

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

Monday, September 19, 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, September 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Council members Katie Kowalski, Jerry Thompson and Mike Feeken. Absent: 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 7:00 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 Thompson moved to approve Rutjens Construction Inc. Pay Request #7 regarding the St. Paul Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Project #020-2586 in the amount of \$463,521.50. The pay request consists of stored materials for the onsite generator and three (3) blowers; the blowers were delivered last week to the site. It also covers work to the submersible well and almost the remainder of the earthwork for the lift station, control/blower building, and SBR. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Note: Due to the work on the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) being 50% completed, the retainage has been moved from 10% to 5% as long as work continues to move along smoothly; Olsson will keep the retainage the same for the duration of the project.

Council member Thompson moved to approve Resolution 2022-20; authorizing the City of St. Paul to deed a tract of land to the Howard County Medical Center for a Therapy and Wellness Center; this is in exchange that the Howard County Medical Center absorbs the cost to relocate the City siren currently on the property. The tract of land is more legally described as: A tract of land 22' x 132' located in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 14 North, Range 10, West of the 6th P.M., St. Paul, Howard County, Nebraska. The resolution also authorizes Mayor Bergman to sign the deed to transfer the City land to the Howard County Medical Center. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson and Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Dustin and Kim Anderson's (807 Farnum Street) Property Improvement application for demolition and clearance of the property was tabled, due to the Anderson's needing to take possession of the land.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Consent Agenda items: (1) August 2022 Treasurer's Report; (2) September 6, 2022 Council minutes (two regular meetings); (3) zoning permits; and; (4) September 19, 2022 disbursements. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson and Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Disbursements September 19, 2022

Amazon Capital Svcs (books, supplies)	2330.29
Aurora Cooperative (fuel)	1634.79
Barco Municipal Products (supplies)	3506.36
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	566.49
Brown, Aubrie (subscriptions)	140.00
Cardmember Services (hotel, supplies)	790.94
Cengage Learning (books)	40.77
Christensen Concrete (supplies)	277.60
City Lights (utilities)	11034.82
City of St. Paul Transfer of Funds from Checking Account (pay disbursements)	250000.00
Clearfly (telephone)	195.76
Consolidated Mgmt (meals)	166.20
COR Managed Svcs (service)	1200.00
Custer County Recycling (service)	18.00
Dick's Repair (repair)	413.29
Eakes Office (contract)	509.45
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	200.00
Entech Pest Mgmt (service)	85.00
Filter Care (service)	194.35
Grand Island Independent (subscription)	444.39
Heartland Disposal (service)	6722.20
Heartland Pet Connection (service)	300.00
Homestead Bank (fee)	33.60
Howard County Register of Deeds (fees)	26.00
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	165736.04
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	2794.07
John Deere Financial (supplies)	1682.26
Johnson Corrosion Eng. (service)	1029.00
Midland Telecom (supplies)	399.00
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	3726.55
NE Dept of Revenue (Form 10 - Sales and Use Tax)	15588.85
NE Law Enf Training Cntr (education)	144.00
NE Municipal Clerk's Assn (dues)	200.00
NE School Librarians Assn (dues)	30.00
NE Salt & Grain (supplies)	1855.12
Omaha World Herald (subscription)	498.99
One Call Concepts (service)	31.30
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	485.00
Parts Bin (supplies)	136.71
Penworthy Company (books)	1883.40
Phonograph Herald (publish)	941.51
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	59.99
Sapp Bros Inc (oil)	1044.25
Sherwin Williams (supplies)	139.60
Shotkoski Service (supplies)	1709.56
St Paul Development Corp (recreation)	6200.00
St Paul Veterinary Clinic (service)	210.00
US Post Office (postage)	460.00
United Healthcare (insurance)	1650.56

Rutjens Construction Inc. (Draw #7)	463521.50
<u>Non-General Disbursements</u>	
Keno: Tri-City Sign Co. (City Welcome sign)	17500.00
Sales Tax: St Paul Chamber of Commerce (website expenses)	174.80

Council member Thompson moved to approve Resolution **2022-17**; whereas the Mayor and City Council desire to establish fees for various City permits, services, goods, and use of equipment; with the adopted effective date October 1, 2022. City Clerk Beck attached the City of St. Paul Police Department UTV / Golf cart inspection list for Mayor and Council review. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson and Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. The City will be amending the UTV / Golf Cart ordinances in the near future.

Council member Thompson moved to approve Mayor Joel M. Bergman appointing St. Paul Police Officer Grady Robinson from a part-time position to a full-time position regarding the vacancy at the St. Paul Police Department. Officer Robinson's beginning hourly wage will be \$21.89 on October 1, 2022; Officer Robinson will receive \$22.54 after his six (6) month probationary period. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. Police Officer Robinson's starting wage was increased, due to Officer Robinson currently being a certified Police Officer through the NE Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC).

Council member Feeken moved to approve hiring Dillon Paczosa as the new City of St. Paul Water Treatment Plant Water Operator to fill the vacant position; the beginning hourly wage is \$19.52 effective immediately. Also up for approval was the hiring of Trevor Kowalski and Trae Anderson as the new City of St. Paul Sewer Wastewater Operators to fill the vacant positions; the beginning hourly wage is \$18.77 effective immediately. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. After the six (6) month probationary period the above employees will move up one (1) step on the pay scale.

Mayor Bergman stated that the Loup Central Landfill Association is requesting that each Municipality have a Board member present at the Loup Central Landfill Board meetings; a quorum is necessary to conduct business. The City of St. Paul has been fulfilling the commitment.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) a NE Dept. of Environment & Energy (NDEE) representative needs to visit the City of St. Paul and Howard County regarding the City Recycling Center regarding the rules and regulation concerning the land caps; and (2) City Water Operator Jeremy Gorecki passed the Water Grade 2 class; Mr. Gorecki will become the next City Water Commissioner effective November 1, 2022. The Mayor and City Council extended their congratulations to Mr. Gorecki.

Chief of Police Howard updates: (1) currently mailed numerous grass nuisance letters; also sent City Wide Clean-up letters; and (2) Police Officer Jade Stethem is performing exceptional well at the NE Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC).

Council member Mike Feeken attended the League of NE Municipality Annual Conference this past week; he had conversations with many vendors, including Black Hills Energy.

Mayor Bergman updates: (1) the City received a validation from the IRS regarding the SAM's Registration for the ARPA funding the City received; the City is still awaiting the validation from the Dept. of Defense; and (2) there is a City Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

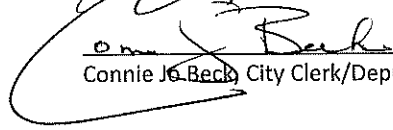
For Public Announcements: (1) the 2022 NE Junk Jaunt is September 23, 24 and 25, 2022; the City will have Officers on patrol.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Date: October 3, 2022



Joel M. Bergman, Mayor



Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer