

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

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

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, January 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Council members Katie Kowalski, Chuck Schmid, Mike Feeken and Bill Peters. 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.

Council member Feeken moved to approve Consent Agenda Items: (1) December 19, 2022 minutes (regular); (2) January 3, 2023 disbursements, with the correction of the expense code for the payment of the hotel booking fee to Cardmember Services; and (3) City of St. Paul Firefighter's Trae Anderson and Spencer Synowski. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

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| Gross Wages -- December | 96465.46 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE (insurance) | 20706.03 |
| Bomgaars (supplies) | 607.41 |
| Brehm Drug (supplies) | 14.18 |
| Cardmember Services (supplies, postage, meals, education, fuel, fees) | 721.03 |
| Charter/Spectrum (Service) | 239.96 |
| Christensen Insurance (bond) | 151.00 |
| City Health Deductible Savings (insurance) | 5808.00 |
| City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance) | 110.00 |
| City of St. Paul Transfer of Funds from #411025 to #100027 | 300000.00 |
| Consolidated Mgmt (training) | 39.90 |
| Core & Main (supplies) | 2434.21 |
| Custer County Recycling (service) | 19.70 |
| Dutton Lainson (supplies) | 3947.80 |

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| Heartland Disposal (service) | 132.25 |
| Homestead Bank Wire Fee BOKF 12-15-22 (fee) | 8.00 |
| Hometown Market (supplies) | 25.78 |
| Howard County Register of Deeds (fee) | 10.00 |
| Howard County Treasurer (dispatch) | 3122.42 |
| John Deere Financial (supplies) | 78.38 |
| Madison Nat'l Life (Insurance) | 184.12 |
| Menards (supplies) | 39.75 |
| Midland Telecom (equipment) | 232.45 |
| Mutual of Omaha (insurance) | 117.36 |
| Nebraska Rural Water Assn (membership) | 400.00 |
| Petty Cash (supplies, meal) | 37.40 |
| Regional Care (insurance) | 82.50 |
| Road Builders (supplies) | 531.52 |
| State of NE Central Svcs (telephone) | 186.22 |
| TASC (service) | 554.00 |
| Thiel Tire & Auto (tires) | 233.98 |
| US Postal Service (permit fee) | 275.00 |
| Verizon Wireless (telephone) | 143.28 |
| Wells Plumbing (service) | 93.05 |

Non-General Disbursements

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| City Sales Tax Transfer of funds from #504420 to #300277 | 50000.00 |
| Keno: Rice Electric LLC (Civic Center Bay lights) | 4505.00 |
| Keno: St Paul Chamber of Commerce (Marketing) | 3000.00 |
| Sales Tax: Street Motor Vehicle Tax Deposit | 2762.28 |
| Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure Deposit | 8920.13 |
| Sales Tax: South Central Eco. Dev. Dist. (SCEDD) (Membership) | 5000.00 |
| Civic Center: Wells Plumbing (service) | 704.64 |

Electrical Commissioner Ed Thompson is preparing for retirement from the City. Beginning January 1, 2023, Mr. Thompson will be working a modified work schedule to utilize his leave balances until an Electrical Commissioner is hired to replace him. Mr. Thompson will be available to assist with electrical callouts or emergency situations until a replacement is on board. Council member Schmid moved to approve advertising for a City of St. Paul Electrical Commissioner; the ad will be placed in the Phonograph Herald, Nebraska Municipal Review and Essent (NMPP). Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) Big Iron final bid on City Sewer Vacuum is \$2,001 and on Sewer Flusher is \$7,925; the Village of Farwell purchased both pieces of equipment; (2) a progress meeting on the Wastewater Treatment Plant will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the City office; and (3) City staff will continue clearing snow from City streets as a result of the recent snowstorm.

In the absence of Police Chief Dan Howard, Mayor Bergman indicated that the police cell phone service will transition to First Net within the next few weeks.

City Council member updates: (1) Councilmember Peters requested updates from the Police Department on nuisance issues, in particular the property at 108 Howard Avenue; (2) Councilmember Feeken requested that the City consider a policy on the firefighter/EMS roster; and (3) Councilmember Schmid also requested a status report on nuisance violations.

Mayor Bergman updates:


(1) Thank you letter to the Street Department and Payroll Clerk from St. Paul Pool Manager Kristy Smith;

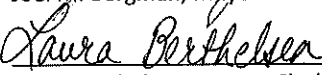
(2) Keely Butcher from the Howard County Medical Center stated that the City of St. Paul has to

- own 51% of the Wellness & Therapy facility per the CCCFF grant; therefore the Howard County Medical Center will not be applying for grant funding through the CCCFF;
- (3) City Clerk Beck signed a bond purchase agreement pertaining to the new St. Paul Fire Station; this will set the interest rate at 4.64% on a 20-year amortization schedule; the new sales tax will be effective beginning April 1, 2023;
 - (4) Notice of Special Meeting to be held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the Middle Loup Subdivision improvements, cost and funding;
 - (5) The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, due to the Martin Luther King holiday;
 - (6) Hastings Keno LLC (Mike Nevriy) reimbursed City \$2,000 for the 2021-2022 Keno audit; and
 - (7) Howard Greeley Rural Public Power District (HGRPPD) anticipates a January 17, 2023 start date on their solar project.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:35 p.m.

January 17, 2023
Date


Joel M. Bergman, Mayor


Laura Berthelsen, Deputy Clerk