

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

Monday, October 16, 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 16, 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 6:31 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.

The City of St. Paul received two (2) bids regarding an Electrical Rate Study; the bids originated from (1) JK Energy Consulting, LLC, Smithfield, NE and (2) Utility Financial Solutions, LLC, Holland MI. Council member Schmid moved to approve JK Energy Consulting, LLC (JKEC) "Cost of Service and Rate Design Study Letter Agreement". The "Agreement" consists of: (1) Qualifications; (2) Scope of Services: Data Collection, Calculate Revenue Requirements and Operating Results, Prepare Cost of Service Analysis, Rate Design, Present Results; (3) Schedule; (4) Fee Proposal (lump sum of \$9,000); (5) Meetings; (6) Deliverables; (7) Study Update; (8) City Responsibilities; and (9) Additional Services. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The cost of the rate study has been built into the 2023-2024 Budget. Utility Superintendent Helzer stated that if a City patron challenged the City rate structure in a court of law, then this is good proof to have in the City file.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve ratifying all actions of Connie Jo Beck, the City of St. Paul's League Association of Risk Management (LARM) representative, identified in the minutes of the Annual Members' Meeting of the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) on September 27, 2023, including the election of nominees to the LARM Board of Directors. 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 ratifying all actions of Joel M. Bergman, the City of St. Paul's League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT) representative, including the election of nominees to the LIGHT Board of Directors, identified in the minutes of the Annual Members' Meeting of the League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT) on September 29, 2023. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Schmid moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Treasurer's Report September 2023; (2) October 2, 2023 (regular) Council minutes; (3) October 16, 2023, disbursements; and (4) Lisa M Woodgate (1133 Hwy 92) as a St. Paul Rescue Squad member and Kyle Woodgate (1133 Hwy 92) as a St. Paul Fire and Rescue Department driver. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Disbursements October 16, 2023

911 Custom (supplies)	394.00
Amazon Capital Services (books)	258.50
AT&T Mobility (service)	325.33
Aurora Cooperative (fuel)	1556.23
Beck, Connie Jo (LARM meeting mileage)	153.27
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	429.38
Bound Tree (supplies)	542.15
Brehms Drug (supplies)	29.75
BTS Communications (telephone)	888.90
Cengage Learning (books)	33.99
Central District Health Dept (lab)	126.00
Charter Spectrum (service)	127.95
City Lights (utilities)	9340.08
Clearly (telephone)	195.07
Consolidated Mgmt (meals)	32.75
Consumer Deposit (Rent Deposit: Keller) (rental deposit)	250.00
Consumer Deposit (Rent Deposit: Ellis) (rental deposit)	250.00
Core & Main (supplies)	524.95
Cornhusker Marriott Hotel (lodging)	110.00
Custer County Recycling (service)	45.20
Dick's Repair (service)	51.02
Dutton Lanson (supplies)	2115.75
First Concord (service)	120.00
Flatland Project (education)	300.00
Frederick, Michael (books)	50.00
Hamilton Information Svcs (service)	1538.50
HD Arms (supplies)	64.00
Heartland Disposal (service)	6037.12
Heritage Bank (ACH fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank (ACH fee)	28.60
Homestead Bank Wire Fee Series 2021 Bond (wire fee)	8.00
Homestead Bank: Bad Check \$386.48 Charge Back Fee (fee)	3.00
Hometown Market (supplies)	16.89
Howard County Register of Deeds (fee)	10.00
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	161044.26
J P Cooke (supplies)	76.75
Jacobs Ford (service)	1106.94
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	1977.93
John Deere Financial (supplies)	138.92
LARM (insurance)	909.61
Marlow, Annice (service)	1605.00
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	4435.50
Mutual of Omaha (insurance)	117.72
NE Dept of Agriculture (fee)	92.72
NE Library Commission (fee)	500.00
NE Dept of Revenue (Sales Tax Form 10) (tax submittal)	14655.67
One Call Concepts (service)	28.26
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	1078.84
Parts Bin (supplies)	442.95

Phonograph Herald (publish)	511.12
PSSI/Entech Pest Mgmt (service)	91.80
Quick Med Claims (service)	643.94
Schaper & White (legal)	132.50
Servi-Tech (lab)	416.00
Smith Welding (service)	38.76
St. Paul Public School (service)	2250.00
Triple T Disposal (service)	188.50
US Post Office (postage)	625.00

Non-General Disbursements

Sales Tax: Dustin Anderson Property Improve: Demolition of house (property improvement funds)	5000.00
Sales Tax Money Market: Check Order Charge (check charge)	14.42

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the St. Paul Public Library employees receiving a three percent (3%) increase in the hourly wages effective immediately. This is per the Library Board minutes of Monday, July 17, 2023. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski introduced Ordinance 1040; setting the compensation of the Officers and Employees of the City of St. Paul, NE, and to provide for an effective date (Publish October 25, 2023). Council member Schmid waived the three (3) readings of Ordinance 1040 at three (3) different occasions. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Council member Feeken moved for final passage of Ordinance 1040. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Chief of Police Howard updates: (1) Nuisance at 304 8th Street; (2) Officer Mathew Sample was injured at the NE Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC), Grand Island, NE. Officer Sample can continue his text book training this year; any hands on training will be completed with the next group of law enforcement individuals; and (3) Chief of Police Dan Howard, Police Sergeant Jon Howard and Police Officer Grady Robinson attended the Police Officers Association of Nebraska (POAN) conference in Kearney, NE last week.

Mayor Bergman updates:

(1) Current interest rates on City investments: Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) is 4.40%; NPAIT is 5.34%; and Nebraska Class is 5.55%; (2) The September 2022-2023 Revenue and Expenditure Guideline can be reviewed at the City Office; (3) Howard County Resolution 2023-30; setting the City of St. Paul's levy for the 2023-2024 Budget Fiscal Year; the levy has been reviewed and is correct per City Clerk/ Deputy Treasurer Connie Jo Beck; (4) City is accepting sealed bids on a used bucket truck. All bids must be received by Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. central time. Bids will be considered at the Monday, November 20, 2023, Council meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. All bids may be rejected for any reason. Publication in the Phonograph Herald: Wednesday, October 18, 2023, and Wednesday, October 25, 2023; (5) City Solar credit for September 2023 was in the amount of \$4,361; and (6) St. Paul Chamber of Commerce is planning a fall event regarding a "Chili Cook-off", along with a "Husker Tailgate" party on Saturday, November 4, 2023 between the times of 10:00 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. A street closing is planned on 5th Street between Howard Avenue and Grand Street for the event. Fencing will be utilized.

Public Announcements included: (1) the St. Paul Police Department will have a "Prescription Drug Take Back Day" on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; the event aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential abuse of medications. All prescriptions can be taken to the Howard County Medical Center at 1113 Sherman Street, St. Paul, NE; (2) the Howard County Medical Center is hosting a 2023 Jack O' Lantern Jog on

Saturday, October 21, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m., please call (308)754-2305 and; (3) St. Paul, NE will have a Halloween Boo Bash on Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:52 p.m.

November 6, 2023
Date

Joel M. Bergman
Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

Connie Jo Beck
Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer