

City of St. Paul Regular Meeting  
704 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Paul, NE 68873

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

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, January 18, 2022 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.

Mayor Bergman opened the "Public Hearing" at 7:02 p.m. regarding taking public comments from the audience on the final Plat of B. LUKE FARMS INC. SUBDIVISION NO. 2; this is located in a part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E1/2 NE 1/4) of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M. in Howard County, Nebraska.

Council member Schmid moved to approve the City of St. Paul's Lagoon Farm lease for one (1) growing season between the City of St. Paul (Lessor) and C & T Farms (Clark Kosmicki and Terry Kosmicki - Lessee) commencing March 1, 2022. The Tenant agrees to pay the landlord cash rent at the rate of \$360 for three (3) acres of alfalfa and \$4,000 for twenty (20) acres of crop ground for the planting and harvest season. Payment shall be made on November 1, 2022 in the amount of \$4,360. A current Certificate of Insurance will be provided to the City prior to the starting of the lease. The lease will expire on December 1, 2022. Council member Thompson 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 7:04 p.m. regarding the B. LUKE FARMS INC. SUBDIVISION NO. 2 FINAL PLAT. After hearing no comments, Mayor Bergman closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Council member Schmid moved to approve the B. LUKE FARMS INC. SUBDIVISION NO. 2 FINAL PLAT. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski introduced Ordinance #1027; approving the Final Plat of the B. LUKE FARMS INC. SUBDIVISION NO. 2 in Howard County, Nebraska; to authorize a Certificate of Approval of such subdivision to be filed with the Register of Deeds; and to provide for an effective date of this ordinance. Council member Thompson waived the three (3) readings of Ordinance #1027 at three (3) different occasions. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none.

Motion carried 4/0. Council member Kowalski moved for Final Passage of Ordinance #1027. 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 Certificate of Approval B. LUKE FARMS INC. SUBDIVISION NO. 2 (Brian I. and Audrey A. Lukasiewicz); the subject property is described as follows: A part of a tract of land, record and described in Book 09, Page 3710 of the Howard County Clerk's office, and is located in that part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E1/2 NE1/4) of Section Thirty Four (34), Township Fifteen (15) North, Range Ten (10) West of the 6th P.M., Howard County, Nebraska. 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 the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Treasurer's Report for December 2021; (2) January 3, 2022 Council minutes (regular); and (3) January 18, 2022 disbursements. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

**Disbursements January 18, 2022**

City of St Paul Transfer from Heritage Bank (UB ACH) to Homestead Bank (pay disburse)	73000.00
City of St Paul to Police ICS from Excess 20-21 Financial Statement (transfer)	44362.00
City of St Paul to Ambulance ICS from Excess 20-21 Financial Statement (transfer)	12265.00
City of St Paul to Parks ICS from Excess 20-21 Financial Statement (transfer)	13201.00
COR Management (Agreement)	800.00
Clearly (telephone)	193.14
Advanced Climate Control (service)	1660.00
Aurora Coop (fuel)	1639.27
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	1754.19
Border States Industries (supplies)	58.86
Brehm's Drug (supplies)	3.62
Central District Health Dept (service)	155.00
City Lights (utilities)	10441.04
Consolidated Management (training)	51.08
Core & Main (supplies)	942.09
Custer County Recycling (service)	31.40
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	128.50
Eakes Office Solutions (supplies)	258.69
Fox, Roy (refund)	863.00
GB Auto Service (repair)	144.01
Hach Company (service)	660.30
Heartland Disposal (service)	6761.50
Heritage Bank City UB ACH Fee (fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank (ACH fees)	39.40
Ho. Co. Register of Deeds (service)	20.00
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	132216.18
Jacks Uniform & Equipment (supplies)	62.94
Jarecke Motors (repair)	1124.49
Jerry's Sheet Metal (repair)	895.00
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	1726.70
John Deere Financial (supplies)	201.45
Kearney Powersports (repair)	130.99
LARM (insurance)	248.50
Loup Valley Supply (supplies)	5.75
Menards (supplies)	86.09
Midland Telecom (repair)	121.63
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	3464.42

Olsson (engineering)	8218.92
One Call Concepts (service)	13.05
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Petty Cash (supplies, car wash, registration)	28.20
Phonograph Herald (publish)	808.97
Platte Valley Communications (service)	234.24
Quick Med Claims (service)	1544.84
Quiz Graphic Arts (supplies)	275.22
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	41.23
Schaper & White (service)	1389.58
Shaw, Tyler (repair)	150.00
Smith Welding (repair)	50.11
Sparq Data Solutions (service)	3100.00
State of NE Dept Revenue (sales & use tax)	12241.46
United Healthcare (insurance)	24243.75
US Post Office (postage)	460.00
Utilities Section of League (conference)	285.00
Verizon Wireless (phone)	184.08
Wells Plumbing (repair)	78.05

**Non-General Disbursements**

Elmwood Cemetery ICS #103446 to Homestead	14541.00
City Cemetery Checking Account (20-21 Financial Statement Shortage)	
City of St Paul: Transfer from Street Mmkt to Water Mmkt - Meter Brass (Trfr)	2025.00
Fire ICS: Jacobs Ford [City portion] (pickup)	11497.50
Fire ICS: Jacobs Ford [Rural Fire portion] (pickup)	11497.50
Bldg ICS: True North Controls (antenna repair)	1508.00

Council member Feeken moved to approve disbursing \$35,000 to the St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) from the sales tax fund for operating expense; this is in the 2021-2022 Budget. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Schmid moved to approve disbursing \$64,087 to the Homestead Bank from the Sales Tax fund regarding making payment on the Civic Center loan; the payment due date is August 1, 2022. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) requesting American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds pertaining to two (2) City "Welcome" signs to be erected on the north and south corporate limits of US Hwy 281 in the amount of \$20,000. Utility Superintendent Helzer stated that if the City doesn't own the land then the City needs to possess a permit from the State of Nebraska. The item was tabled to a future meeting. City Clerk Beck will seek legal counsel regarding bidding regulations.

Council member Schmid moved to approve disbursing \$5,000 from the Sales Tax fund to the South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD), Inc. regarding the City's membership dues. The City will invoice Howard County \$500 and Elba, NE \$275 for reimbursement of the dues. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

The Agreement between the City of St. Paul and the Local Union No. 1597 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) will terminate on September 30, 2022; the Mayor and City Council members were in agreement to set a workshop date on March 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to discuss the IBEW 1597 contract.

Utility Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) purchase heat blanket from John Kuck (St. Libory) to be utilized at the Elmwood Cemetery to unthaw grave spaces; and (2) Wastewater Treatment

Facility (WWTF) Pre-Construction meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.


Chief of Police Howard updates: (1) mailing additional nuisance letters out this Friday, January 21, 2022; (2) this last weekend somebody threw a beer bottle at the St. Paul Police Dept. door; it missed the door but hit the building siding (cracking) east of the Police Dept. door; (3) the purchasing of security camera's for the City office building from CEI Security & Sound; and (4) Police Dept. to apply for a grant to purchase in-car camera's and computer's.

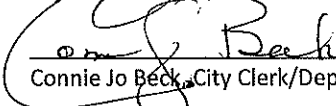
Mayor Bergman updates: (1) The City received \$1,300 from the Howard County Medical Center regarding the Rural Economic Development Loan Grant (REDLG) administrative fee of 1% on the balance at December 2021 end; (2) Mike Nevriy, St. Paul Keno LLC reimbursed the City for the 2020-2021 Keno Accounting & Audit fees for services rendered by Dana F. Cole & Co.; (3) LB840 Loan was paid off on January 5, 2022 in the amount of \$24,600; (4) City Clerk Connie Jo Beck received a scholarship award of \$25 for tuition to go towards the March 2022 Clerk's Academy in Grand Island, NE; (5) Pledged Securities from Local Banks to cover Deposits as of 12/31/2021; (6) Per the Census Geography profile, the City of St. Paul population is 2,416 and has land area of 1.2 square miles; (7) City W-2's and 1099's have been completed and mailed; (8) NE League of Municipalities Midwinter Conference is scheduled for February 28 – March 1, 2022; (9) Mr. Bill Peters has filed at the Howard County Clerk's office for City Council, along with Joel M. Bergman filing again for City Mayor; (10) grass fire on Sunday, January 16, 2022 with multiple agencies; City may have an injury claim regarding a St. Paul Fire Fighter.

Public Announcements: Council member Schmid stated that the American Legion Post #119 will have a sale on Saturday, January 22, 2022 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:45 p.m.

February 7, 2022  
Date

  
Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

  
Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer