

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

Tuesday, July 5, 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, July 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council President Katie Kowalski (Acting Mayor) and Council members Jerry Thompson, Mike Feeken and Chuck Schmid. Absent: Mayor Joel M. Bergman. 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.

Council President Katie Kowalski 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; per Mayor Bergman, there will be a five (5) minute limit per person on speaking.

Sergeant Scott Greenwalt was in attendance to present pictures regarding 108 Howard Avenue Apartments (Todd & Michelle Padrnos). Per Sergeant Greenwalt, there has been no progress to the deck, stairs and main support beams to the apartment. After a lengthy discussion regarding this matter the item was postponed until Monday, July 18, 2022 to obtain Chief of Police Howard's opinion, along with following the nuisance steps according to City Attorney White.

St. Paul Fire Chief Mike Becker was in attendance to discuss "Address Number Placement" on each home in St. Paul, NE. This will help Emergency Responders protect you and your family in the event of an emergency; this will also give your home identification. By making your address visible, this will allow Emergency Responders to locate you quicker when on an emergency response call. By properly posting your address in the correct place, you will allow St. Paul Fire & Rescue, St. Paul Police, delivery services, postal services and utility service providers to find you quicker. After a lengthy discussion on the topic, Fire Chief Mike Becker stated that the St. Paul Fire & Rescue will make a list of homes that do not have house numbers, along with handing out flyers to educate patrons on placing a house number on their residence.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) June 20, 2022 minutes; and (2) July 5, 2022 disbursements. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

July 5, 2022 Disbursements

Gross Wages - June	102561.40
Amazon Capital Services (books, supplies)	1051.94
Barco (supplies)	467.07
Bomgaars (supplies)	682.71

Bound to Stay Bound (books)	146.87
Cardmember Svcs (meals, supplies, education, postage, hotel)	3039.82
Cengage Learning (books)	40.17
Charter/Spectrum (service)	239.96
Chesterman Company (supplies)	122.22
Christensen Concrete (supplies)	405.00
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	6534.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	140.00
Clearly (telephone)	195.76
Core & Main (supplies)	80.52
COR Managed Services (service)	800.00
Crane River Theater Co (service)	350.00
Custer County Recycling (Service)	18.50
Dick's Repair (repair)	490.16
Eakes Office Solutions (contract)	108.19
Hawkins Inc (chemicals)	3762.51
HD Arms (uniform)	551.10
Homestead Bank - BOK Financial Wire Fee (wire fee)	8.00
Hometown Market (supplies)	950.88
Howard Co. Register of Deeds (fee)	20.00
Howard Co. Treasurer (Dispatch Fee)	3122.42
Island Sprinkler Supply (supplies)	198.92
Jon's Plumbing (supplies)	1200.00
Kiefer Aquatics (uniforms)	26.00
Killinger Electric (service)	148.00
Loup Basin RC&D (dues)	100.00
Loup Rivers Scenic Byway (dues)	25.00
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	204.06
Midwest Hydraulic (supplies)	35.48
NE Public Health Environ (lab)	16.00
Olsson (engineering)	18350.42
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Overland Ready Mixed	687.50
Petty Cash (postage, meal, service, supplies)	42.27
Reams Sprinkler Supply (supplies)	132.33
Regional Care (insurance)	88.00
Rutjens Construction (WWTF project)	385527.32
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	42.59
Servi-Tech (lab)	148.60
St. Paul Public School (supplies)	305.50
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	187.89
Stetson Building Products (supplies)	120.06
TO Haas Tire (service)	922.96
TooFast Supply (supplies)	11.80
United States Treasury (fee)	45.22
Van Diest (chemicals)	842.50
Verizon Wireless (service)	143.49
Wells Plumbing (repair)	598.99
Wesco (supplies)	2058.45
Non-General Disbursements	
S Squared Enterprise: Tif Proceeds from #8652 & #8659	1010.38
Sales Tax - Street Motor Vehicle Tax (tax)	3813.02
Sales Tax - 25% Infrastructure (tax)	8219.61
Sales Tax: JoAnn Urbanski (property improvement)	3750.00

The discussion on the placement of the north "City Welcome" sign was tabled due to St. Paul Development Corp. Executive Director Mike Coghlan not being present. The item has been tabled until Monday, July 18, 2022.

Council member Schmid moved to approve Dana F. Cole & Company LLP, Ord, NE proposed "Audit Services and Budget Compilation" fees regarding the Years of 2022 (\$29,100); 2023 (\$31,100) and 2024 (\$32,400). 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 Elmwood Cemetery Sexton monthly salary of \$400 to be effective October 1, 2022 per the recommendation of the Elmwood Cemetery Board minutes pertaining to May 11, 2022 and June 8, 2022. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Thompson moved to approve utilizing the Water "Insured Cash Sweep" (ICS) account funds to replace a broken fire hydrant southeast of Peters Funeral Home on Custer Street in the approximate amount of \$5,000; City will supply the labor. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

A lengthy discussion ensued on investing some of the City's Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) funds to be placed in the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Fund (NPAIT) / PMA Financial Network, LLC (Walker Zulkoski); the funds would be invested into the US Treasury. The item was tabled until Monday, July 18, 2022 Council meeting. Penalty on cashing the investment was also discussed.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the City's 2022-2023 Management; Police; and Non-Union employee hourly pay increase to be the same as the IBEW 1597 Union employees. The increase will follow the Consumer Price Index (CPI); the increase calculates to be a 6.07% increase to be effective October 1, 2022. The employees affected by the increase consists of: (1) Utilities Superintendent Matt Helzer; (2) City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Connie Jo Beck; (3) Chief of Police Dan Howard; (4) Sergeant Scott Greenwalt; (5) Police Officer Chris Grooms; (6) Police Officer Jade Stethem; (7) Police Secretary Mary Trentman; and (8) Janice Derner (Housekeeping). 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 ratifying the City of St. Paul's 2022-2024 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) 1597 Union contract. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, Council member Thompson abstained. Motion carried 3/0.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) Closing of railroad crossing south of St. Paul beginning July 25, 2022; (2) St. Paul Library will be closed from July 11 – 13, 2022 regarding the cleaning of carpets; and (3) Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) construction progress meeting will be on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Council member Thompson inquired about whose decision it would be if there was a rain event during Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Days regarding the car show in the City Park. The Mayor, Utility Superintendent and the Park's Manager will be in charge of the decision.

Council President Katie Kowalski updates: (1) City received a \$1,000 reimbursement check from the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) regarding the fire damage to the Elmwood Cemetery fence (City deductible amount); (2) St. Paul Development Corp. Executive Director Mike Coghlan submitted his resignation on June 27, 2022; his last day will be July 11, 2022. The Board will begin the search process for a replacement as soon as possible; (3) the 2022-2023 Budget workshop is scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.; (4) Solar surveyors will be present the week of July 11, 2022 to assess the lagoon land; and (5) City Clerk Connie Jo Beck created a spreadsheet regarding the City cost pertaining to the Padrnos nuisance; Council President reported a total of 19 hours and a total cost of \$1,253.30 on the project.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:10 p.m.

July 18, 2022
Date

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Acting Mayor Katie Kowalski (Council President)

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Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer