

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

Monday, June 5, 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, June 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Council members Katie Kowalski, Mike Feeken and Bill Peters. Absent: 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 6:30 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.

The City of St. Paul is approaching the utilization of the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Stated Revolving Loan (SRF) funds. Per Steve McNulty at the NE Dept. of Environment & Energy (NDEE) there are no zero interest monies available to cities. Brian Friedrichsen (Olsson) projected the excess expense involving the Wastewater Treatment Facility to be approximately \$450,600. On Wednesday, May 31, 2023, Steve McNulty with NDEE stated that the interest rate will be 0.5%, plus a 0.5% administration fee if the City wanted to utilize a loan. Council member Feeken moved to approve utilizing the entire amount of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$255,001.00, and then utilize the one percent (1%) loan (\$195,580) through NDEE for the remainder of the funds. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Feeken and Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Mrs. Caitlin Birdsell was in attendance to request that the build commitment be removed from the Dalton Meadows Subdivision Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement. Mrs. Birdsell stated that her first goal was for the growth and betterment of the City of St. Paul. Mrs. Birdsell also stated that finding rural developers has always been very difficult, this is due to the rising cost of building, cost of land, finding good help, cost of supplies, interest rates rising, and simply the cost of doing business. After a lengthy discussion ensued with the Mayor and Council regarding the "TIF Agreement", Council member Kowalski moved to set a deadline date of December 31, 2035 to have all homes built. This comes with no limitations of homes to be built per year. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Feeken and Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. Mrs. Birdsell agreed to pay Attorney Andrew Willis \$300 to form the amendment to the agreement; the amendment will be considered at the Monday, June 19, 2023 Council meeting. Mrs. Birdsell stated that she will continue to build homes.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Day Committee requests: (1) Fireworks funding in the amount of \$4,000 to be held on Sunday, July 9, 2023; the fireworks staging area will be located at 4th and Indian Streets. There is no rain date scheduled for the event as of yet. The City of St. Paul will apply for the Firework's liability insurance through the League Association of Risk Management (LARM); (2) Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Days operating funds in the amount of \$3,000; all to be absorbed by Keno funds; and (3) Closure of streets: a. 4th Street between Howard Avenue and Jay Street and b. Indian Street between 4th and 5th Streets. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Feeken and Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. Mr. Brandon Nowak thanked the City of St. Paul for the funds; he stated that the funds make a big difference for the Grover Cleveland Alexander event.

Council member Feeken moved to approve the Royal Coachmen Car Club utilizing the "north" City Park for Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Days "Show & Shine" on Saturday, July 8, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This comes with the stipulation that the City Office receives a Certificate of Insurance prior to the event. Also approved was the closure of Jay Street between 4th and 6th Streets and Indian Street between 5th and 6th Streets; barricades will be needed from the City. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve Seven County Spirits, LLC dba Loup River Distilling (503 Howard Avenue) Special Designated Liquor (SDL) application regarding July 7, 8, 9, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. pertaining to Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Days. Seven County Spirits LLC Class C number is #125456, and Class Z number is #125457. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Feeken moved to approve Consent Agenda Items: (1) April 2023 Treasurer's Report; (2) May 15, 2023, minutes (regular) and May 31, 2023 (special); (3) zoning permits of May 22, 2023; (4) June 5, 2023, disbursements; and four (4) well permits pertaining to Denny and Kathy Hahn (922 Paul Street), Mary K. Matlock (1306 Kendall Street), Jerome Hulinsky (1122 "O" Street) and Boyd Bowder (1416 6th Street). Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

June 5, 2023 Disbursements

Gross Wages - May	104408.12
Amazon Capital Services (books)	1366.61
Blue Cross Blue Shield (insurance)	18798.63
Bomgaars (supplies)	546.47
Bryan Jensen Clothing (supplies)	50.00
Cengage Learning (books)	40.17
Charter/Spectrum (service)	239.96
Chesterman Company (concessions)	292.58
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5445.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	100.00
City of St. Paul: Transfer from City Heritage Bank Utilities Bill	250000.00
Account and place in City Homestead Bank Account (transfer)	
Civic Center (Recreation Program Property Tax) (Rec/Prop Tax)	8000.00
Clearly (service)	193.39
Consumer Deposit: Shannon Bergman Rental Deposit (rent deposit)	250.00
Consumer Deposit: Keely Galloway Rental Deposit (rent deposit)	250.00
COR Managed Services (service)	1526.00
Custer County Recycling (Service)	50.20
Deterding's (supplies)	137.98
Dick's Repair (repair)	398.00
Dutton-Lainson (supplies)	4595.72
Eakes (service)	23.79
Elan Financial Services (supplies, education, postage)	1881.17
Entech Pest Mgmt (service)	141.80

Fastenal Industrial (supplies)	127.12
GB Auto Service (service, supplies)	1041.68
Hawkins Inc (chemicals)	4405.76
Heartland Disposal (service)	132.25
Heritage Bank Utility Billing ACH Fee (fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank (Payroll ACH fee)	22.40
Homestead Bank: VP Bond Wire Fee (wire fee)	8.00
Hometown Market (supplies)	51.20
Howard Co. Register of Deeds (fee)	10.00
Howard County Foundation (fee)	500.00
Howard Co. Treasurer (Dispatch Fee)	3122.42
Kiefer Aquatics (uniforms)	624.75
Koperski, LaDonna (mileage)	121.83
LARM (insurance)	25.66
LEGO Education (supplies)	1433.27
Loup Central Landfill (assessment)	2303.00
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	191.92
Menards (supplies)	87.96
Meyer, Nicholas (mileage)	111.35
Mid-American Research (chemicals)	136.64
Midland Telecom (supplies)	8806.00
Municipal Supply (supplies)	587.91
Mutual of Omaha (insurance)	127.08
Olsson (engineering)	9450.71
Overland Ready Mix (concrete)	2715.07
Paulsen, Jack (reimbursement)	31.00
Quick Med Claims (service)	316.44
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	49.32
Sargent Drilling (service)	2100.00
Schoiastic Book Fairs (books)	1844.52
Smith Welding (repair)	217.22
St. Paul Swimming Pool (start-up cash)	150.00
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	38.34
White Cap (supplies)	70.99
Wroblewski, Liana (uniforms)	333.67
EMT Equipment Sinking Fund to EMT ICS Sinking (Sinking Fund)	9000.00
Fire Equipment Sinking Fund to Fire ICS Sinking (Sinking Fund)	3000.00
Library Maintenance Fund to Library ICS Sinking (Sinking Fund)	2500.00
Light Bldg/Equip Fund to Light ICS Sinking (Sinking Fund)	6000.00
Swim Pool Sinking to Swim Pool ICS Sinking (Sinking Fund)	2700.00
Senior Center Sinking to Senior Center ICS Sinking (Sinking Fund)	2500.00
Street Sinking Fund to Street ICS Sinking (Sinking Fund)	30000.00
Water Bldg/Equip Sinking to Water ICS Sinking (Sinking Fund)	27500.00
Non-General Disbursements	
Resco (Light Primary Underground Wire) (supplies)	45259.50
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TIF: St. Paul Dev. Corp. (BedHead Coffee) (Tif Proceeds)	116.25
TIF: S. Squared Enterprises (Prairie Falls TIF) (Tif Proceeds)	9441.74
TIF: City of St. Paul (MAD Dev. 1/2 Share) (Tif Proceeds)	6072.05
(apply to Bond Payment - Interest Assessment)	
TIF: MAD Dev. 1/2 Share: (Tif Proceeds)	6072.05
Sales Tax: Street - Motor Vehicle Tax (proceeds)	5610.03
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure (proceeds)	9003.44
Sales Tax: St. Paul Development Corp. (Olsson Invoice #456142) (engineering fees)	5373.37
Fire ICS #103268 Transfer to Fire Checking to Reimburse for	26586.04

new Fire Station Bond Interest Payment (reimbursement)

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) St. Paul Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) modified National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Draft Permit, Statement of Basis, and Public Notice. These are the requirements that apply for future discharges from the new facility. The Department will submit the public notice to the Phonograph Herald in the near future at no cost to the facility regarding a public comment period and contains instructions on submitting comments and/or requesting a hearing; the NE Dept. of Environment and Energy (NDEE) has delayed the permit process until October 2023. There will be no fines assessed per Utilities Superintendent Helzer.


For Chief of Police Howard updates: Council member Peters stated that the Police Department should be giving the City Council monthly nuisance updates.

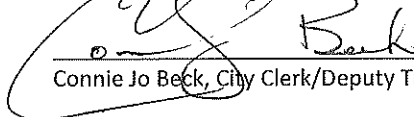
Mayor Bergman updates included: (1) City Deputy Clerk Berthelsen has completed the renewal application for the NE Dept. of Economic Development Leadership Certified Community (May 2023); (2) City Clerk Beck has begun work on the 2023-2024 Budget, along with giving the Department Heads budget documents to assist; (3) there is a Special meeting on Monday, June 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. regarding a conference call with TIF Attorney Andrew Willis, Lincoln, NE pertaining to the Middle Loup Subdivision; and (4) the first City Council meeting in July will be on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Public Announcement: Utilities Superintendent Helzer stated that the St. Paul Public Library will be closed due to having the carpets cleaned on July 17, 18, and 19, 2023.

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

Date June 19, 2023


Joel M. Bergman, Mayor


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer