

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

Monday, November 7, 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, November 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Council members Katie Kowalski, Jerry Thompson, Chuck Schmid & 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 called the Council meeting to order at 7:02 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 has "Questions or Concerns" in regard 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.

Council member Feeken moved to approve Resolution 2022-22; whereas by the State of Nebraska Statutes, Section 39-2302, and 39-2511 through 39-2515 details the requirements that must be met in order for a municipality to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and whereas the State Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each incorporated municipality must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment of the City Street Superintendent to the NDOT using the "Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent" form. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council member Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Feeken moved to approve Mayor Bergman signing the "Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent" for determining Incentive Payment from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Jeff Palik will be the City of St. Paul's Street Superintendent, License No. S-1269, Class A. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

The St. Paul Rescue Squad is pursuing a grant for \$150,000 to purchase a new ambulance. Currently the St. Paul Rescue Squad has two (2) ambulances; the ambulance years consist of a "1997" and a "2007". It was intended that the St. Paul Rescue Squad would purchase a new ambulance every ten (10) years for reliability; the Rescue Squad waited longer than normal to acquire a new ambulance. If the St. Paul Rescue Squad receives the new ambulance grant, the "1997" ambulance will be utilized as a St. Paul Fire Dept. equipment vehicle; along with it being utilized to carry the "self-contained breathing apparatus" (SCBA) equipment. Council member Schmid moved to approve the City of St. Paul Rescue Squad completing an EMS Ambulance and Equipment Grant application through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); the St. Paul Rescue Squad is requesting \$150,000 from the grant to purchase a new ambulance. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Feeken moved to approve Mayor Bergman re-appointing Theda Van Horn and Todd Peters to the St. Paul Housing Authority Board; their term expires on November 30, 2022. The new term will be effective December 1, 2022 and continue through November 30, 2026. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve Consent Agenda Items: (1) October 17, 2022 minutes; (2) October 31, 2022 zoning permits; and November 7, 2022 disbursements. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

November 7, 2022 Disbursements

Gross Payroll - October 2022	95223.97
911 Custom (uniforms)	2648.71
Amazon Capital (books, supplies)	1926.23
American Legal Publishing (publish)	46.80
Beck, Connie Jo (supplies)	24.69
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE (insurance)	18442.79
BOK Financial (bond)	65357.50
Bomgaars (supplies)	1025.42
Cardmember Services (training, supplies, meals, fuel)	1086.68
Cengage Learning (books)	40.17
Central District Health Dept (lab)	550.00
Charter Spectrum (service)	239.96
Chicago Motors (vehicle)	22295.00
Christensen Concrete (supplies)	389.00
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	6534.00
City 125 Plan (insurance)	120.00
Consolidated Mgmt (meals)	327.45
COR Managed Svcs (service)	1800.00
Core & Main (supplies)	74.83
Custer County Recycling (service)	37.10
Delta Heating & Air (service)	76.00
Demco (supplies)	1624.63
Eakes Office Solutions (service)	352.82
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	1200.00
Entech Pest Mgmt (service)	85.00
Great Plains Uniform (supplies)	58.00
Heartland Disposal (service)	174.25
Hometown Market (supplies)	19.28
Ho Co Register of Deeds (fee)	36.00
Ho Co. Treasurer (dispatch fee)	3122.42
Howard Greeley Rural Public Power (supplies)	331.13
Hydro Optimization & Supply (supplies)	3172.95
Jarecke Motors (repair)	83.30
Killinger Electric (supplies)	25.04
LARM (insurance)	602.99
Loup Valley Supply (supplies)	32.75
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	245.76
Midland Telecom (supplies)	141.35
Municipal Supply (supplies)	557.40
Mutual of Omaha (insurance)	149.76
NE Law Enforce Training Cntr (fees)	175.00
Olsson (service)	6787.36
One Call Concepts (service)	34.46
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	2727.19

Parts Bin (supplies)	270.06
Petty Cash (supplies, registration, fees)	37.34
Phonograph Herald (publishing)	441.84
SE Smith & Sons (supplies)	73.11
Shaffer Communications (supplies)	157.00
Smith Welding (service)	234.14
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	186.07
Sweet Shoppe (cookies)	102.11
USA Blue Book (supplies)	92.95
Verizon Wireless (service)	143.37

November 7, 2022 Non-General

American Rescue Plan (ARP): Rose Equipment: Sewer Jetter	83203.00
Police ICS Transfer Out: Transfer In Checking 100027 (Police Vehicle)	22295.00
Sales Tax: Street - Motor Vehicle Tax	5075.72
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure	7993.98
Keno: NE Dept. Revenue Charitable Gaming: 2% Gross July - September 2022	7683.00
Heritage Bank: Utility Billing ACH Fee (fee)	25.00

Council member Thompson moved to introduce Ordinance 1033 (Option A), along with the stipulation that the golf cart verbiage on Page 4 be modified to read "Only between the hours of sunrise and sunset"; to amend the City of St. Paul's Municipal Code; to amend Chapter 5, Article 7 pertaining to Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV), Golf Carts, and All-Terrain (ATV); to repeal any ordinance, or parts of any ordinance in conflict with this ordinance; to provide for the effective date of such ordinance; and to provide for the publication of this ordinance in pamphlet form. Council member Kowalski waived the three (3) readings for Ordinance 1033 at three (3) different occasions. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson & Schmid voted aye, Council member Feeken voted nay. Motion carried 3/1. Council member Kowalski moved for final passage of Ordinance 1033. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson & Schmid voted aye, Council member Feeken voted nay. Motion carried 3/1. Bill Peters questioned the need for flags on the UTV's and the lights on golf carts.

Chief of Police Dan Howard stated that the St. Paul Police Dept. would like to utilize door hangers for "nuisance abatement" due to the rising cost of postage and increasing fuel cost. City Attorney Jason White stated that this is an acceptable method to handle nuisance abatement. Mayor Bergman will check to see if this will violate the City's Municipal Code; and then amend the Municipal Code if needed.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the St. Paul Police Dept. utilizing door hangers for "nuisance abatement" so that the City can save on the above cost; this comes with the stipulation that it does not violate the City's Municipal Code. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council member Kowalski, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, Council member Thompson voted nay. Motion carried 3/1.

Council member Schmid moved to approve the St. Paul Police Dept. purchasing five (5) portable radios costing 14,810; the radios have increased in price since the approval of the 2022-2023 Budget. The cost of the radios will be absorbed by the St. Paul Police Dept. budget. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The current radios were purchased in 1994.

Acknowledgment: Mid-Nebraska Disposal, Inc. will be increasing the residential and senior rates effective December 1, 2022. The residential rate will increase from \$12.50 to \$13.75 and the senior rate will increase from \$10.50 to 11.75. The additional tote will remain at \$4.00.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) on November 7, 2022, the St. Paul Recycling Center hours will change from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. to 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., due to the day light savings time; (2) sprinkler heads have been drained in the City Park and Baseball fields; (3) solar ground testing will be performed in the next couple weeks at the lagoon site per Dirk Dietz at Howard Greeley RPPD; (4) Sewer Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) - with the upcoming diesel shortage and the fuel price increasing, the City will be filling the generator fuel tank. This is the contractor's responsibility; and (5) the Board of Adjustment (Variance) approved the Howard County Medical Center's application regarding the Therapy and Wellness Center set-backs.

Chief of Police Howard updates: (1) the City was reimbursed \$1,600 from a State of NE grant for police over-time to reduce speeding; (2) the St. Paul Police Dept. is partnering with the National Child Safety Council in a fund raiser; this will help purchase Junior Officer stickers, learning books, etc.; (3) the Police Dept. 2015 Explorer should be in-service in approximately one (1) month; (4) First Net and US Cellar is performing a 30-day test trial for the telephones and internet at the Police Station and (5) Chief of Police Howard and Howard County Deputy Tartaglia taught a class to the St. Paul Public School high school staff "Stop the Bleed" concerning an active shooter.

Council member Feeken received information from a patron that a tractor-trailer was transporting individuals into town to shop; this individual was concerned about the safety of the individuals. Chief of Police Howard will contact the tractor-trailer individuals regarding traveling on a state highway.


Mayor Bergman updates: (1) the Mayor and City Clerk had a meeting with a Public Trust Advisor regarding the launching of an investment pool in January 2023 named Nebraska Class; the fees for Nebraska Class would be less than the fees for Npait; (2) received last sewer lagoon rent from Clark and Terry Kosmicki in the amount of \$4,360; (3) the City Office will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2022 regarding Veterans Day; (4) US Postal Service announces new postage prices beginning January 22, 2023; (5) reporting City of St. Paul's annual Occupation Tax for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 on City website per NE Statute 18-1208(5); (6) City Clerk Beck contacted Citizens Bank & Trust inquiring on raising the Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) interest rates; per Bobbi Placke, interest rates will increase from 1.33% to 2.15% immediately; and (7) City Clerk Beck submitted the City's annual narrative on new TIF projects in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to the NE Dept. of Revenue.


For Public Announcements: Council member Schmid stated "get out and vote".

Council member Thompson moved to go into Closed Session at 7:39 p.m. for land negotiations. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. A motion has been made and seconded to go into Closed Session for land negotiations. There was no discussion. The pending motion is to go into Closed Session for land negotiations. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Mayor Bergman adjourned the closed session at 8:07 p.m. with no action.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:08 p.m.

November 21, 2022
Date


Joel M. Bergman, Mayor


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer