

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

Monday, August 1, 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, August 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Council members Katie Kowalski, Jerry Thompson, Mike Feeken and Chuck Schmid. 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; per Mayor Bergman, there will be a five (5) minute limit per person on speaking.

Council member Schmid moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) July 18, 2022 minutes; and (2) August 1, 2022 disbursements. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

August 1, 2022 Disbursements

Gross Wages - July	115112.92
Amazon Capital Services (books, supplies)	562.59
Beck Tree Service (service)	250.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE (insurance)	36764.08
Bomgaars (supplies)	374.17
Cardmember Svcs (meals, education, postage, hotel, fees)	579.10
Cengage Learning (books)	39.57
Charter/Spectrum (service)	239.96
Chesterman Company (supplies)	87.90
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	6534.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	140.00
COR Managed Services (service)	1039.96
Custer County Recycling (Service)	16.70
Danko Emergency Equip (repair)	1200.08
Don's Pioneer Uniform (equipment)	4847.63
Eakes Office Solutions (contract)	270.99
Ebsco Mags (magazines)	262.37
Egan Supply (supplies)	79.63
GB Auto Service (tires)	882.14

Hach Company (supplies)	133.21
Heartland Disposal (service)	850.00
Hometown Market (supplies)	674.09
Howard Co. Register of Deeds (fee)	10.00
Howard Co. Treasurer (Dispatch Fee)	3122.42
Jarecke Motors (service)	72.36
John Deere Financial (supplies)	188.80
Kanter, Linda (summer rec)	195.00
LARM (insurance)	69.67
Levander Auto (repair)	64.00
Loup Valley Supply (supplies)	35.60
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	182.58
Meinecke, Mike (summer rec)	370.00
Meyer, Nathan (meal, mileage)	132.31
Mutual of Omaha (insurance)	213.12
Olsson (engineering)	16958.34
Petty Cash (postage, supplies)	28.63
POAN (membership)	30.00
Regional Care (insurance)	88.00
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	119.93
Servi-Tech (lab)	144.25
SOS Inc (service)	1450.00
St Paul Fire Dept Trust Fund (reimb)	5508.14
St Paul Public School (supplies)	3386.00
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	187.50
Van Diest (chemicals)	229.95
Verizon Wireless (service)	142.39

Non-General Disbursements

TIF: S. Squared Enterprises: TIF Proceeds from #8652 & #8659	1010.38
Keno: 2% Gross Revenue April - June 2022	8602.00
Sales Tax to Street Motor Vehicle Tax July 2022 (May 2022)	3932.41
Sales Tax to 25% Infrastructure July 2022 (May 2022)	8527.77
Sales Tax: St. Paul Development Corp. (Final Operating Funds)	35000.00

Council member Schmid introduced Ordinance #1029; an ordinance of the City of St. Paul, NE to amend Sections §4-302 through §4-309 of the St. Paul Municipal Code. This comes with the stipulation to add verbiage at the end of the sentence in §4-303: Abatement Procedures; Section C to read "the City may have such work completed to abate nuisance upon the decision by the Board of Health OR designated officer and City Council." All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed; this ordinance shall be in full force and take effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law. Ordinance #1029 will be published in pamphlet form as approved by City Attorney White. Council member Kowalski waived the three (3) readings of Ordinance #1029 at three (3) different occasions. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, Council member Thompson voted nay. Motion carried 3/1. Council member Kowalski moved for final passage of Ordinance #1029, Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, Council member Thompson voted nay. Motion carried 3/1. The ordinance effective date is August 26, 2022.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) Insurance Renewal Resolution No. 2022-9; this would provide a written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2023 (180 day notice only; 2% discount). Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, Council member Kowalski voted nay. Motion carried 3/1. Request for Proposals (RFP's) will be sent out

approximately February 1, 2023 regarding the General, Auto, Law Enforcement Liability; Worker's Compensation; Errors & Omissions; Auto Physical Damage; and Commercial Property.

Utilities Superintendent Matt Helzer stated that the City Office received five (5) Electrical Lineman applications; one (1) of which is a certified Journeyman. The City Council was in agreement to continue advertising for one (1) more month. The item will be revisited on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

The Mayor and Council members were in agreement to post internally the Water Commissioner job vacancy position. The job vacancy posting will be placed at the City Office, Water Treatment Facility, Park's Maintenance shop and the North Electrical shop. The deadline date to respond will end at 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2022.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) Storm damage; Electrical Department has done a great job in keeping the electrical lines clear; (2) contacted Hydro Optimization & Automation (HOA), Lincoln, NE regarding water pressure monitor switches. The monitors will be installed at two (2) locations; this will be for the monitoring of the City water pressure; the cost will be approximately \$800 per monitor; and (3) NE State Fire Marshall regarding 108 Howard Avenue apartments.

Mayor Bergman voiced his appreciation and gratitude to all the City workers who assisted with the storm damage.

Chief of Police Howard updates: (1) Police Officer Jade Stethem has been accepted into the NE Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC); his training will begin on August 28, 2022. Police Officer Stethem will perform an "Agility Fitness" test on August 9, 2022; and (2) Chief of Police Dan Howard received his "Management" certification.

City Council member Schmid also thanked the Electrical Dept. for their assistance with the storm damage.

Mayor Bergman updates: (1) St. Paul Civic Center variable rate loan matured on August 1, 2022; the St. Paul Civic Center new interest rate will be 4.95%; the new loan payment will be \$69,653; (2) Sparq-Data upgrades to the Council chrome-book's; (3) Special meeting regarding "Public Input" pertaining to the proposed 2022-2023 Budget on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers; (4) Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Progress meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers; (5) City received an insurance reimbursement check from Mandy (Mason) Anderson in the amount of \$8,033 regarding damage to a electrical transformer; (6) NPAIT is setting up City Sub-Department accounts for City US Treasury investments; and (7) the City received a proposal from Svehla Law Offices regarding City services; the document will be emailed to the Mayor and Council for their viewing.

Chief of Police Dan Howard spoke briefly on moving the Howard County Emergency Manager office to the St. Paul Police Department. This item will be for a future discussion.

Mayor Bergman voiced his concerns pertaining to the repair of the south railroad crossing tracks last week; Mayor Bergman stated that persons need to slow down going across the tracks.

Council member Thompson moved to go into Closed Session at 7:27 p.m. for strategy session with respect to real estate purchase. The attendance in closed session consisted of: Mayor Bergman, Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken and City Clerk Beck. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. A motion has been made and seconded to go into Closed Session for strategy session with respect to real estate purchase. There was no discussion. The pending motion is to go into Closed Session for strategy session with respect to real estate purchase. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

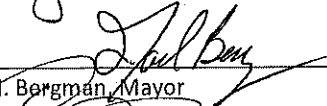
Mayor Bergman adjourned the closed session at 7:40 p.m.

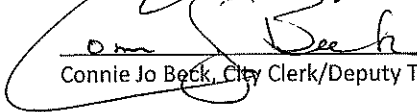
Action Taken: Council member Thompson moved to approve (1) offering Howard County (5th &

Elm Streets) \$115,000 for the Quonset building; (2) have the east half (1/2) of the Howard County block cleared in the next six (6) months (March 1, 2023); and (3) within thirty (30) months have the overall land cleared of Howard County equipment, gravel, etc. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:42 p.m.

August 15, 2022
Date


Joel M. Bergman, Mayor


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer