

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

Monday, July 17, 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, July 17, 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.

Council member Kowalski introduced Ordinance 1039; authorizing the execution and delivery of a loan contract between the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) and the City of St. Paul, and issuance pursuant to said contract of a promissory note of the City of St. Paul, NE in the principal amount of up to Six Million, Sixteen Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$6,016,000.00) for the purpose of constructing additions and improvements to the Wastewater Treatment System of the City as a Clean Water project; pledging assets for collateral regarding the revenues and earnings of the Combined Utilities owned by the City for the payment of said note; and ordering the Ordinance published in pamphlet form. Council member Schmid moved to waive the three (3) readings of Ordinance 1039 at three (3) different occasions. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Council member Schmid moved for final passage of Ordinance 1039. 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 Amendment No. 1 to Loan Agreement between the NE Dept. of Environment and Energy (NDEE) and the City of St. Paul Project #C318049 in the amount of \$6,016,000.00. The prior loan contract dated September 7, 2021 with NDEE was \$5,820,000.00; the loan interest rate is zero percent (0%). The difference between the two (2) amounts is \$196,000.00; this will result in a blended rate of 0.01% applied to the full \$6,016,000.00. The loan will finance the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) improvements. Installments of principal and interest shall be paid semi-annually on December 15 and June 15 of each year in accordance with the Loan Repayment Schedule. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) July 5, 2023 (regular) Council minutes; (2) July 17, 2023, disbursements; and (3) Adam Powell (919 Grant Street) as a St. Paul Firefighter and Steven Brumbaugh (921 Sherman) as a St. Paul Firefighter and St. Paul Rescue Squad Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Disbursements July 17, 2023

Amazon Capital Services (books)	563.83
AT&T Mobility (service)	281.44
Aurora Cooperative (fuel)	1212.22
BJ's Garage (service)	313.00
Brehm's Drug (supplies)	39.60
Cengage Learning (books)	198.51
Central District Health Dept (lab)	126.00
Charter/Spectrum (service)	127.95
City Lights (utilities)	8902.20
Clearly (service)	193.45
COR Managed Services (computer)	1526.00
Core & Main (supplies)	233.08
Cornhusker Marriott Hotel (lodging)	833.00
Custer County Recycling (service)	15.80
Dick's Repair (repair)	120.83
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	2679.62
Eakes Office Solutions (service)	50.48
Galls (uniforms, tools)	814.37
Heartland Disposal (service)	6131.59
Heritage Bank (City Account) Utility Billing ACH Fee (fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank (ACH fees)	37.40
Hometown Market (supplies)	163.66
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	169776.82
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	2485.63
John Deere Financial (supplies)	63.12
Mid-American Research (supplies)	188.58
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	4400.08
NE Power Review Board (dues)	314.26
One Call Concepts (service)	24.30
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	2444.43
Parts Bin (supplies)	201.11
Phonograph Herald (publish)	452.93
Psychological Resources (service)	150.00
Quick Med Claims (service)	1315.69
Smith Welding (service)	134.97
St. Paul Veterinary Clinic (service)	337.56
Thiel's Tire & Auto (service)	2092.74
Triple T Disposal (service)	188.50
US Post Office (postage)	525.00
Vogel Auto Repair (service)	1602.84

Non-General Disbursements

Keno: Downey Drilling (test wells)	21500.00
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure - RVW Inc (GIS conversion)	5050.00

St. Paul Development Corp. Executive Director Parker Klingensmith was in attendance to give a brief presentation regarding the St. Paul Civic Center electronic sign bids. There were three (3) bids submitted which included: (1) Mayhew Signs Inc. \$31,523; (2) Tri City Sign Company \$39,785; and (3) Love Signs \$41,686. Council member Schmid moved to approve the Mayhew

Signs Inc. bid in the amount of \$31,523. Half of the funds will be disbursed from the Keno Money Market account to begin the project; once the electronic sign project has been completed, then Mayhew Signs will receive the remainder of the funds. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The Skyline electronic components have a six (6) year warranty. The City will have free telephone tech support, but should the City require an on-site visit then the support rate is \$150 hourly.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer stated that the last Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Construction progress meeting will be on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Chief of Police Howard submitted a nuisance property list to the Mayor and Council members, along with reporting that Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Day event occurred without any problems for the St. Paul Police Department.

Mayor Bergman updates: (1) City 2023-2024 Budget Workshop on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers; and (2) the Solar Generation credit on the June 2023 Howard Greeley Rural Public Power District (HGRPPD) invoice was \$3,236.

Council member Feeken extended his appreciation and thanks to Parks Manager Randy Jerabek for a job well done on getting the ballfields ready during GCA Days.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:58 p.m.

August 7, 2023
Date
Joel M. Bergman, Mayor
Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer