

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

Monday, December 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 Monday, December 6, 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.

Today was the City of St. Paul's Reorganizational (Mayor Appointment) meeting, December 6, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Joel M. Bergman opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. regarding a Preliminary Plat of B. LUKE FARMS INC. SUBDIVISION NO. 2 (Brian and Audrey Lukaszewicz), located in a part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E1/2 NE1/4) of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M. in Howard County, Nebraska.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Consent Agenda items: (1) November 15, 2021 Council minutes (special); November 15, 2021 Council minutes (regular); (2) November 29, 2021 zoning permits; and (3) December 6, 2021 disbursements. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

December 6, 2021 Disbursements

Gross Payroll - November 2021	84729.79
911 Custom (supplies)	325.95
Amazon Capital Services (books)	817.65
BOK Financial (bonds)	144636.25
Bomgaars (supplies)	771.52
Bound to Stay Bound (books)	422.22
Bryan Jensen Clothing (uniforms)	2809.71
Campbell, Stu (books)	75.80
Cardmember Services (postage, supplies, education, meals)	1819.84
Cengage Learning (books)	34.18
Charter Spectrum (service)	229.96

City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	6534.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	150.00
Clearly (phone)	191.86
Collaborative Summer Reading (supplies)	138.79
Consumer Deposit (UB Deposit Puentas)	250.00
COR Managed Svcs (computers)	800.00
Core & Main (supplies)	1344.83
Custer County Recycling (service)	75.80
Dana Cole & Company (audit)	10654.00
Demco Inc (supplies)	1338.28
Dick's Repair (repairs)	186.55
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	1530.59
Farwell QRT (education)	540.00
Frederick, Michael (books)	48.00
Gorecki, Jeremy (meals)	46.27
Heritage Bank (UB ACH Fee)	25.00
Howard Co. Treasurer (dispatch fee)	3122.42
Jarecke Motors (repair)	195.95
John Deere Financial (repairs)	254.51
Killinger Electric (service)	102.00
Lights ICS (REA PCA Sept; Oct; Nov 2021)	37888.88
Macqueen Equipment (supplies)	1087.69
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	193.32
Midland Telecom (supplies)	49.36
Municipal Supply of NE (supplies)	123.60
NE Dept of Envir & Energy (licenses)	690.00
NE Public Health Envir (lab)	148.00
Northern Safety Co (supplies)	145.82
Olsson (service)	3543.14
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Parts Bin (supplies)	322.99
Petty Cash (supplies)	17.18
Phonograph Herald (publish)	436.02
Regional Care (insurance)	99.00
SE Smith & Sons (supplies)	16.58
Servi-Tech (lab)	125.60
Smith Welding (repairs)	168.08
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	160.08
TASC (fees)	1240.36
United Healthcare (insurance)	24572.11
USA Blue Book (supplies)	159.83
Verizon Wireless (phones)	184.08
Wilson, Mark (fuel, meals)	166.97
December 6, 2021 Non-General	
Sales Tax: Street Motor Vehicle Tax (tax)	2616.76
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure (25% Infrast fund)	7670.61
Sales Tax: Dana Cole & Co (audit)	1850.00
Keno: Dana Cole & Co (audit)	1600.00
Sales Tax: LARM (fees)	1197.01

After Mayor Joel M. Bergman announced his City of St. Paul 2021-2022 Appointments, Council member Feeken moved to nominate Council member Catherine L. Kowalski as the 2021-2022 Council President. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, Council member Kowalski abstained. Motion carried

3/0.

Council member Thompson moved to approve Mayor Joel M. Bergman's City 2021-2022 Appointments. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Mayor Bergman extended his appreciation to all volunteer members in dedicating their time to the City of St. Paul.

2021-2022 CITY OF ST. PAUL APPOINTMENTS

- COUNCIL PRESIDENT
(Per NE Stat. §17-148) CATHERINE L KOWALSKI (12/2021)
- CITY CLERK / DEPUTY TREASURER CONNIE JO BECK (4/2010)
- DEPUTY CLERK LAURA BERTHELSEN (4/2020)
- CITY ATTORNEY JASON WHITE (3/2019)
- CITY TREASURER SALLY EINSPAHR (8/2020)
- CHIEF OF POLICE DANIEL K HOWARD (6-23-21)
- ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MATTHEW HELZER (12/2014)
- CITY ENGINEER/STREET SUPER. JEFF PALIK, OLSSON
- UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT MATTHEW HELZER (1/2015)
- LIGHT COMMISSIONER EDWARD THOMPSON
- SEWER COMMISSIONER WILLIAM "BILL" GREGOSKI
- FIRE CHIEF MICHAEL BECKER
- WATER COMMISSIONER RONNIE SWITZER
- ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF MARK WILSON, SHON TREAT
& LEO HAGGERTY
- STREET COMMISSIONER JAMIE KLANECKY (6/2020)
- CEMETERY SEXTON RONNIE SWITZER
- PARK / CEMETERY (MGR) RANDY JERABEK
- CITY PHYSICIAN DR. CHRIS TOMHAVE
- PLANNING BOARD JERRY WOODGATE, Chairman (12-7-20)
TONY WALCH
CONNIE BECKER
TYLER SOLKO (12-21-20)
ARVILLA JACOBS
MATTHEW HELZER (Zoning Adm)
LAURA BERTHELSEN (Minutes)
- BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT JOHN POPPERT
MACHELL NAYLOR (12-7-20)
BRIAN KNAPP
GLENN PEDERSEN
Alt: MELVIN SCHMADERER (In Town)
Alt: DAN SCHEER (Mile Jur.)

- LIBRARY BOARD
(Every other month on 3rd Wed = Jan 20)
STEVEN NEAL (2-1-21) (City)
LINDA SCHMADERER (City)
JANET ELSTERMEIER (City)
CHRIS ELSTERMEIER (School)
JILL PAULSEN (School)
JASON MEINECKE (School)
- HOUSING AUTHORITY
(2nd Wednesday of Month)
TODD PETERS (2017 – 2021)
MIKE FEEKEN (Nov 2021 to Nov 2025)
THEDA VANHORN (2017 – 2022)
CAROL FANTA (2017 – 2022)
CINDI-MENDYK (9-1-2021 TO 2024)
- LOUP CENTRAL LANDFILL
(3rd Thursday of Month;
Dec-Mar 7pm / Apr-Nov 7:30pm)
JEREMY THOMPSON;
CATHERINE L KOWALSKI (Alt – 2021)
- HO. CO. DISPATCHER BOARD
JOEL M. BERGMAN, MAYOR AND
DANIEL HOWARD, CHIEF OF POLICE
- CITIZENS ADVISORY LB840
TYLER EBERLE (2-16-21)
JOE MLINAR (2021)
SALLY EINSPAHR
JULIE GAWRYCH (2021)
LARRY HURLBURT
CONNIE JO BECK, Ex Officio
MIKE COGLAN, SPDC EXE DIR (2-2020)
- RURAL FIRE BOARD LIAISON
(2nd Monday on even months: Dec.)
CHARLES M. SCHMID (12-7-20)
- REPRESENTATIVE TO ACE
JOEL BERGMAN, MAYOR AND
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
- CITY HEALTH BOARD
MAYOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT, CHIEF
OF POLICE AND CITY PHYSICIAN
- SENIOR CENTER LIAISON
MICHAEL FEEKEN (12-7-20)
- ELMWOOD CEMETERY BOARD
(Meeting: 2nd Wed. of Month)
GERALD SOLKO, Treasurer (12-7-20)
RANDY JERABEK, Cemetery Manager
GENE RICE, Vice-President
PAMILIA SWITZER, President
TODD PETERS
BETTY CZARNEK, Secretary
CHARLES SCHMID, City Liaison (12-7-20)
RONNIE SWITZER, Sexton
- ELMWOOD CEMETERY FOUND.
(8/17/20)
JOEL M. BERGMAN, PRESIDENT
GERALD SOLKO, SECRETARY
STEFFANY TARTAGLIA, TREASURER
GENE RICE, BOARDMEMBER
RANDY JERABEK, BOARDMEMBER
- CITY TREE BOARD
ROBIN ELSTERMEIER
GENE RICE
AL BRENNAN
LINDA FULLER
LOUISE CHRISTENSEN
MATT HELZER, Utility Super.
LAURA BERTHELSEN (minutes)
- CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
(Dissolved December 6, 2021)

Council member Feeken moved to approve Resolution 2021-09; naming Council member Thompson as the representative to the Loup Central Landfill Board, along with naming Council member Kowalski as the alternate representative if Council member Thompson cannot attend meetings or functions. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Schmid & Feeken voted aye, Council members Thompson & Kowalski abstained. Mayor Bergman voted aye to break the tie. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Schmid moved to approve Resolution 2021-10; whereas by the State of Nebraska Statutes, Section §39-2302, and §39-2511 through §39-2515 details the requirements that must be met in order for a municipality to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and whereas the State Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each incorporated municipality must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment of the City Street Superintendent to the NDOT using the "Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent" form. 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 Mayor Bergman signing the "Year-End Certification of the City Street Superintendent" for determining incentive payment from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Jeff Palik with Olsson, Grand Island, NE will be the City of St. Paul's Street Superintendent, Class A License, No. S-1269. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Brian Friedrichsen with Olsson was present to discuss the cost saving items regarding the new City's Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). Those items consisted of: (1) Door Manufacturer from Kawneer to Manko (cost savings of \$7,800); Marvin Webb (Webb & Company Architects) recommends the better Kawneer doors; (2) a. Electrical Item: leave the original electrical plan as is, but switch from 1/0 copper cable to 3/0 aluminum cable (cost savings of \$13,500); and (2) b. Electrical Item: utilize the existing electrical cable that is on the City lagoon site; this would require Olsson to rework a couple of plan sheets; this would require additional cable connections throughout the system (cost savings of \$40,000). Council member Schmid moved to approve: (1) retaining the better Kawneer doors versus the Manko door; and (2) utilizing the existing City electrical wire on the City lagoon site. This will be a cost savings to the City in the amount of \$40,000. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Schmid and Kowalski voted aye, Council members Thompson and Feeken voted nay. Mayor Bergman voted aye to break the tie. Motion carried 3/2.

Council member Schmid moved to approve Olsson Letter Agreement Amendment #1 regarding the "Construction Administration" pertaining to the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) located at 02 Howard Avenue, St. Paul, NE. The anticipated start date is December 7, 2021; the lagoon decommissioning will be approximately October 2, 2023; the substantial completion date will be on May 1, 2023, with a final completion date on December 1, 2023. Olsson's Scope of Services will be provided on a time-and-expense basis not to exceed \$359,900. 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 approve the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce paying the Copycat Printing & Signs invoice (brochures) pertaining to marketing and promotions in the amount of \$1,752.23. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Schmid moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-11; calling General Obligation Various Purpose Bonds, Series 2017A, dated April 17, 2017, in the outstanding amount of \$600,000. The "Call Date" shall be set for any time on or after April 17, 2022, which is the earliest permissible redemption date, provided, however, that on and after September 30, 2022, the Authorized Officers shall have no authority to make any such determination without further action of the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Paul and the resolution shall be of no further force and effect. A copy of this resolution shall be filed with BOK Financial in Lincoln, Nebraska, as the Pay Agent and Registrar. The new bond interest rate will change from 2.98% to approximately 1.6%; the approximate cost savings to call and refund the 2017 Series,

General Obligation Bond is \$43,486. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Schmid introduced Ordinance No. 1026; for the issuance of General Obligation Various Purpose Refunding Bonds, Series 2022, in the amount of not to exceed \$630,000 for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the City; prescribing the form of said bonds; providing for a sinking fund and for the levy and collection of taxes to pay said bonds; providing for the sale of the bonds and authorizing the City to enter into a bond purchase agreement; authorizing the delivery of the bonds to the purchaser; providing for the disposition of the bond proceeds and ordering the ordinance published in pamphlet form. Council member Kowalski waived the three (3) readings of Ordinance No. 1026 at three (3) different occasions. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Council member Thompson moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 1026. Council member Kowalski 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 7:40 p.m. regarding the Preliminary Plat of B. LUKE FARMS INC. SUBDIVISION NO. 2 (Brian and Audrey Lukasiewicz), located in a part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E1/2 NE1/4) of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M. in Howard County, Nebraska (3.88 acres).

After City Zoning Administrator Matt Helzer provided details regarding the new subdivision, Mayor Bergman closed the public comment period at 7:42 p.m.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the Preliminary Plat of B. LUKE FARMS INC. SUBDIVISION NO. 2 (Brian and Audrey Lukasiewicz), located in a part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E1/2 NE1/4) of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M. in Howard County, Nebraska. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The subdivision is not in a flood plain.

Council member Schmid moved to approve Maintenance Agreement between the NE Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Municipality of St. Paul for the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 pertaining to surface maintenance and/or snow removal in the amount of \$665.00 per lane mile x 5.10 lane miles = \$3,391.50. The maintenance agreement consists of: (1) West City Limits to East City Limits and (2) South City Limits to North City Limits. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the consideration to extend the current City Sewer Lagoon Farm lease for one (1) more growing season to the current Lessee. The topics discussed included: (1) utilizing or not utilizing the hay-field, due to the construction of the new Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) beginning in March 2022; and (2) the dollar amount the City Officials would accept from the Lessee for the compensation in farming the alfalfa and crop ground. The dollar amount will need to be accepted by the Lessee. Council member Kowalski moved to approve amending the current Sewer Lagoon Farm Lease to add one (1) more growing season to the current Lessee, along with accepting \$360 for the alfalfa ground (\$120 x 3 acres) and \$4,000 (\$200 x 20 acres) for the crop ground; this comes with the stipulation that the Lessee accepts the City offer. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the City obtaining Water Well-field Pasture Lease bids for another three (3) years on property more described as: The East half of Section Six (6), Township Fourteen (14) North, Range Nine (9), West of the 6th P.M., Howard County, St. Paul, Nebraska; except that portion maintained by the City for its municipal water supply. The current lease terminates on October 14, 2021. The discussion included: (1) have the land sit idle for one (1) year; (2) possibly perform a control burn; or chemically spray the land to eliminate weeds, sumac and cedar trees and (3) the Wellhead Protection Plan. The Mayor and Council members were in agreement to table the item, due to Water Commissioner Ronnie Switzer obtaining more information on a control burn for the pasture.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve paying the Hydro Optimization & Automation Solutions, Inc. (HOA) sewer invoice in the amount of \$31,079.50 from the Sewer ICS Account for the upgrade to the three (3) sewer lift stations and a computer; and the water invoice in the amount of \$9,727.97 from the Water Money Market Account for the upgrade to the water radio. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, Council member Thompson voted nay. Motion carried 3/1.

Council member Feeken moved to approve City Clerk Beck transferring \$40,000 from the Sales Tax Money Market account and placing it in the Sales Tax Checking account to pay monthly Sales Tax Street - Motor Vehicle Tax and 25% Infrastructure monies. Currently, the Sales Tax Checking account carries a balance of \$18,512. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the American Legion Carl Mogensen Post #119 (804 Howard Avenue) moving their Class C - #008455 Liquor License Permit to the new location of 1222 2nd Street (US Hwy 281), St. Paul, Nebraska. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, & Feeken voted aye, Council member Schmid abstained; this is due to Mr. Schmid possessing the title of Commander of the American Legion Post #119. Motion carried 3/0. Chief of Police Dan Howard also approved the action of the Council.

Council member Thompson moved to approve ratifying all actions of Connie Jo Beck, City of St. Paul's League Association of Risk Management (LARM) representative, identified in the DRAFT minutes of the Annual Members' meeting of LARM on September 22, 2021, including the election of nominees to the LARM Board of Directors. 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 City Clerk Connie Jo Beck utilizing her 2021 accumulated vacation time by the end of January 2022; City Clerk Beck currently has 80 hours remaining. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Mayor & City Council member Acknowledgement: On Monday afternoon, November 29, 2021 a City of St. Paul letter and pictures were delivered by personal service by Chief of Police Daniel Howard and Utility Superintendent Matt Helzer concerning Municipal Code 9-403: Unsafe Building; Determination and Notice, along with Municipal Code 4-323: Nuisances; Procedure in Case of Emergency to Mr. Todd Padrnos at 1220 Farnum Street. The letter and pictures were also given by "Personal Service" to 108 Howard Avenue Apt. Numbers #1; #4; and #5. The vacant Apartments of #2; #3; and #6 were placed on the door. Per the Municipal Code, Howard County Register of Deeds also received a copy of the letter and pictures by "Personal Service". Mr. Padrnos will have 60 days (January 28 or 31, 2022) to remedy the problem; Mr. Padrnos can appeal the determination by filing with the Municipal Clerk within ten (10) days (December 9 or 10, 2021) from the date of receipt to request a hearing; and if the person receiving the notice has not complied or taken an appeal from the determination of the Officer finding the dangerous building exists within the ten (10) days from the time when the notice was served, the Building Inspector may upon orders of the Governing Body, proceed to remedy the condition of the unsafe building. Currently, Mr. Padrnos has filed an appeal and is working on the building issue. On Monday, December 20, 2021 City Council meeting, Mr. Padrnos will have a hearing to voice his opinion regarding this subject.

After a lengthy discussion ensued in paying the St. Paul Police Department's banked "Holiday Pay" in accordance with the Non-Union Employee agreement, Council member Thompson moved to approve tabling the item until Dana F. Cole & Company (City Auditors) can audit the Police Dept. "Holiday Pay" documents. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Acknowledgement: Heartland Disposal submitted a formal request to the City of St. Paul regarding a price increase of sanitation rates. This is due to landfill tonnage increases, fuel cost, labor, insurance and repairs. Heartland Disposal has absorbed all cost increases in the past. The new rates effective on January 1, 2022: (1) Senior \$10.25; (2) Regular \$12.25; and (3) two

(2) totals \$14.75. Mayor Bergman will sign the Heartland Disposal rate increase acknowledgement document in accepting the sanitation rate increase.

Utility Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) On November 27, 2021 the City had a power outage at 3rd and "M" Streets; (2) Howard Greeley Rural Public Power District (HGRPPD) proposed rate change meeting will be on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. at the Howard Greeley Office; (3) On November 28, 2021 the City had a water main break on "N" between 6th and 7th Streets; (4) the City received a Community Open Burn Permit for the north St. Paul Recycling Center; the permit is issued without an expiration date; (5) Utility Superintendent Helzer will be completing a NE Dept. of Environment and Energy Public Water Supply & Sanitary Sewer State Fiscal Year 2023 Drinking Water Needs Survey; (6) the St. Paul Recycling Center (grass and tree dump) will be closed until Spring 2022 on Saturday, December 11, 2021; and (7) City Water Operator Jeremy Gorecki received his Backflow Grade 6 license; the Mayor and Council members congratulated Mr. Gorecki on his accomplishment.

Chief of Police Howard updates: (1) submitted multiple nuisance letter reports to the Mayor and Council; (2) the clean-up of the north City Office parking lot, due to the accumulation of oil, trash and broken glass; (3) removal of residential and business vehicles on the north City parking lot; possibly erect "No Parking" signs; (4) City Police Department will have a Taser training class on December 22, 2021; and (5) Police Officer Moriah Rawlings will be attending the Law Enforcement Training Center beginning January 2, 2022.

Mayor Bergman updates: (1) chairs were placed on the St. Paul Civic Center gym floor; floor was refinished in August 2021 at a cost of \$4400; (2) City employee Christmas party will be at Riverview Lanes on Saturday, December 18, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m.; and (3) City Clerk Beck attended a LARM Board meeting on December 1, 2021 at the Cornhusker Hotel; business meeting material can be reviewed by the Mayor and Council.

Public Announcements: Mayor Bergman stated that the Christmas Parade of Light's was well attended on Friday, December 3, 2021.

Council member Kowalski moved to go into Closed Session at 8:50 p.m. regarding pending litigation on an LB 840 (Sales Tax) Loan. Attendance consisted of Mayor Bergman, Council members: Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken, City Clerk Beck and City Attorney Jason White. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. A motion has been made and seconded to go into Closed Session regarding pending litigation on an LB 840 (Sales Tax) Loan. There was no discussion. The pending motion is to go into Closed Session regarding pending litigation on an LB 840 (Sales Tax) Loan. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Mayor Bergman adjourned the closed session at 9:02 p.m., with no action taken.

Council member Schmid moved to go into Closed Session at 9:04 p.m. regarding pending litigation pertaining to an IBEW 1597 Union grievance. Attendance consisted of Mayor Bergman, Council members: Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken, City Clerk Beck, Utility Superintendent Helzer and City Attorney Jason White. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. A motion has been made and seconded to go into Closed Session regarding pending litigation pertaining to an IBEW 1597 Union grievance. There was no discussion. The pending motion is to go into Closed Session regarding pending litigation pertaining to an IBEW 1597 Union grievance. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Mayor Bergman adjourned the closed session at 9:14 p.m., with no action taken.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 9:15 p.m.

December 20, 2021
Date

Joel M. Bergman
Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

Connie Jo Beck
Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer