

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

Monday, April 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 Monday, April 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 the request of the United Methodist and St. Mark's Lutheran Churches closing Howard Avenue between Wallace and Sheridan Streets and Jackson Street between Howard Avenue and Indian Street regarding a "Blessing of the Bike's." The event will be on Friday, May 19, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. after the St. Paul buses leave. There will be five (5) stations: Safety, Maintenance, Obstacle Course, Decorating and the "Blessing of the Bike's." Nancy Harrington and Pastor Steven Neal are requesting barricades from the City for the event. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) Assistant Director Parker Klinginsmith was present to discuss the placement of the north City "Welcome Sign." The primary location will be on the west side of US Highway 281 where the St. Paul Rotary sign is currently placed; the State of NE owns the property which has a 33 ft. easement. The secondary option for the sign will be placed on Brian Lukasiewicz's property north of the City's north-yards on the east side of the road. Council member Schmid moved to approve working with the State of NE to place the City "Welcome Sign" currently where the St. Paul Rotary sign is positioned. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The City could possibly have the option to purchase land from the State of NE regarding the sign.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve Kelli Helton as the new interim St. Paul Library Director, along with paying an hourly wage of \$18.58. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Schmid moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) March 20, 2023, minutes (regular); and (2) April 3, 2023, disbursements. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

April 3, 2023 Disbursements

Gross Wages - March	129985.58
A-1 Automotive (service)	706.16
Amazon Capital Services (books, supplies)	936.86
Beck, Connie Jo (mileage, dues)	265.14
Bergman, Joel (mileage)	22.50
Berthelsen, Laura (mileage, meals)	89.52
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE (insurance)	17184.36
Bomgaars (supplies)	596.79
Brehm's (supplies)	15.99
Cardmember Svcs (meals, supplies, education, postage, hotel, car wash)	5265.49
CEI Security Sound (service)	462.20
Cengage Learning (books)	39.57
Charter/Spectrum (service)	239.96
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5808.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	110.00
City Heritage Bank Fund Transfer to City ICS Account (transfer of funds to Light, Water, Sewer)	400000.00
Classy Chassis Car Wash (service)	100.00
Cornhusker Marriott (lodging)	408.00
Light: Consumer Deposit Account: Aaron Salmon	250.00
Custer County Recycling (Service)	39.40
Demco (supplies)	404.61
Dick's Repair (repair)	151.57
Eakes Office Solutions (contract, supplies)	354.99
Filter Care (service)	212.95
Heartland Disposal (service)	132.25
Holiday Inn (lodging)	804.65
Hometown Market (supplies)	37.75
Howard Co. Treasurer (Dispatch Fee)	3122.42
Jarecke Motors (repair)	372.70
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	209.38
Menards (supplies)	119.96
Meyer, Nicholas (mileage, meals)	316.72
Miller Seed (supplies)	86.65
Motorola Solutions (service, supplies)	14595.84
Mutual of Omaha (insurance)	131.76
NE Dept of Envir & Energy (education)	250.00
NE Dept of Transportation (service)	3391.50
NE Library Comm (service)	500.00
Olsson (engineering)	12806.85
Pioneer Door (service)	199.00
Platte Valley Comm (supplies, service)	2569.07
Quick Med Claims (service)	560.13
Robinson, Grady (meal, fees)	67.49
Schmid, Charles (fee)	22.50
Site One Landscape (supplies)	4720.54
Smith Welding (service)	192.33
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	8.84

Non-General Disbursements

TIF: MAD Development March TIF 2023 (TIF Proceeds)	1116.14
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TIF: City of St. Paul Share of MAD Development March TIF (TIF Proceeds)	1116.13
TIF: BedHead Coffee March 2023 TIF (TIF Proceeds)	116.25
TIF: S Squared Enterprises: Prairie Falls Subd March 2023 TIF (TIF Proceeds)	1834.06
25% Infrast (Sales Tax) Transfer to 25% Infrast ICS	90000.00
Keno Money Mmkt: Transfer to Keno ICS: #103314	30000.00
REDLG Checking: Transfer to REDLG ICS #103381	80000.00
Health Deductible Account: to Health Deductible ICS	100000.00
Street - Mtr Veh Tax (sales tax) to Street - Mtr Veh Tax	5455.17
25% Infrast (sales tax) to 25% Infrast. Account	8759.44
GH Construction LLC (504684) South Welcome Sign Brick work (brick work)	8722.50
Civic Cntr: Cardmember Svc (gym light)	75.38
Sales Tax: Olsson (Middle Loup Sub replat & design)	2084.76
Police ICS Transfer to Police Ckg - Motorola (Transfer)	10346.00
Police ICS Transfer to Police Ckg - Platte Valley Communications (Transfer)	2569.07
General Premium Investment 504684 Close: Place in General ICS #103209 (transfer)	16786.41
Library ICS 103365 Transfer to Library Checking for Library Installation of LED Lights (transfer)	4953.00

Council member Schmid moved to approve the City of St. Paul Fire Department billing rates for Year 2023. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Feeken moved to approve David W. Staab as the new Corporate Manager for the St. Paul Pizza Hut in St. Paul, NE. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski introduced Ordinance #1038, amending the St. Paul Municipal Code regarding Section 1-510 of Chapter 1 pertaining to the start time of the Regular Council meetings; 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. The effective date will be Friday, April 28, 2023. Council member Feeken moved to waive the three (3) readings of Ordinance #1038 at three (3) different occasions. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council member Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Council member Kowalski moved for final passage of Ordinance #1038. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Feeken moved to approve utilizing the Fire Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account to pay the new St. Paul Fire Station interest on the bond in the amount of \$26,586.04. The new sales tax revenue for the Fire Station will arrive from the Dept. of Revenue NE mid-June 2023. The Fire ICS account will be reimbursed once the Fire Station sales tax dollars comes in. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

The discussion to pay the \$21,500 to Downey Drilling Inc., Kearney, NE was tabled until the results have been received from the well test holes at the City Recycling Center.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the City purchasing two (2) City utility trucks. The trucks will go to (1) Utilities Superintendent Helzer and (2) to the Sewer Department. Council member Kowalski moved to approve Utilities Superintendent Helzer bid on two (2) used Utility vehicles through Purple Wave, Government Surplus Auctions, etc. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer gave a brief presentation regarding RVW, Inc., Columbus, NE Geographic Information System (GIS) Specialist that Mayor Bergman brought back from the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP) conference. The advantage to the service is that the City can add layers to the mapping. Council member Schmid moved to approve canceling the G-Works service contract and utilize RVW Inc., Columbus, NE for the City's GIS mapping. RVW Inc. doesn't require a contract. There is a one (1) time initial setup fee in the approximate amount of \$3,000 and then an annual fee of \$600. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Howard Greeley Rural Public Power District (HGRPP) also utilizes the GIS service. The Mayor and Council had concerns regarding the City owning the GIS data; Utilities Superintendent reassured the Council that this will not be a problem.

Council member Schmid moved to approve James Summers from Benkelman, NE as the City of St. Paul's new Electrical Commissioner. Mr. Summers' beginning hourly wage will be \$35.86 (Step 7) and then after probation Mr. Summers will receive an hourly wage of \$36.76. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

On behalf of Governor Jim Pillen and Anthony Goins, Director of the Dept. of Economic Development, the City of St. Paul was informed on receiving the Rural Workforce Housing Land Development Program grant funding in the amount up to \$1 million. Mayor Bergman extended a thank you to City Deputy Clerk Laura Berthelsen and St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) Executive Director Dream Solko and Assistant Director Parker Klinginsmith for being instrumental in receiving the grant funding.

Council member Schmid moved to approve Mayor Joel M. Bergman signing the State of Nebraska - Department of Economic Development Sub-award Agreement Contract No. 22-RWLD-006 regarding the Rural Workforce Housing Land Development Grant Program. The Department and the Sub-recipient each agree to be bound by the applicable terms and conditions of the U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund Award Terms and Conditions. This is a reimbursement grant. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates only consisted of the All-tel (Verizon) Tower contract. Utilities Superintendent Helzer will contact City Attorney Jason White to consider sending a letter to the Corporate Office in Colorado regarding the monthly rent the City should be receiving from the tower.

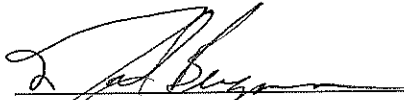
Chief of Police Howard reported on these nuisances: (1) Todd and Michelle Padrnos and John McClellan nuisance hearing letters were personally delivered Tuesday, March 28, 2023, via Chief of Police Dan Howard and (2) Mike and Elizabeth Rawlings has three (3) unsafe trailers that letters were sent by personal delivery on Friday, March 31, 2023. The trailer addresses consists of (1) 315 4th Street; (2) 317 4th Street; and (3) 313 4th Street. Mrs. Liz Rawlings is requesting a meeting with Chief of Police Dan Howard this week to review the matter.

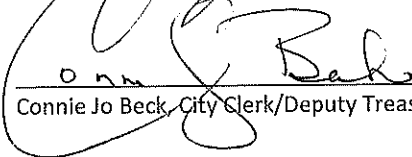
Mayor Bergman updates: (1) Nuisance abatement hearings regarding Padrnos and McClellan are scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2023; (2) NE State Fire School attendance: (1) - EMT and (5) Firefighters to be held May 19 – 21, 2023 at Fonner Park, Grand Island, NE; (3) Effective April 1, 2023, the City increased the Local Option Sales Tax by 1/2 cent; the total sales tax is 7%; (4) the Omaha World Herald billing reflected a double entry; this was corrected; (5) the Community Development Agency (CDA) 2022 Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Annual reporting Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Statute 18-2117.02 has been completed by the St. Paul Development Corp (SPDC); (6) St. Paul Library Board minutes from Wednesday, March 15, 2023 are attached; (7) COR Managed Services (Doug Cramer) will put recommendations for the City regarding the Cybersecurity grant funds; (8) City Clerk Beck closed the General Premium Investment #504684 account and transferred it to the General Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account at Citizens Bank and Trust on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 in the amount of \$16,786.41; (9) City Clerk Beck transferred \$4,953 from the St. Paul Library Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account and transferred it to the City Library Checking account to pay for the Library LED lights; (10) the 2022 - 2023 Sales Tax proceeds are attached; (11) Brian Friedrichsen (Olsson) sent an email stating that the

Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) actuators have been pushed back again to the middle/end of April 2023; (12) St. Paul Rural Fire Board member Ron Kulwicki had requested the new Fire Station amortization schedule and sales tax proceeds, so that they can assist in paying on the loan; (13) the Nebraska Class interest rate is currently 5.01%; and (14) the St. Paul Police Department is holding a "Railroad Investigation and Safety Course" on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at the St. Paul Civic Center beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:49 p.m.

April 17, 2023
Date


Joel M. Bergman, Mayor


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer