

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

**Monday, October 2, 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, October 2, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Joel M. Bergman and Council members Katie Kowalski, Chuck Schmid, and Bill Peters. Absent: Council member Mike Feeken. 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 Schmid moved to approve the Agreement between the City of St. Paul, NE and Fiber Nebraska LLC to furnish telecommunication services to the persons residing in the City and vicinity, and to erect and maintain aerial cables, wires, and associated appliances throughout the area to be served, and will attach such cable, wires and appliances to the poles of the City. The Operator shall pay the City for the attachments made to the City's poles at a rental rate of \$4.00 per pole. City Council also approved the Telecommunication Franchise Agreement. The Franchise Agreement will be for a term of ten (10) years and the Grantee shall pay an occupation tax of three (3) percent on the gross receipts. The payments shall be made quarterly. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. Stuart Gilbertson with Fiber NE was present to answer questions from the Mayor and Council.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve Mayor Bergman appointing Dan Scheer to replace Jerry Woodgate on the St. Paul Planning Commission; Mr. Scheer will be the representative within the City's one-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. Mr. Dan Scheer accepted the position on the St. Paul Planning Commission.

Next on the agenda for discussion is the awareness of cost and time regarding the Light Industrial District rezoning to allow housing in the Middle Loup Subdivision. If the City allows multi-family housing in the Light Industrial zone within the Middle Loup Subdivision, then the City needs to allow it in all Light Industrial zoning districts within the City. This also means that the City will have to notify each property owner within 300 feet of every Light Industrial zone within the City of the potential change. Hearings will move forward as planned.

Council member Schmid moved to approve Electrical Commissioner Jamie Summers bid specs regarding: (1) used Altec 41M or equivalent used unit AND (2) 2-Man End Mounted Platform with 180 degree Platform Rotation; up to 600 lb. (272 kg) capacity. The safety features on this unit must include a platform liner, fall protection system, wheel chocks and outrigger pads. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. Electrical Commissioner Jamie Summers was present to answer questions from the Mayor and Council.

In March 2023 the NE Dept. of Economic Development awarded the City of St. Paul \$1 million in funds to remove/rehab dilapidated houses. Program requirements changed the grant to a zero percent (0%) loan that would have to be repaid by the City. If all communities awarded money decline the funds, the NE Legislature may be tasked with re-allocating the funds with more favorable terms, however a new application process will be required.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve declining the ARPA Rural Workforce Land Development (RWLD) funds awarded in March 2023. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Prior to the approval of the Consent Agenda Items, Council member Schmid had questioned the St. Paul Police Department uniform cost pertaining to whistles, cap straps, etc. Council member Schmid moved to approve the (1) Council minutes regarding September 18, 2023 (regular); (2) zoning permits for September 25, 2023; and (3) disbursements for October 2, 2023. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

**October 2, 2023 Disbursements**

Gross Payroll - September 2023	151506.87
911 Custom (uniforms)	1276.00
Altec Industries (repair)	706.64
Amazon Capital Services (books)	432.07
American Legal Publishing (service)	450.00
AT&T Mobility (service, supplies)	467.78
B.C. Murphy Enterprises: Street 2002 international (Dump Truck - September 2023)	27420.00
Banzhaf, Gary (supplies)	500.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE (insurance)	19449.65
BOK Financial (bond)	159473.75
Bomgaars (supplies)	904.35
Charter Spectrum (service)	239.96
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5445.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	100.00
Construction Rental (supplies)	900.00
Core & Main (supplies)	1628.46
Cornhusker State Industries (supplies)	872.00
Custer County Recycling (service)	14.30
Dana F Cole & Company (service)	9400.00
Danko Emergency Equip (uniform)	115.00
Dick's Repair (repair)	640.97
Dutton Lairson (supplies)	6530.92
Elan Financial Services (car washes)	31.00
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	100.00
Galls Inc (uniform)	2058.23
Heartland Disposal (service)	119.50
Homestead Bank: Bad Check Fee (T. Drew Lost Checkbook) fee	3.00
Hometown Market (supplies)	10.69
Howard Co. Register of Deeds (fee)	30.00
Howard Co. Treasurer (dispatch fee)	3158.54
John Deere Financial (supplies)	87.12
Klanecky, Jamie (meal, fuel)	60.74

LARM (insurance)	168704.33
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	187.34
Menards (supplies)	127.85
Modern Marketing (supplies)	404.82
Motorola Solutions (supplies)	214.92
Municipal Supply (supplies)	267.11
NE Generator (service)	746.42
NE Public Health Environment (lab)	628.00
Olsson (service)	32492.53
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	2083.95
Pioneer Door (repair)	728.00
Robinson, Grady (car wash)	13.00
RR Donnelly (supplies)	143.54
SE Smith & Sons (supplies)	80.61
ServiTech (lab)	60.00
SiteOne Landscape Supply (supplies)	1154.29
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	38.34
Utilities Section of LONM (dues - Sept)	1625.00
Vander Haag's Inc: Street 2005 International (Dump Truck - September 2023)	33475.00
<b>October 2, 2023 Non-General</b>	
S Squared Enterprises (TIF Sept. 2023 Proceeds)	6705.39
MAD Development (TIF Sept. 2023 1/2 Share MAD Development Proceeds)	3672.42
City of St. Paul (TIF Sept. 2023 1/2 Share MAD Development Proceeds)	3672.42
City of St. Paul Sales Tax M. Mkt Transfer to Sales Tax Checking Account (Fund Transfer)	75000.00
City of St. Paul Heritage Bank Transfer of Funds to Citizens Bank & Trust Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) Light \$150,000; Water \$75,000; Sewer \$75,000	300000.00
Sales Tax: Street: Mtr Veh Tax: July 2023 Proceeds (Mtr Veh Tax)	8914.66
Sales Tax: Fire Station: July 2023 Proceeds (Fire Station)	17176.09
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure: July 2023 Proceeds (25% Infrast)	8588.04
Sales Tax: LARM (Civic Cntr prop ins)	17272.67

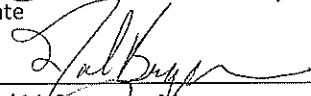
A brief discussion ensued regarding pets at the City Elmwood Cemetery. Currently, there is no Municipal Code for pets in the Elmwood Cemetery under Chapter 3, Article 10. Mr. Gene Rice stated that persons continue to bring their pets to the cemetery when there is a "No Pets Allowed" sign posted. An ordinance will be considered on Monday, October 16, 2023 Council meeting to enforce the "No Pets Allowed". Mayor Bergman stated that pets and horses may be utilized in ceremonial events with the permission of the Cemetery Manager.

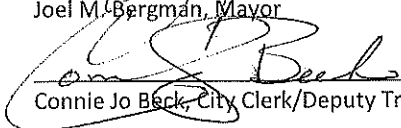
Mayor Bergman updates include: **(1)** Citizens Bank & Trust increased interest rates on the City's Intrafi Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) accounts from 3.85% to 4.40% effective Wednesday, September 20, 2023; **(2)** Sales Tax revenue; **(3)** St. Paul Library Board minutes of September 20, 2023, and April 13, 2023; **(4)** Chief of Police Dan Howard hired Malik Bearheels as a City part-time City Officer at an hourly rate of \$21; currently, Mr. Bearheels is employed at the Howard County Sheriff's Office full-time; **(5)** see the attached instructions on how City patrons can retrieve the City Agendas and Minutes through the City of St. Paul website; this will be placed in the Phonograph Herald next week; **(6)** The City Property Tax allocation for 2022-2023 was \$837,600; the City collected \$849,686; this is an increase of \$12,086 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; and **(7)** Council members can review the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) Board of Director's meeting from Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at the City Office.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:03 p.m.

October 16, 2023

Date

  
Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

  
Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer