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer