

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

Monday, October 17, 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, October 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Council members Katie Kowalski, Jerry Thompson, Chuck Schmid and 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 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 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; per Mayor Bergman, there will be a five (5) minute limit per person on speaking.

Mayor Joel M. Bergman presented an Appreciation Plaque to employee Ronnie Switzer for his dedicated service to the City of St. Paul for the past 39 years, most recently as the Water Commissioner. Mr. Switzer will be retiring effective October 31, 2022.

Dan Scheer at 1136 Hwy 92 was present to discuss the City selling bricks not only to the residents of St. Paul, but also to the residents within the City's one (1) mile jurisdiction. Currently, the City is selling the bricks at a cost of 0.20 cents plus tax. The Council does not want the bricks sold to a third party; it is expected that the residents purchase the bricks for their own use. Council member Schmid moved to approve selling the City bricks to the residents within the City's one (1) mile jurisdiction. Council member Thompson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

The Howard County Medical Center is proposing to construct a Therapy / Wellness Center addition onto the existing facility located at 1113 Sherman Street, St. Paul, NE. In order to meet proper setback requirements on the north side for the proposed project, the City has agreed to vacate a portion of the existing right-of-way of "M" Street, between Sherman Street and Sheridan Street to facilitate such addition to the Howard County Medical Center. Council member Thompson introduced Ordinance 1032; vacating a portion of an existing right-of-way; to transfer title of such vacated property to the abutting property owners; to retain a utility easement; to repeal any ordinance, or parts of any ordinance in conflict with this ordinance; and to provide for the effective date of such ordinance. Council member Kowalski moved to waive the three (3) readings of Ordinance 1032 at three (3) different occasions. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski,

Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Council member Thompson moved for final passage of Ordinance 1032. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The following property is hereby vacated: The southerly ten (10.0) feet of the existing eighty (80.0) foot right-of-way of "M" Street, between Sherman Street and Sheridan Street, adjoining a tract of land 264 feet - lying north of Block F, Bryan's Addition in the City of St. Paul, Howard County, Nebraska. The property shall be retained as a public utility easement by the City; and the City shall have the right to maintain, operate, repair, and renew existing public utilities in the vacated area. The City Council indicated that vacating this right-of-way was appropriate even if the Howard County Medical Center did not construct the Therapy / Wellness Center project at this time.

Council member Thompson moved to approve Mayor Joel M. Bergman appointments: (1) Jeremy Gorecki as the new Water Commissioner effective November 1, 2022, and (2) Mel Fuller to the Board of Adjustments (Variance) effective immediately. Mr. Fuller will be replacing John Poppert as he has moved out of town. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Gorecki and Mr. Fuller for their service to the City of St. Paul.

Mayor Bergman announced a reminder that on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. the City of St. Paul Mayor, Council members and the St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) will hold a special meeting regarding the St. Paul Civic Center (1) Management; (2) Lease Agreement; and (3) the Marquee Sign. The meeting will be prior to the regular City Council meeting.

Council member Schmid moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) September 2022 Treasurer's Report; (2) October 3, 2022 Council minutes; and (3) October 17, 2022 disbursements. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Disbursements October 17, 2022

911 Custom (supplies)	76.00
American Legal Publishing (fee)	450.00
Aurora Cooperative (fuel)	2079.29
Awards Plus (service)	65.00
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	350.72
Bound Tree (supplies)	813.10
BSN Sports (supplies)	84.00
BTS Communications (telephone)	754.00
City Lights (utilities)	9346.26
Clearly (telephone)	194.41
Consolidated Mgmt (meals)	93.80
COR Managed Svcs (service)	1200.00
Core & Main (supplies)	323.31
Custer County Recycling (service)	21.20
Dept of Health & Human Svcs (refund)	1309.22
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	757.71
Eakes Office (contract)	336.51
Entech Pest Mgmt (service)	85.00
Heartland Disposal (service)	6821.64
Heritage Bank Fee (Utility Billing ACH September 2022 Fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank: BOKF Wire Fee 2010 District	8.00
Homestead Bank (ACH fee)	44.40
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	145281.81
JP Cooke (supplies)	71.10
Jarecke Motors (service)	76.29
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	1598.90
La Quinta Hotel (lodging)	944.55

League of NE Municipalities (meal)	28.00
LARM (insurance)	158711.39
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	3755.80
Modern Marketing (supplies)	339.12
NE Dept of Agriculture (fee)	96.38
NE Dept of Envir & Energy (license)	115.00
NE Dept of Revenue (Sept 2022 Sales & Use Tax)	12985.69
One Call Concepts (service)	29.44
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	517.19
Parts Bin (supplies)	103.87
Phonograph Herald (publish)	711.16
POAN (education, dues)	600.00
Quick Med Claims (service)	179.29
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	107.64
SiteOne Landscape Supply (supplies)	1875.74
Steadfast Builders (service)	2010.00
Stetson Building Products (supplies)	9.35
Tool Barn Rentals (rental)	60.00
US Post Office (postage)	570.00
<u>Non-General Disbursements</u>	
Keno: Phonograph Herald (City Fall Clean-up Publications)	303.76
Keno: Loup Central Landfill (City Fall Clean-up Dump Fees)	95.51
Sales Tax: LARM: Civic Center Liability Insurance Premium	16759.87
25% Infrastructure Fund: Olsson (survey/stake Lot 20 Middle Loup Subd)	485.84

Council member Kowalski moved to approve Resolution 2022-21; the Lower Loup Resources District Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update as of June 2, 2022. The plan was prepared by the Lower Loup Natural Resources District, with the assistance from JEO Consulting Group Inc. of Lincoln, NE, and has been reviewed and approved by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. This mitigation plan is required to receive funding from FEMA.

Chief of Police Dan Howard discussed two options for purchasing a police vehicle. The purchase has been allocated in the 2022-2023 budget. Council member Schmid moved to approve the purchase of a 2015 Ford Explorer Police AWD vehicle from Chicago Motors Inc. for a total price of \$22,295.00, which includes the cost of delivery. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Thompson moved to approve Chief of Police Howard's warrant in the amount of \$91.26 regarding the transporting of two (2) abandoned dogs to the Hastings Animal Shelter and traveling to Grand Island, NE to take a "School Shooters" class in a personal vehicle. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Thompson, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates:

(1) On Thursday, October 13, 2022 the 2022 O'Brien 7040 SC sewer jetter was delivered to the City; the cost of the equipment is \$83,203. The sewer jetter will be absorbed by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds; (2) the City will be hosting an Open House on October 31, 2022 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. pertaining to the retirement of City Water Commissioner Ronnie Switzer. The public is invited to attend.

Chief of Police Howard updates:

(1) "Incident & Nuisance" report, along with reporting on police business; (2) the Police Department has been busy working on a number of vandalism cases throughout the City and County in the past two weeks. Suspects have been identified. Chief Howard is working with the Attorney General's office on this case. (3) The Police Department attended the Police Officer's Association of Nebraska (POAN) conference in Kearney; and (4) the Police Department has received accreditation by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

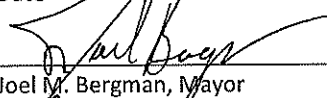
Council member updates: Council member Feeken announced that there are two (2) more open houses scheduled at the Fire Station. An informational video is available on the Fire Department's Facebook page. Council member Schmid applauds the Fire Department for their efforts in moving forward in the process of getting a new Fire Station. Council member Schmid wants the City to consider getting another camera system for the new sewer jetter machine.

Mayor Bergman updates:

(1) the City of St. Paul Police Department (Chief of Police Dan Howard) has attained accreditation from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; and (2) Howard County Resolution 2022-21 setting the City of St. Paul levy; City Clerk Beck confirmed that this is the correct levy regarding Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:40 p.m.

November 17, 2022
Date


Joel M. Bergman, Mayor


Laura Berthelsen, Deputy Clerk