

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

Monday, October 4, 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, October 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Council members Katie Kowalski, Jerry Thompson, Chuck Schmid and 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 Feeken moved to approve proclamation of support to have Grover Cleveland Alexander placed in the Nebraska Hall of Fame. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) September 20, 2021 Council minutes (regular); (2) October 4, 2021 disbursements; and (3) October 4, 2021 zoning permits. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Council member Schmid questioned the invoice for the oil change for the Police vehicle, indicating that the City staff should be changing the oil in their own vehicles. This will be addressed at a future meeting.

October 4, 2021 Disbursements

Gross Payroll - September 2021	83210.93
BOK Financial (bond)	143077.50
911 Custom (supplies)	3646.70
American Legal Publishing (subscription)	450.00
Barco Municipal Products (supplies)	864.35
Bergman, Joel (meal, mileage)	46.84
Bomgaars (supplies)	1017.36
Border States Ind. (supplies)	2497.66
Cardmember Services (postage, supplies, fuel)	272.78
Charter Spectrum (service)	229.96
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	6534.00

City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	150.00
Consumer Deposit (utility deposit)	250.00
Core & Main (supplies)	171.34
Custer County Recycling (service)	26.00
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	4083.87
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	200.00
Hawkins (chemicals)	540.49
Heartland Disposal (service)	488.75
Heritage Bank (UB ACH Fee)	25.00
Howard Co. Treasurer (dispatch fee)	3122.42
Jarecke Motors (repair)	163.73
Jerabek, Randall (tools)	21.48
John Deere Financial (freight)	37.21
Loup Valley Supply (supplies)	82.78
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	193.32
NE Public Health Environment (lab)	485.00
Parts Bin (supplies)	271.84
Platte Valley Communication (repair)	24.25
Regional Care (insurance)	99.00
Schmid, Charles (mileage, meals, parking)	175.19
SE Smith & Sons (supplies)	89.36
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	160.24
TASC (fees)	350.00
Thiel Tire & Auto (repair, supplies)	75.87
United Healthcare (insurance)	25228.84
Utilities Section of LONM (education)	55.00
Verizon Wireless (phones)	184.20
Wells Plumbing (repair)	189.05

October 4, 2021 Non-General

S Squared Enterp. (TIF Allocation Johnson, Mendez, Larsen)	6571.34
Sales Tax: Street Motor Veh Tax (To: 100027)	5188.53
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure (To: 102342)	8461.75
MAD Dev. (1/2 MAD TIF Assess)	6010.66
City of St. Paul (1/2 MAD TIF Assess)	6010.67
25% Infrastructure: Sales Tax - Core & Main (Water Main Relocation)	630.18
25% Infrastructure: Sales Tax - Core & Main (Water Main Relocation)	941.26
Keno: Crisis Center (donation)	1000.00
Jack's Uniforms & Equip (guns)	2327.09
Sales Tax: Bootleggers Inc. (Oper Cost/Inventory)	50000.00
Sales Tax: Peters Funeral (Property Improvement)	5000.00
Redlg: Bootleggers Inc. (Oper Cost/Inventory)	80000.00

Council member Schmid moved to approve two (2) Property Improvement applications:(1) St. Paul Senior Center purchase and installation of an LED Marquee Sign in the amount of \$1,270; the St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) recommended denial of this application due to the project being started and completed prior to the approval from the SPDC and the City Council; and (2) Brehm's Pharmacy replacing windows on the building in the amount of \$1,750. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Thompson and Schmid voted aye; Council members Kowalski and Feeken voted nay. Mayor Bergman broke the tie with a vote of aye. Motion carried 3/2. Council member Kowalski expressed support for the Senior Center project but indicated that the program rules require that the project not be started before approval is granted. She indicated that it is imperative that this requirement be followed for all applicants.

Council member Thompson moved to approve St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) and St. Paul Public School requesting to close Howard Avenue between 6th Street and 7th Street on Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. regarding a Halloween Boo Bash; barricades will be provided by the City. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. If the weather prohibits the event from being held outdoors, the event will be moved to the school.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the three percent (3%) hourly wage increase for the City Police Secretary and the St. Paul Public Library employees effective October 1, 2021 (see Library September 8, 2021 minutes). Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Due to ongoing nuisance issues involving animals, Police Chief Howard requested a discussion regarding potential changes to the Municipal Code. After a lengthy discussion on the number of animals that should be allowed on residential property, enclosures for animals, whether to allow fowl in the city limits, etc. it was suggested that a special meeting be scheduled for Monday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. to further discuss the issue.

The City's elected officials are eligible to be added to the City of St. Paul's Madison Life Insurance policy in the amount of \$30,000. The cost per employee/official is \$10.74 monthly. Due to this expense not being included in the budget, it was determined that if any of the elected officials chose to obtain this coverage, it would be at their own expense.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the City of St. Paul having a "Fall Clean-up Day" on October 16 and 17, 2021, along with utilizing Keno funds to absorb the cost of the project, and the usage of City equipment by City employees. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Employee Ed Thompson will coordinate the Clean-Up Days.

A discussion was had on the utilization of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds and extensive reporting requirements to account for the use of the funds. Information provided at the League of Nebraska Municipalities conference indicated that administrative costs could be paid from the ARP funds received. This may include paying existing staff supplemental pay (administration cost) as a result of the increased workload. This discussion was tabled until a later date.

The St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) has taken over management of the St. Paul Civic Center effective October 1, 2021. The City currently has bank accounts of City funds pertaining to Civic Center activities. Council member Thompson moved to approve transferring Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to the SPDC for the management of the Civic Center, with a request that a formal agreement be prepared outlining the responsibilities of the City and of the SPDC for the management of the Civic Center. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken vote aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Utility Superintendent Helzer provided an update on moving the City water lines on the Howard Avenue property that previously contained the greenhouses. Utility Superintendent Helzer also indicated that the Sewer Department was addressing an algae issue on one (1) of the ponds at the lagoon. This will no longer be an issue with the new upcoming Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements.

The Police Department is currently attending a Police Officer's Association of Nebraska (POAN) conference in Kearney, Nebraska. The Howard County Sheriff's Office is assisting with calls until the end of the conference on Wednesday.

City Council member updates: As a clarification on the Senior Center Property Improvement Project vote, it was stressed that applications must be approved for funding prior to the start of the project. The "standard" is that no money should be approved if a project has been started. By approving this project against program guidelines, it jeopardizes the integrity of future projects.

Mayor Bergman updates:

(1) City of St. Paul Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. A Notice of such public

meeting will be posted. (2) On Wednesday, September 22, 2021, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Connie Jo Beck was elected to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) Board for a three (3) year term.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:28 p.m.

October 18, 2021

Date

Joel M. Bergman

Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

Laura Berthelsen

Laura Berthelsen, Deputy City Clerk