

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

Monday, August 2, 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, August 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Council members Katie Kowalski, Jerry Thompson & Chuck Schmid. Absent: Council member Feeken. 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, and his daughter, Kira Bergman 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.

Brad Slaughter, Piper & Sandler Senior Vice-President and Chad Rupe, Citizens Bank & Trust Market President were in attendance to discuss the City of St. Paul's 2021-2022 Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) interim financing interest rates; this is based on a \$3,030,000 principal balance. Mr. Slaughter presented a one (1) and a two (2) year amortization schedule with the interest rates ranging from .89% to 1.35%; Mr. Rupe presented a one (1) and two (2) year interest rate quote of 1.45%. After a brief discussion between the Mayor and Council members, Mr. Slaughter spoke on behalf of Citizens Bank & Trust, stating that their interest rate is very competitive and working with them will be easy, and hopefully as the City gets reimbursed by the NE Dept. of Environment & Energy (NDEE) the City can limit the interest expense. Council member Thompson moved to approve utilizing Citizens Bank & Trust for the WWTF interim financing. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson & Schmid voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Next on the agenda was to discuss the Thiel Tire & Auto nuisance in the alley by the St. Paul Civic Center's East parking lot. Utility Superintendent Helzer explained the property pin placement, along with reading the Real Estate Purchase Agreement that was approved by the City Council on October 15, 2018. The Agreement reads: Whereas the intended use of the property is for public parking for the St. Paul Civic Center, Grantee agrees to purchase the property subject to a covenant running with the land that prohibits the future use of the property as a retail store and/or an automotive repair business. Council member Schmid stated that the tractor, weeds and tires need to be removed; the alley cannot be closed, due to a waterline being present. The Mayor and Council members agreed that the alley needs to be cleaned, maintained and organized. Mr. Montemagni and Mr. Thiel agreed; the alley problem will be remedied.

Vincent Christensen from Christensen Insurance Agency gave a brief presentation on an EMC National Life Insurance plan for EMT's, Firefighter's, as well as Board Members and Permanent Municipal Employees. Cedar Valley Insurance Agency, Inc. has partnered with EMC National Life to offer a Group Term Life Insurance program specifically designed for NE Volunteer Fire Departments/Rescue Squads that also covers Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits. After a brief discussion regarding the subject, there were no St. Paul Rescue Squad members or Firefighters present to speak on behalf of the new life insurance. The item was tabled until Monday, August 16, 2021, so that City Clerk Beck can contact the St Paul Fire and Rescue, along with the Rural Fire Board regarding their presence and opinion at the meeting. The City Office will also check with Christensen Insurance regarding the City employee life insurance to see if EMC would be comparable to Madison Life.

Council member Thompson moved to approve Krystal M. Carter as the new Corporate Manager for Casey's Retail Store (License D-119770) in St. Paul, Nebraska. Chief of Police Howard performed a background check on Ms. Carter, stating that he didn't have any problems with Ms. Carter. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson & Schmid voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Schmid moved to approve Consent Agenda Items: (1) July 19, 2021 Council minutes (regular), July 20, 2021 Council minutes (2021-2022 Budget Workshop); and July 22, 2021 Council minutes (Special - Purchase City Police vehicle); (2) July 26, 2021 zoning permits; (3) August 2, 2021 disbursements; and (4) Devan Wilkins as a St. Paul Rescue Squad EMT; he is currently licensed and employed in St. Paul. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson & Schmid voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Disbursements August 2, 2021

July Payroll	106432.35
Consumer Deposit (UB Deposit)	250.00
American Rescue Plan (ARP Transfer)	206456.21
Quick Med Claims (Runs 15% Bill Fee)	544.47
Amazon Capital Svcs (books, supplies)	1401.02
Bomgaars (supplies)	1102.95
Cardmember Svcs (postage, supplies, class)	1567.87
Cengage Learning (books)	32.37
Charter/Spectrum (service)	229.96
Christensen Concrete (supplies)	273.00
City Health Ded. Savings (Insurance)	6534.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	150.00
Custer Co. Recycling (service)	36.50
Danko Emergency Equip (supplies)	295.00
Demco (supplies)	515.20
Dick's Repair (repair)	713.10
Goettsche, Roger (supplies)	51.88
Hach Company (supplies)	348.48
Heartland Disposal (service)	675.00
Heritage Bank (UB ACH Fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank (Wire Fee 2016 Series Bond)	8.00
Hometown Market (supplies)	351.27
Howard Co Medical Ctr (lab)	71.00
Howard Co. Treasurer (dispatch fee)	2782.05
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	169762.71
Hydro Optimization (supplies)	695.00
John Deere Financial (supplies)	887.89
Killinger Electric (supplies)	23.54
League of NE Municipalities (dues)	5282.00
Madison National Life (insurance)	214.80
NE State Fire Marshall (service)	36.00

NPAS (supplies)	104.89
NE Public Health Envir. (lab)	178.00
Nebtech Calibration (supplies)	844.79
OfficeNet (supplies)	36.00
Olsson (engineering)	5587.83
Overhead Door (repair)	499.46
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	563.12
Parts Bin (supplies)	416.48
Penworthy Company (books)	675.19
Petty Cash (supplies, postage)	33.24
Phonograph Herald (publishing)	473.06
Piper Sandler & Co (Refund 2016 Series Bond)	11548.33
Regional Care (insurance)	110.00
SE Smith & Sons (supplies)	270.93
SOS Inc (supplies)	1040.00
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	161.69
Steadfast Builders (service)	1058.50
Tartaglia, Paul (labor)	180.00
TASC (fee)	150.00
T O Haas Tire (service)	1459.71

Non-General Disbursements

TIF: S. Squared Enterp. (Tif)	685.71
Civic: Sarah Townsend - cleaning	300.00
Civic: Stefanie Neal - Summer Rec	600.00
Civic: Home Depot Pro - Supplies	292.40
Civic: Charter Spectrum - internet	192.95
Civic: Matt Koehn-Fairbanks-Summer Rec	280.00
Sales Tax: Street Mtr Veh Tax (tax)	4260.37
Sales Tax: Trfr to 25% Infrast.	7935.50
Sales Tax: Fritz Lee (PIP, 704 6 th) \$5000.00	
Insured Cash Sweep (Police) (Vehicle)	23650.00

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) 2021-2022 Renewal Resolution No. 2021-05. This would provide a written notice of termination at least 180 days and a two (2) year commitment, with a four percent (4%) discount. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson & Schmid voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Thompson moved to approve Resolution 2021-6; whereas the City of St. Paul Council hereby directs the sale of personal property described as follows: 2010 Chevrolet / Tahoe K1500 LTZ - White Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) in the following manner and terms: The sale shall be by Sealed Bid and/or by a "Dealership". The sealed bids must be received by Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the City Office, 704 6th Street, St. Paul, Nebraska. The City Clerk shall cause notice of the sale and terms to be given pursuant to Neb Rev Stat 17-503.02. The City believes the fair market value to exceed \$5,000 and therefore said "Notice of Sale" shall be published once in a legal newspaper of general circulation at least seven (7) days prior to the sale of the property. Said publication will be on August 11, 2021. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids for the 2010 Chevrolet / Tahoe K1500 LTZ Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV). Resolution will be published in the St. Paul Phonograph Herald. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson & Schmid voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Next on the agenda for discussion was paying the hourly wage of \$20 regarding the City's Police Department's part-time and contract labor concerning Police Officer's Trev Sharman (employee part-time); Mike Coghian (employee part-time); and Paul Tartaglia (contract labor). Bill Peters was present to question the difference between the Police Officers being employee part-time or contract laborer. Mr. Peters was satisfied with City Clerk Beck's answer. Also questioned by

Mr. Peters was the 2021-2022 Budget hourly wage regarding Chief Dan Howard. City Clerk Beck stated that non-union hourly wages have not been discussed yet, but the City Clerk will be adjusting Chief Dan Howard's wage; no action was taken.

Chief Dan Howard noticed black mold on a large area of drywall in the Police "evidence room"; the City Police Dept. will repair the damage after a call to the LARM Insurance Co. for cleanup instructions.

Todd & Michelle Padrnos have removed the cargo container from 108 Howard Avenue. Chief Dan Howard recommends that the citation be dismissed. Council member Kowalski moved to approve the recommendation from Chief Howard in dismissing the cargo container citation. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson & Schmid voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. Chief Howard will contact the court regarding the dismissal.

Utility Superintendent Helzer updates included: (1) St. Paul Swimming Pool's last day will be on Sunday, August 8, 2021; (2) St. Paul Senior Center purchased an LED message sign; the City Electrical Dept. erected the sign; and (3) Olsson's will have a Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) final design review meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

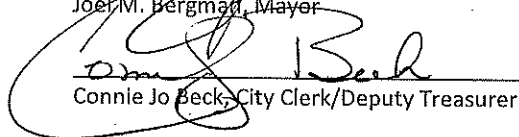
Chief of Police Howard updates: The next Law Enforcement Basic Training class has been filled; therefore, Officer Moriah Rawlings will be attending the basic training in January 2022. Due to NE LB51, Officer Rawlings will not be able to perform the duties as a law enforcement officer. The Police Dept. will utilize her as an ordinance officer. She will be assisting with the Police Department's National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) reports, which are required by the NE Crime Commission regarding the collection / reporting data on crime in the perspective jurisdiction. Officer Rawlings will be taking a fitness test in August 2021.

Mayor Bergman updates included: (1) Letter received from the State of NE Attorney General's Office from a complaint that was filed by Eugene Killinger on February 9, 2021 concerning five (5) alleged "Open Meeting" violations. The NE Attorney General's Office stated that the City Council has not violated the "Open Meetings" Act with respect to the issues raised in the complaint. (2) Reminder of Special meetings: Utilization of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds on Monday, August 9, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. AND also to receive Public Input on the 2021-2022 City Budget from 6:31 p.m. to close of meeting. (3) City's final design review meeting regarding the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) will be on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. with Olsson (Brian Friedrichsen); start thinking of advertising the project and bid dates; (4) the Mayor & Council members are invited to a graduation party (University of Nebraska - Lincoln) in honor of Moriah Rawlings on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at Riverview Lanes; (5) the Mayor & Council members are invited to an Olsson BBQ on August 6, 2021 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Olsson parking lot; (6) the Police 2016 Ford Interceptor and equipment have been insured through LARM in the amount of \$45,000; (7) Mike Nevrvy emailed a recap of last year's Keno activity; (8) St. Paul Development Corp. Executive Director Mike Coghlan submitted an April - June 2021 General Ledger report for Council review; (9) the Annual League of NE conference will be on September 23 - 24, 2021 at the Cornhusker Hotel; and (10) the City is receiving reimbursement funds from the GCA Days event regarding the SOS invoice.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:27 p.m.

8-16-2021
Date


Joel M. Bergman, Mayor


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

City of St. Paul Job Titles and Salaries of Employees shall be published per NE Statute 19-1102:
Non-union: Utility Superintendent - \$33.94; City Clerk - \$31.60; Chief of Police - \$26.50 (eligible for an increase @ six-months); Police Sergeant - \$25.55; Police Officers - \$19.19 to \$22.77; Library Employees - \$11.04 - \$17.51; Housekeeping - \$15.00
Seasonal Hourly Wages: Cemetery/Sewer - \$10.00 - \$11.85; Landfill - \$11.85; Pool Employees - \$8.25 - \$16.25; and EMT's (transports) - \$15.00
Union Hourly: Light Commissioner - \$33.65; Lineman - \$29.68; Water Commissioner - \$30.23; Water Operator - \$22.95; Sewer Superintendent - \$25.49; Street Commissioner - \$25.47; Equipment Operator - \$20.00; Parks Manager - \$22.79; Deputy City Clerk - \$21.65; Payroll Clerk - \$18.66; Utility Clerk - \$20.89
Mayor - \$3,600; City Council - \$2,400; City Treasurer - \$2,400; City Clerk - \$2,700