

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

Wednesday, July 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 Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 6:30 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 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.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Bergman opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. regarding the consideration and approval of a Preliminary Plat of PAUL'S NORTH SUBDIVISION (Troy Lukasiewicz) located in a part of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M. in Howard County, Nebraska. Publication was printed in the Phonograph Herald on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. The St. Paul Planning Commission held their public hearing on Monday, June 26, 2023.

Council member Schmid moved to approve Rutjens Construction Inc. Pay Request #11 regarding the St. Paul Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Project #020-2586 in the amount of \$439,809.57. The pay request was for completing the concrete paving around the site (stairs, sidewalk, driveways, etc.), finishing the installation of the valves that the City has been waiting for and the remainder of the piping associated with the valves, and certain electrical work. The percentage of loan expended to date is 92%. There is no WWTF "Change Orders" to consider. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Mayor Bergman opened the public comment period at 6:35 p.m. regarding the consideration and approval of the Preliminary Plat of PAUL'S NORTH SUBDIVISION (Troy Lukasiewicz) located in a part of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M. in Howard County, Nebraska. Troy Lukasiewicz (owner) was present to answer any questions from the Mayor, Council members or audience. **After hearing no public comments, Mayor Bergman closed the public comment period at 6:36 p.m.** Council member Schmid moved to approve the Preliminary Plat of PAUL'S NORTH SUBDIVISION (Troy Lukasiewicz) located in a part of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M. in Howard County, Nebraska. Council member Kowalski

seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

St. Paul Fire Chief Mike Becker was in attendance to discuss "Address Number Placement" on each individual home in St. Paul, NE to help Fire and Emergency Responders quickly locate property addresses in the event of an emergency. In addition, having proper identification on buildings will allow delivery, postal and utility services to find addresses quicker. Ms. Bridget Lassen was also in attendance to speak on behalf of the St. Paul Interact Club. The Interact Club is interested in taking on the project to place the numbers on the homes. Mr. Becker stated that the National Standard's need to be followed concerning the details of the numbers that will be placed on the home. Council member Feeken will visit with the Rotarian's on Thursday, July 6, 2023 regarding the project. Other items of discussion were: (1) guidelines; (2) funding; (3) donation fee; (4) public education and flyers; and (5) forming a resolution. Council member Feeken suggested that a census be performed to see how many homes in town do not have numbers. St. Paul Fire and Rescue will perform this service prior to making any other decisions. For this reason, the item was tabled to a future meeting.

Council member Feeken moved to approve Dustin Anderson's property improvement project in the amount of \$5,000 to demolish an old house at 807 Farnum Street. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. In September 2023, the St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) recommended paying Mr. Anderson \$1,000 since this is a residence rather than a commercial business.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) June 19, 2023 (regular) Council minutes; (2) June 26, 2023, zoning permits; (3) July 5, 2023, disbursements; (4) two (2) private well permits: Steve Bonczynski (811 "O" Street) and Thomas and Alice Davis (1121 2nd Street); (5) St. Paul Rescue Squad members: Kerrigan Burk (420 Jay Street - 3B); Brenden Powell (919 Grant Street); and Adam Powell (919 Grant Street). Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

July 5, 2023 Disbursements

Gross Wages - June	100552.20
Amazon Capital Services (books, supplies)	598.21
Bomgaars (supplies)	1958.04
Charter/Spectrum (service)	325.94
Chesterman Company (concessions)	90.96
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5445.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	100.00
Core & Main (supplies)	5336.64
Custer County Recycling (Service)	19.00
Danko (repair)	1159.30
Deterding's (supplies)	202.41
Dick's Repair (repair)	61.08
Dutton-Lainson (supplies)	2259.77
Egan Supply (supplies)	80.42
Elan Financial Services (supplies, education, postage, fuel, car wash)	442.07
Entech Pest Mgmt (service)	141.80
Hawkins Inc (chemicals)	5033.01
Helzer, Matt (reimbursement)	100.00
Homestead Bank Wire Fee: Four Bond Pymts to BOKF (wire fee)	8.00
Hometown Market (supplies)	1435.92
Howard Co. Treasurer (Dispatch Fee)	3122.42
Howard, Dan (reimbursement)	30.00
Jacobs Ford (supplies)	225.91
Jarecke Motors (service)	329.69
LARM (insurance)	1398.07
Madison Nat'l Life (Insurance)	187.34

Mutual of Omaha (insurance)	119.88
NE Public Health Environ (lab)	135.00
Olsson (engineering)	10730.44
Petty Cash (supplies, fees)	35.31
Rose Equipment (supplies)	152.63
Rutjen's Construction (WWTF - Pay Request #11)	439809.57
Shane's Pump & Windmill (repairs)	943.24
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	38.34
Thiel's Tire & Auto (service)	61.14
Van Diest Supply (supplies)	784.80
Vogel Auto Repair (service)	360.22

Non-General Disbursements

TIF: S Squared Enterprises (June 2023 Tif Proceeds)	3481.79
TIF: City 1/2 Share of MAD Dev for Assessments (June 2023 Tif Proceeds)	6044.29
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KENO: GCA Day Committee (Operating & Fireworks)	7000.00
Sewer ICS: Dillon Auto Sales: Sewer Vehicle (2014 Ford) (vehicle)	38860.00
Sewer ICS: NE Federal Surplus Property: Two (2) Vehicles: (Sewer 2011 Ford F450 and General 2017 Ford XL) (vehicles)	56000.00
General ICS Withdrawal: For General 2017 Ford XL to Sewer ICS	24000.00
Sales Tax: Loup River Distillery Property Improvement (awnings)	5000.00
Sales TAX: Northwestern Mutual Property Improvement (awnings)	906.64
Sales Tax: Transfer from M. Mmkt Acct to Checking Acct (transfer)	75000.00
Sales Tax: Street - Motor Vehicle Tax (street tax)	4422.36
Sales Tax: Fire Station Proceeds) (fire station to pay on bond)	15801.25
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure (to 25% infrast fund)	7900.62

St Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) Executive Director Parker Klinginsmith was present to discuss the repair or replacement of the twelve (12) year old St. Paul Civic Center electronic sign. Mr. Klinginsmith stated that there is an LED panel out again. LED panels were replaced in the electronic sign in December 2022 – January 2023, in the amount of approximately \$4,000. Per Mr. Klinginsmith a new LED sign will cost approximately \$45,000 to \$54,000. The Council members agreed unanimously to table the item until more quotes are received by Mayhew Signs, Love Signs and Tri-City Signs.

Council member Schmid moved to approve eliminating the easement restriction that is part of Eighth Street from "N" Street to "O" Street (Original Town). This street is not traveled by the public. An ordinance will be considered at the Monday, July 17, 2023, Council meeting. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

A lengthy discussion ensued between the Mayor and Council members regarding mini-bikes; mopeds; motor scooters; electric bikes; and electric scooters on the streets of St. Paul, NE. The item was placed on the Council agenda, due to Council member Feeken receiving complaints on the subject noted above. Topics of discussion included: allowable uses; definitions; size, registration, helmets, enforcement and education. Chief of Police Dan Howard will coordinate a presentation on E-Bike / Scooter Safety in the near future.

Council member Chuck Schmid exited the City Council meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Council member Peters moved to approve paying the Downey Drilling, Lexington, NE invoice in the amount of \$21,500 for domestic well testing at the City Recycling Center. Payment will be made from the Keno fund. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

The Mayor and City Council members agreed unanimously to set the 2023-2024 Budget workshop on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The workshop will be held in the City Council Chambers.

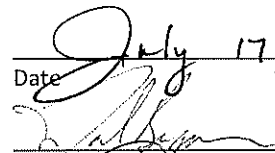
Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates included: Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Days this weekend (July 7 – July 9, 2023), along with the Solar Farm currently being off line.

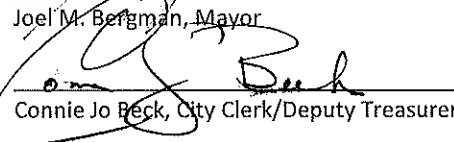
Chief of Police Howard updates: (1) provided an updated nuisance list; (2) Police Officer Mathew Sample will be taking the City Oath of Office on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.; and (3) trash at 910 Sheridan Street; a letter is to be sent to the landlord regarding the property.

Mayor Bergman updates: (1) see updated St. Paul Fire and EMS Roster (6/28/23); (2) transfer of \$75,000 from the Sale Tax Money Market account to the Sales Tax Checking account; funds will cover the transfer of the: Street -Motor Vehicle Tax; 25% Infrastructure; and Sales Tax Fire Station 1/2 cent; (3) Special meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. regarding a Wastewater Treatment Facility WWTF Construction Progress meeting; (4) City received \$16,420 from the Valley County Sheriff's Office regarding Mr. Stethem's agreement amount; (4) the Rural Workforce Housing Land Development grant has changed from the original intention of the program; it is currently not considered a "grant" anymore, rather a zero (0) interest loan with all funds spent/invested in properties required to be a pay back.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Date July 17, 2023


Joel M. Bergman, Mayor


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer