

City of St. Paul Regular Meeting  
704 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Paul, NE 68873

Monday, August 21, 2023

A Special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Paul, Nebraska was held at 5:30 p.m., Monday, August 21, 2023, to hear public comments regarding the proposed City of St. Paul's 2023-2024 Budget. The regular City Council meeting (August 21, 2023) commenced immediately after the adjournment of the proposed 2023-2024 Budget public input hearing.

Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Council members Katie Kowalski, Chuck Schmid, Mike Feeken and Bill Peters. Absent: None. Notices of the meetings were 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 regular Council meeting at 5:38 p.m. Mayor Bergman 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 St. Paul Early Childhood Foundation was the first item on the agenda to be discussed. Dream Solko (President) and Sarah Landell introduced the Early Childhood organization, which included their mission statement, goals and project. Mrs. Solko and Mrs. Landell presented a PowerPoint presentation, along with providing letters of support to show how necessary it is to provide childcare in the community of St. Paul. The organization is requesting financial support to move the project forward. Council member Kowalski moved to approve utilizing City Keno funds in the amount of \$50,000 every year for five (5) years, with the stipulation that Keno generates the funds. If Keno becomes short of funds, then City sales tax dollars will absorb the cost of the funding. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Mrs. Solko and Mrs. Landell extended their appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for their support.

Clint Simmons with the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) was in attendance to give a presentation on how the liability, property and casualty insurance market is moving, along with answering questions from the Mayor and City Council. Council member Schmid moved to approve Resolution 2023-6, to renew its liability, property and casualty insurance with LARM for a three (3) year commitment, which provides a 5% discount as shown on the LARM bid proposal. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Mayor Bergman stated that the City of St. Paul has a good working relationship with LARM and wants to continue with that relationship. Mayor Bergman also thanked Deputy City Clerk Berthelsen for working on the insurance project.

Andrew Wilshusen from the JEO Consulting Group Inc. was present to discuss the new City of St. Paul Fire Station "Agreement between Owner and Architect for Professional Services".

Council member Schmid moved to approve the "Agreement between the City of St. Paul and JEO Architecture, Inc. for Professional Services" in constructing a new City of St. Paul Fire Station located on 4th Street between Kendall and Jay Streets. The new Fire Station will be approximately 10,000 sq. ft. The proposed architectural and design engineering fee is in the amount of \$139,700. If the basic services covered by this Agreement have not been completed by December 31, 2024, through no fault of the JEO Consulting Group, extension of JEO's services beyond that time shall be compensated as additional services. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The construction engineering service fee will be approximately \$60,000 to be approved at a later date. The cost of the engineering services will be absorbed by the Fire Station sales tax dollars.

Council member Schmid moved to approve the 2023 Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards (NBSC), along with Resolution 2023-7, whereas the governing body authorizes the signing of the 2023 Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance by Mayor Joel M. Bergman. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Peters moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) August 7, 2023 (regular) Council minutes, and August 15, 2023 (special) Council minutes and the (2) August 21, 2023, disbursements. Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

**Disbursements August 21, 2023**

911 Custom (uniform)	96.00
Amazon Capital Services (books)	204.30
Anderson, Audrey (reimb)	50.00
Arellano, Adam (reimb)	50.00
Beck, Connie Jo (uniform)	122.95
Benzel, Wyatt (reimb)	50.00
Bergman, Joel (lodging)	150.17
Berthelsen, Laura (uniform)	400.00
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	1373.22
Brehm's Drug (supplies)	39.60
Bryan Jensen (logos)	308.40
Charter/Spectrum (service)	127.95
City Lights (utilities)	9089.75
Consumer Deposit (B Hruby) Rent Deposit (rental deposit)	250.00
Core & Main (supplies)	357.08
Crescent Electric (supplies)	115.14
Custer County Recycling (service)	16.70
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	84.29
Eacker, Aliyah (reimb)	50.00
Eakes Office Solutions (service)	302.88
Elstermeier, Emma (reimb)	100.00
First Concord (service)	120.00
Grand Island Independent (subscription)	444.39
Hansei, Rowynn (reimb)	50.00
Hansen, Trenton (reimb)	100.00
Heartland Disposal (service)	6172.92
Homestead Bank (fees)	32.00
Hometown Market (supplies)	92.84
Howard County Register of Deeds (fees)	20.00
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	180967.74
Howard, Dan (supplies)	41.42
John Deere Financial (supplies)	152.19
League of NE Municipalities (dues)	7523.00
Logan Contractors (supplies)	15981.75

Meinecke, Ashton (reimb)	50.00
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	4398.83
Nall, David (reimb)	100.00
NE Dept of Revenue (Form 10 Tax) (Sales & Use Tax)	17116.01
NE Law Enforcement Training Cntr (fees)	142.00
Obermiller, Alex (reimb)	100.00
Obermiller, Samantha (reimb)	100.00
One Call Concepts (service)	36.22
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	1174.14
Paulsen, Norah (reimb)	50.00
Protective Equip Testing (safety equip)	300.29
Quick Med Claims (service)	366.87
Ream Lawn (service)	50.00
Road Builders Machinery (repair)	17714.90
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	1245.49
St. Paul Public School (fines, licenses)	3855.00
State of NE Central Services (service)	528.00
Stethem, Taylor (utility reimb)	73.42
Thomsen, Bryson (reimb)	50.00
Trentman, Mary (supplies)	19.76
Triple T Disposal (service)	188.50
US Post Office (postage)	625.00
Vieth, Karlie (reimb)	50.00
Wells Plumbing (repair)	165.55
Wolbach Corner Garage (repair)	31.23
Wroblewski, Liana (uniform)	63.34

**Non-General Disbursements**

Sales Tax: Cline Williams: Middle Loup Subdivision (Legal)	1681.00
TIF: S Squared Enterprises: TIF Proceeds August 2023 (proceeds)	1052.80
TIF: City of St. Paul: MAD Dev. 1/2 Share August 2023 Proceeds (proceeds)	501.00
TIF: MAD Development 1/2 Share August 2023 Proceeds (proceeds)	501.01
Sales Tax: St. Paul Development Corp: 4th Operating Share (operating funds)	35000.00
Sales Tax: St. Paul Development Corp: Olsson Invoice Engineering for Middle Loup Subdivision	18823.36

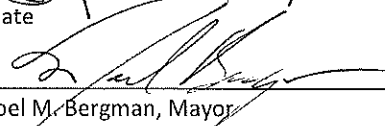
Council member Schmid moved to approve Jack Paulsen's (City Lineman) resignation date effective August 31, 2023 with regret. Mr. Paulsen worked for the City of St. Paul for 23 years. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council member Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

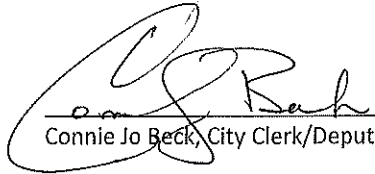
Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates consisted of: (1) the St. Paul Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) is currently operational and (2) the Aqua-Aerobic System's personnel will be present next week to help with the WWTF treatment process.

Chief of Police Howard updates consisted of: (1) starting the nuisance process over again regarding 304 8<sup>th</sup> Street; (2) Officer Mathew Sample will begin the NE Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC) on, Sunday, August 27, 2023; and (3) Chief Dan Howard has been receiving complaints from the St. Paul Public School regarding kids driving carelessly around the school parking lot.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:38 p.m.

September 5, 2023  
Date

  
Joel M. Bergman, Mayor



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Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer