

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

Monday, September 18, 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, September 18, 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.

Doug Cramer with COR Managed Services has been the City of St. Paul's Information Technology (IT) person for many years. Mr. Cramer notified the City that Hamilton Telecommunications will acquire COR Managed Services on October 1, 2023. Council member Schmid moved to approve the Assignment of Service Agreement regarding Left Click Investments, LLC., a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, d/b/a COR Managed Services assigning to Hamilton Information Systems, Inc., a Nebraska Corporation, d/b/a Hamilton Telecommunications all of its right, title, and interest in and to the Service Agreement dated May 01, 2019, between COR Managed Services as Service Provider and City of St. Paul, Nebraska as Customer. Doug Cramer with COR Managed Services was present to answer questions from the City Officials. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve Howard County Medical Center (HCMC) hosting a 5K run / 1-mile walk on Saturday, October 21, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m., along with the approval to paint arrows along the race route. Volunteers will monitor traffic during the event. Proceeds will go towards the new wellness and therapy center. A Certificate of Insurance has been provided to the City by the Howard County Medical Center (HCMC). Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Schmid moved to approve the St. Paul Community Library Agreement between the City of St. Paul and the Library Director (Kelli Helton). Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, & Peters voted aye, Council member Feeken voted nay. Motion carried 3/1. The agreement is for one (1) year beginning September 1, 2023.

Jerry Thompson (922 Kendall Street) was in attendance to discuss establishing a City of St. Paul "Nuisance Committee" to assist the St. Paul Police Department. After a lengthy discussion, Council member Feeken moved to approve forming a City "Nuisance Committee" pilot program for one (1) year that would consist of five (5) persons. The five (5) persons will report their nuisance findings or recommendations to Chief of Police Dan Howard. The Committee will set the public meeting date and time that fits their schedule. Council member Feeken moved to approve Chief of Police Howard advertising for "Nuisance Committee" volunteers on the City of St. Paul Website and Facebook. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Mayor Bergman agreed to be placed on the committee.

Street Commissioner Jamie Klanecky was present to discuss the purchasing of two (2) City dump trucks. Mr. Klanecky stated that he and Cody Brennick (Street Operator) looked at both trucks for leaks, knocks or any noise issues. Council member Schmid moved to approve the City Street Department purchasing two (2) International Dump Trucks; as is with no warranties. The funds will be disbursed from the Street 2022 -2023 Budget on the trucks: (1) 2002 International Dump Truck with snow plow, wings and shipping (valve will be fixed by dealer) in the amount of \$27,420 (B.C. Murphy Enterprises, LLC, Anita, IA); and (2) 2005 International Dump Truck with snow plow, wings and shipping in the amount of \$33,475 (Vander Haag's Inc., Des Moines IA). Council member Feeken seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Schmid moved to approve updating the Property Improvement Project (PIP) 50% individual project amount cap to \$10,000; this is from a \$5,000 cap. The PIP expenditure cap will change from the previous amount of \$25,000 to \$40,000 per year beginning October 1, 2023. This is per the recommendation of the St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) Board. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The property improvement demolition cost will remain at \$5,000. Council member Feeken requests good investments from the St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) Board regarding the Property Improvement Program (PIP).

Council member Peters moved to approve Property Improvement Project (PIP) application for Jim's Truck Stop (Steve Schenck) in the amount of \$10,000 regarding building, gas pump and highway signage, along with awnings. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Mayor Bergman is pleased that Jim's Truck Stop is being active in the community market.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Treasurer's Report August 2023; (2) September 5, 2023 (special) Council minutes and September 5, 2023 (regular) Council minutes; (3) September 18, 2023, disbursements; and (4) two (2) St. Paul Rescue Squad members Daniel Howard (311 Jackson Street) and Malik Bearheels (611 6th Street). Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Disbursements September 18, 2023

Amazon Capital Svcs (books, supplies)	460.03
American Fence (supplies)	1486.00
Aurora Cooperative (fuel)	1524.69
Beck, Connie Jo (uniform)	277.05
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	753.59
Blackburn Manufacturing (supplies)	444.16
Central Community College (education)	5860.00
Central Programs (books)	2963.41
Charter/Spectrum (service)	127.95
City Lights (utilities)	8569.72
Clearly (telephone)	193.48
COR Managed Svcs (service)	1526.00
Core & Main (supplies)	4534.06
Custer County Recycling (service)	31.40
Eakes Office (contract)	71.21
Elan Financial (postage, supplies, meal, education, car wash)	2428.88

Elmwood Cemetery (service)	600.00
First Concord (service)	120.00
GB Auto (supplies)	62.10
Hawkins (supplies)	3495.41
Heartland Disposal (service)	6064.30
Heritage Bank (Utilities ACH Fee for August 2023)	25.00
Homestead Bank (fee)	45.40
Hometown Market (supplies)	60.00
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	190059.26
Island Sprinkler (supplies)	446.84
Jim's Champiin (fuel)	3225.50
Johnson Corrosion Eng. (service)	1080.00
Kowalski, Trevor (education)	200.00
LCL Truck Equipment (Toolbox)	2250.00
Loup Valley Supply (supplies)	5.80
Menards (supplies)	153.45
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	4420.34
NE Dept of Revenue (Sales & Use Tax Submittal)	17241.69
NE Municipal Clerk's Assn (dues)	200.00
NE School Librarians Assn (dues)	35.00
One Call Concepts (service)	46.58
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	671.07
Parts Bin (supplies)	152.18
Petty Cash (supplies)	59.54
Phonograph Herald (publish)	633.90
Platte Valley Communications (supplies)	82.08
Quick Med Claims (service)	125.93
Robinson, Grady (car wash)	13.00
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	17.38
St Paul Rescue Squad (226571) Reimb for new Ambulance ARPA Grant from State of NE	25000.00
St Paul Rescue Squad Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) Reimb. for new Ambulance ARPA Grant from State of NE	25000.00
St Paul Rural Fire Reimb for new Ambulance ARPA Grant from State of NE	25000.00
St Paul Veterinary Clinic (service)	100.00
Triple T Disposal (service)	188.50
US Post Office (postage)	525.00
Wells Plumbing (service)	163.05

Non-General Disbursements

None

Council member Schmid moved to increase the City janitorial bi-weekly wage nine percent (9%) effective October 1, 2023. Currently, the janitorial bi-weekly wage is \$163.88; the new wage will be \$178.63 bi-weekly. This amount was figured into the 2023-2024 Budget. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid & Peters voted aye, Council member Feeken voted nay. Motion carried 3/1.

There was a brief discussion by what method that City of St. Paul patrons can find the City agenda, minutes and where the City Clerk posts the bi-weekly agenda. City Clerk Beck will place instructions on the City Website (<https://stpaulnebraska.com>) and City Facebook on how to retrieve City agenda's, minutes and where agendas are posted.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the transfer of funds from the City Heritage Bank checking account in the amount of \$300,000. The funds will be deposited into the City's Light (\$150,000); Water (\$75,000); and Sewer (\$75,000) Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account at Citizens

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

Council member Feeken moved to approve the City of St. Paul's transfer of funds in the amount of \$75,000 from the Sales Tax Money Market account #300-504420 and depositing it into the Sales Tax Checking account #300-300277. The transfer of funds is for the sales tax that arrives on the 17th of the month. 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 St. Paul Police Department "Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling" (MACH) Agreement. The "Agreement" will be effective January 1, 2024; the fee for MACH Support is \$29 per user account per year. The fee also includes the Google license fee. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Chief of Police Dan Howard was present to discuss the nuisance property at 304 8th Street; this is the David Eiberger property. The property is at a standstill and clean-up needs to begin per Chief of Police Howard. Council member Feeken moved to proceed with the abatement of 304 8th Street. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid & Feeken voted aye, Council member Peters voted nay. Motion carried 3/1. Council member Peters wanted to see how the process will play out with the Padrnos property before proceeding with the Eiberger property.

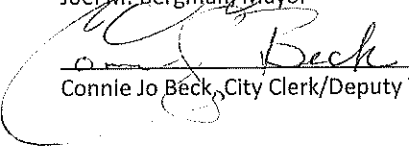
Chief of Police Howard updates included: (1) this last weekend, two (2) neighboring dogs had attacked a domesticated cat. The two dogs were then deemed dangerous. Chief of Police Howard wanted the Mayor and Council aware of the issue if the item is placed on the agenda; and (2) City Police Officer Matthew Sample is doing very well at the NE Law Enforcement Training Academy (NLETC); he is opting out of the meals at the academy. This will save on City Police funds.

Mayor Bergman updates: (1) Council member Feeken will be absent on Monday, October 2, 2023, Council meeting; please make sure there's a quorum; and (2) City Solar savings was voiced.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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Date


Joel M. Bergman, Mayor


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer