

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

Monday, May 2, 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 Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Council members Katie Kowalski and Jerry Thompson. Absent: Council member Mike Feeken and Council member Chuck Schmid. 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 7:01 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.

The City of St. Paul is authorized to enter into an Interlocal Agreement pursuant to the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Article VIII, of Chapter 13, R.R.S., 1943. Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Mutual Law Enforcement Assistance Interlocal Agreement - Central Nebraska Special Response Team (SRT). The Agencies that are included in the "Agreement" consist of: the City of St. Paul Police Department; the Howard County Sheriff Office; the Valley County Sheriff Office, the Sherman County Sheriff Office, the Custer County Sheriff Office; and the Nance County Sheriff's Office. Each Agency will cover their own Health Insurance, Workman's Comp and Liability Insurance. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council member Kowalski, Council member Thompson and Mayor Bergman voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. The "Agreement" will be emailed to the City's Chief of Police Dan Howard, Howard County Sheriff's Office (Paul Tartaglia) and the League Association of Risk Management (LARM – Fred Wiebelhaus).

Next on the agenda was an update regarding the renovations to Todd & Michelle Padrnos, 108 Howard Avenue apartments. Chief of Police Dan Howard stated that he has not been able to contact Todd Padrnos. He also stated that Mr. Padrnos has not contacted the St. Paul Development Corp. Executive Director Mike Coghlan regarding funding. Mr. Coghlan stated that there is not a funding program for Mr. Padrnos to utilize; the programs are intended for businesses. The City has given Mr. Padrnos sufficient time to remedy the Howard Avenue apartments, therefore, Council member Kowalski moved to approve moving forward with the nuisance process regarding the apartments. Mayor Bergman seconded the motion. Council member Kowalski and Mayor Bergman voted aye, Council member Thompson voted nay. Motion carried 2/1.

There was a brief discussion on two (2) nuisances regarding: (1) David Eiberger - 304 8th Street (need lien release / partial tree broken on garage) and (2) Todd Padrnos - 1220 Farnum Street (multiple unlicensed vehicles). Chief of Police Dan Howard visited with Mr. Eiberger several

weeks ago outlining options to remove the tree limb from his property free of charge; Mr. Eiberger turned down the offer. Utilities Superintendent Helzer will contact Mr. Eiberger's sister to see if she can remedy the nuisance. The St. Paul Police Dept. will begin the process of assessing fines regarding the multiple unlicensed vehicles of Mr. Padrnos.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) April 13, 2022 (special) and April 18, 2022 (regular) Council minutes; (2) May 2, 2022 disbursements and (3) private well permits for Mark Starkey (103 8th Street) and Pam Ackles (1705 Custer Street). Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson and Mayor Bergman voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

May 2, 2022 Disbursements

Gross Wages - April	119270.18
ABPA Region 12 (license)	90.00
Altec Industries (repair)	1209.84
Amazon Capital Services (books)	1592.31
Ameritas Investments (bonds)	85658.75
BOK Financial (bonds)	5357.50
Bomgaars (supplies)	641.03
Bound to Stay Bound Books (books)	346.28
Bound Tree (supplies)	110.36
Brehm's (supplies)	4.09
Brown, Aubrie (supplies)	59.69
BTS Communications (service)	524.88
Cardmember Svcs (meals, supplies, education, postage)	2312.24
Cengage Learning (books)	39.57
Charter/Spectrum (service)	239.96
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5808.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	140.00
Consolidated Mgmt (meals)	145.61
Consumer Deposit (Cushing) (rental deposit)	250.00
COR Managed Services (service)	780.00
Core & Main (supplies)	1311.99
Custer County Recycling (Service)	20.40
Demco (supplies)	32.93
Eakes Office Solutions (contract, supplies)	468.84
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	500.00
Filter Care (service)	10.20
Howard Co. Register of Deeds (fee)	30.00
Howard Co. Treasurer (Dispatch Fee)	3122.42
IIMC (dues)	290.00
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	182.58
Midland Telecom (supplies)	231.94
Municipal Supply (supplies)	568.18
NE Library Assoc. (supplies)	10.00
Olsson (engineering)	11257.35
Parts Bin (supplies)	204.29
Reams Sprinkler Supply (supplies)	584.24
Regional Care (insurance)	88.00
Resco (supplies)	670.95
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	10.58
SCEDD (education)	20.00
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	164.88
Verizon Wireless (service)	191.32
Wesco (supplies)	235.28
EMT Sinking to ICS (Savings)	9000.00
Fire Equipment Sinking to ICS (Savings)	8000.00

Library Maintenance Sinking to ICS (Savings)	2500.00
Light Bldg/Equip Sinking to ICS (Savings)	6000.00
Pool Sinking to ICS (Savings)	2700.00
Senior Center to ICS (Savings)	3000.00
Street Sinking to ICS (Savings)	30000.00
Water Bldg/Equip Sinking to ICS (Savings)	27500.00

Non-General Disbursements

Hydro Optimization & Automation (Water ICS)	47452.43
S. Squared Enterprises (Steve Shoemaker) TIF Proceeds	1010.38
Sales Tax: Street Motor Vehicle Tax (to St-Mtr Veh Tax)	3839.23
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure (to 25% Infrastructure)	6868.47
Keno: First Light Child Advocacy Center (donation)	1000.00
REDLG: LARM: Crime Insurance for Program (insurance)	1355.00
Keno: Dept of Rev. Charitable Gaming (2% Gross)	5248.00

St. Paul Development Corp. Executive Director Mike Coghlan was present to update the Mayor and City Council members on the construction of a City "Welcome Sign" to be placed on the north-side of St. Paul at the Intersection of US Highway #281 and US Highway #92 on private land. The cost of the sign is \$17,500, which will be disbursed from the Keno fund per the minutes of April 4, 2022. Mr. Coghlan stated that he will contact NE Department of Transportation concerning the north and south signs.

After a brief discussion regarding no available grant funding for the St. Paul Police Dept. In-Car computers, Council member Kowalski moved to approve the City Police Dept. purchasing the L-Tron Corporation In-Car computers (tablets) to be utilized for the MACH System (GPS) and E-Citations. The General Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account will absorb the cost of \$22,310 for the computers. This item is in the 21-22 Budget. Mayor Bergman seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski and Mayor Bergman voted aye, Council member Thompson voted nay. Motion carried 2/1. Chief of Police Howard will order equipment for three (3) existing patrol vehicles, but will order four (4) Dell Latitudes 5430 Rugged and four (4) Havis, Docking Stations with Advanced Port Replication, Triple Pass-Through Antenna Connection, and Power Supply for Dell Latitude Rugged Notebooks 5430.

Howard County Commissioner Dave Boehle had a meeting with Utilities Superintendent Helzer regarding the continuation of the City of St. Paul's Recycling Trailer. Commissioner Boehle stated that residents outside City limits have been utilizing the trailer and would like it to continue to do so. The Council members were in agreement to discontinue the recycling trailer and table the item until the Howard County Commissioners comes up with a solution to share the hauling expenses to Broken Bow, NE or to provide a financial contribution to the City to cover expenses.

The IBEW 1597 Union negotiation workshop has been cancelled on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Instead, two (2) Special Council meetings have been scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2022. The Mayor and City Council member will meet at 5:30 p.m. to finish the Council business that didn't get finalized on Monday, May 2, 2022, and then at 6:30 p.m. the Mayor and City Council members will meet regarding an IBEW 1597 Union negotiation workshop. The two (2) meetings will be posted in four (4) usual places in St. Paul, NE.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer stated that he attended the Howard County Commissioner meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 regarding the continuation of the Recycling Trailer; the next Commissioner meeting will be on Friday, May 13, 2022 regarding the trailer.

Electrical Commissioner Ed Thompson was in attendance to report on the City Spring Clean-up Day that was held on Monday, April 25, 2022. City crews took three (3) loads of trees to the

Recycling Center; six (6) Dump Truck loads of iron to the Rotary pile; and 5-6 loads of garbage to the Loup Central Landfill. Mr. Thompson also disclosed that 50 clients were served, along with 12,380 lbs. of garbage disposed of at the Loup Central Landfill. Mr. Thompson stated that the Spring Clean-up event was the best turnout and was a success.

Chief of Police Howard updates: (1) City Police Dept. received reimbursement from the Webster County Sheriff regarding Moriah Rawlings armor vest and duty belt in the amount of \$788.96; other police accessory items were billed out this week to Moriah Rawlings in the amount of \$264.99; (2) the Police Dept. has three (3) tablets that they can't utilize, therefore they will be donated to the Water Dept. to be utilized for the G-Works utility card lookup; (3) City Police Dept. received a LARM grant for two (2) sets of "stop sticks"; this will supply all the Police cruisers with "stop sticks"; and (4) City Police Dept. solved a hit and run in St. Paul; the person admitted he was in the wrong.

Mayor Bergman updates: (1) The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) Compliance Reporting has been completed (American Rescue Plan Act - ARPA); US Treasury deadline was April 30, 2022; (2) City Facebook Charter/Spectrum survey: City is requesting input from City residents that have Charter/Spectrum internet service. If you currently have Charter/Spectrum, please comment on the quality of service received, internet speed, internet pricing, and customer service; (3) League of NE Municipalities: Cities and villages need to submit their health insurance response to the NE League of Municipalities by Wednesday, April 27, 2022 deadline, so the League of NE Municipalities can have a health insurance quote by July 1, 2022 from Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE (BCBSNE); and (4) Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) progress meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Public Announcements: Mayor Bergman stated that the election date is Tuesday, May 10, 2022; please get out and vote.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Date

May 16, 2022

Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer