

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

Monday, December 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, December 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.

Electrical Commissioner James Summers was present to provide an overview of an Altec 2017 Ford F550 Diesel Electrical Bucket Truck; pictures were provided to the Mayor and Council members. Four (4) bids were received per the specs of the bucket truck; only one (1) bid was submitted to the City. Council member Schmid moved to approve the Altec Nueco, LLC (Matthew Jundy) King City, MO bid amount of \$107,900 regarding the bucket truck. The funds will be disbursed from the 2023-2024 Light Budget. Council member Peters 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) November 2023 Treasurer's Report; (2) December 4, 2023 (regular) Council minutes and December 14, 2023 (special) Council minutes; (3) December 11, 2023, zoning permits; and (4) December 18, 2023, disbursements. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Disbursements December 18, 2023

Amazon Capital Services (books)	227.23
Aquafix Inc (lab)	400.00
AT&T Mobility (service)	385.68
Aurora Cooperative (fuel)	1043.64
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	1862.06
Charter Spectrum (service)	177.95
City Lights (utilities)	7302.16
Clearfly (telephone)	195.07
Consolidated Mgmt (meals)	151.50

Consumer Deposit: Rental Deposit (Cranmer) (rent deposit)	250.00
Core & Main (supplies)	230.26
Custer County Recycling (service)	23.60
Demco Inc (supplies)	507.80
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	4059.63
Eakes Office Solutions (service, supplies)	120.31
First Concord Benefits (service)	120.00
Floor It Nebraska (improvement)	12733.98
Hamilton Information Systems (service)	1538.50
Heartland Disposal (service)	6135.64
Heritage Bank: Light: Utility Billing ACH Monthly Fee (fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank (fee)	22.20
Hometown Market (supplies)	18.87
Howard County Register of Deeds (fee)	10.00
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	131778.53
Howard, Daniel (reimb)	60.00
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	2022.29
John Deere Financial (supplies)	323.04
Kearney Powersports (supplies)	125.94
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	4503.04
Mutual of Omaha (insurance)	129.60
NE Dept of Envir & Energy (interest/fee)	389.74
One Call Concepts (service)	9.52
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Parts Bin (supplies)	532.68
Phonograph Herald (publications, subscription)	896.65
Platte Valley Communications (service)	213.75
Protective Equip Testing Lab (supplies)	480.89
PSSI/Entech Pest Mgmt (service)	91.80
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	20.78
Schaper & White (service)	351.25
Servi-Tech (lab)	165.00
Triple T Disposal (service)	215.50
Twin Loups Mutual Aid (service, dues)	589.00
U S Postal Service (permit)	310.00
Valley County Sheriff (service)	19.37
Wonder Woman Painting (service)	5049.32
<u>Non-General Disbursements</u>	
Keno: Mayhew Sign Inc: Civic Center Electronic Sign (sign)	15514.00
Fire Station Construction: Check Order: (check order)	12.72

Council member Schmid moved to approve the Grant Agreement between the NE Dept. of Environment and Energy (NDEE) and the City of St. Paul, NE. This is regarding the implementation of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant Application Project Reference Number 2023-133821809. The grant funds are in the amount of \$920 and a match of at least \$920 will come from the City of St. Paul to implement the work-plan. The grant will be utilized for crumb rubber in the City Park. The City match funds will be disbursed from the Aluminum Can Recycling savings account. 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 the bid proposal from Automatic Systems Co., St. Paul, MN in the amount of \$14,144 (plus tax) regarding the City Water Treatment Plant High Service Pumps (HSP) 2 and 4 variable frequency drives (VFD). The 2023-2024 Water Budget will absorb the cost of the VFD's. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Feeken & Peters voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Hydro

Optimization and Automation Solutions (HOA) also submitted a bid for the VFD's in the amount of \$20,550.

Mid-Nebraska Disposal, Inc. will be increasing the City garbage rates effective January 1, 2024 as described below:

Old Rate: One (1) trash toter = \$13.75 monthly and \$4 monthly per additional toter.

New Rate: One (1) trash toter = \$14.25 monthly and \$4 monthly per additional toter.

Senior Citizens Old Rate: One (1) trash toter = \$11.75 and \$4 monthly per additional toter.

New Rate: One (1) trash toter = \$12.25 monthly and \$4 monthly per additional toter.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer had no updates to report; Mr. Helzer wished everyone in attendance a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Bergman announced Chief of Police Howard's updates: City Police Officer Matthew Sample graduated from the NE Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC) on Friday, December 15, 2023.

Mayor Bergman updates: (1) the St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) will be selling the St. Paul Civic Center inflatables; insurance is too expensive to keep the inflatables. Christensen Insurance quoted insurance between \$5,700 - \$7,000 annually; LARM will not insure unless they're the second carrier of the inflatables; (2) the first Council meeting in January 2024 will be on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, due to the New Year's Day holiday; (3) City Clerk Connie Jo Beck will be absent at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024; please make sure there is a Council quorum; and (4) Mayor Joel M. Bergman announced his Mayoral resignation effective January 1, 2024; Council President Mike Feeken will assume the Mayor interim position until December 7, 2026.

Mayor Bergman adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:46 p.m.

January 3, 2024

Date

Joel M. Bergman, Mayor

Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer