

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

Monday, October 18, 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 18, 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 Thompson moved to approve the Junior Class After Prom "Fall Festival Fundraiser" in the City Park on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and to waive the requirement for mobile food permits. This will be a free will donation event. There will be kid games, pumpkin decorating, face painting, Big Kat's Meat-N-Stuff food truck and Kettle Corn food truck, along with Boutique 29 Eleven clothing trailer. Barricades will be placed at the intersections of 4th Street and Indian Street; 6th Street and Indian Street; and 5th Street and Howard Avenue. The City restrooms will be available. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Thompson moved to require the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce to provide a quarterly report to the City regarding the utilization of funds received from the City, and to appoint Council member Kowalski as a liaison to the Chamber of Commerce Board. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. This will provide more accountability for the funds provided by the City. The St. Paul Chamber of Commerce is open during the week from 9:30 am to 4:30 p.m.

Council member Schmid moved to approve Mike Feeken to the St. Paul Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for another four (4) year term. The new term would be effective as of November 2021 and continue through November 2025. Mr. Feeken has agreed to accept the appointed position. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson and Schmid voted aye, Council member Feeken abstained. Nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Schmid moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items:
(1) Treasurer's Report for September 2021; (2) October 4, 2021 Council minutes (regular); (3) October 11, 2021 zoning permits; and (4) October 18, 2021 disbursements. Council member

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

Disbursements October 18, 2021

Clearfly (phone)	191.86
COR Managed Svcs (service)	800.00
Aqua-tronics (repair)	516.10
Aurora Coop (fuel)	1204.75
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	321.93
Bound Tree (supplies)	25.50
Brehm's Drug (supplies)	227.49
BTS Communications (phone)	728.00
Central Community College (education)	2048.00
Central District Health Dept (lab)	102.00
City Lights (utilities)	9138.08
Costello, Matt (meal)	21.15
Custer County Recycling (service)	41.00
NE Dept of Revenue (Form 10 Sales Tax)	12314.35
Entech Pest Mgmt (service)	85.00
Heartland Disposal (service)	5576.69
Homestead Bank (ACH fees)	41.20
Howard County Reg of Deeds (fees)	30.00
Howard Greeley REA (public utilities)	147679.95
Island Sprinkler (supplies)	417.70
Jarecke Motors (repair)	81.24
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	2183.72
Kramer's Wrecker (service)	250.00
LARM (insurance)	137992.66
League of NE Municipalities (education)	1975.00
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	3521.05
Municipal Supply Inc. (supplies)	38.69
One Call Concepts (service)	34.58
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	370.89
Phonograph Herald (publication)	514.72
Piper Sandler (bond)	658.75
Rawlings, Moriah (mileage)	79.52
Resco (supplies)	1123.58
SE Smith & Sons (supplies)	9.16
Schaper & White (service)	393.75
SiteOne Landscape (supplies)	1329.03
Smith Welding (service)	50.75
St. Paul Public School (supplies)	247.50
Sunset Law Enforcement (supplies)	264.93
Swanson, Joe (supplies)	603.50
Tri-County Sand & Gravel (supplies)	110.93
US Postal Service (postage)	460.00
Wesco Distribution (supplies)	115.02

Disbursements Non-General

Sales Tax 25% Infrac: Overland Ready Mix (Water Greenhouse Concrete)	947.19
Sales Tax: SPDC: 21-22 Operating Budget	35000.00
Sales Tax: Brehm Pharmacy (Prop Impr)	1750.00
Sales Tax: Senior Center (Prop Impr)	1270.00
Civic: LARM (insurance)	13730.43
Civic: St Paul Civic Center (start-up funds)	10000.00
Civic: Charter Spectrum (communications)	192.95

Council member Kowalski moved to approve transferring \$150,000 from the City Utility Billing (ACH) Heritage Bank Checking account and placing it in the City Homestead Bank Checking account. The transfer is necessary to facilitate the payment of bonds in the coming months. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to table the discussion regarding fowl in City limits and/or the number of pets a residential property can possess. Council member Schmid seconded the motion.

Council member Kowalski moved to pay the police officers any "banked" holiday hours from the effective date of the Non-Union Employee Agreement. The officers were previously "banking" their holiday hours based on the understanding of previous police administration. Moving forward, holiday hours will be paid in accordance with the Non-Union Employee Agreement. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Police Sergeant Greenwalt will assist the Payroll Clerk in calculating the hours of pay due each officer.

Utility Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) Thank you to Ed Thompson, Jack Paulsen, & Jerry Thompson for coordinating and participating in the City-wide cleanup last weekend; (2) Dwayne with Reynolds Construction should be finished cleaning the ditch this week. The ditches were cleared on both sides of the highway south of town to the river to help with drainage; (3) A number of light bulbs were replaced recently at the library. Mr. Helzer will stop by the library more often to check on any maintenance issues.

Police updates: (1) nuisance letters have been sent out on a number of properties in violation of the City Code. As a result, most of the properties have been brought into compliance. (2) The carpet near the entrance to the Police Department is in bad shape and constitutes a tripping hazard. Chief Howard would like to replace the carpet in that area with tile; (3) New decals will be installed on the Chevy Impala later this week.

Council updates: (1) Council member Schmid said that Reynolds Construction did a good job cleaning the ditches south of town; (2) Council member Kowalski said she heard from residents thanking the City for providing the City-wide cleanup since they did not have access to a pickup and/or were unable physically to haul trash off their property; (3) Council member Thompson questioned whether the ditches need to be surveyed rather than simply dug out to correct the drainage issues.

Mayor Bergman updates:

- (1) A Grand Island resident commented to the Mayor that they were impressed with how the property owners take pride in the appearance of their properties;
- (2) The LB840 Sales Tax Citizens Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.;
- (3) St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) LB840 General Ledger from July 2021 to September 30, 2021 (available to view at City Office);
- (4) City Office Staff is preparing for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year audit;

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:47 p.m.

November 1, 2021
Date

Joel M. Bergman
Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

Laura Berthelsen
Laura Berthelsen, Deputy City Clerk