

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

Monday, April 15, 2024

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, April 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Mike Feeken and Council members Katie Kowalski, Chuck Schmid, Bill Peters & Brian Sack. 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 Feeken 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 Feeken 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.

Mayor Feeken continued the meeting by announcing that 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 Feeken, there will be a five (5) minute limit per person on speaking.

Council member Schmid moved to approve "**Resolution of Necessity**" 2024-4 to construct improvements to the City's sanitary sewer system and storm sewer system consisting of the following: Sewer Improvement District #2024-1 pertaining to the Middle Loup Subdivision. The Mayor and Council will meet on May 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering objections to the passage of the "Resolution of Necessity". The Notice of Proposed Resolution of Necessity will be published in two (2) consecutive weekly publications of the Phonograph Herald. Council member Sack seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski introduced **Ordinance #1047** and moved that the statutory rule requiring readings on three (3) different days be suspended regarding the creation of Street Improvement District #2024-1 in the City of St. Paul, NE, and authorizing the construction of the Street Improvements District and ordering the publication of the ordinance in pamphlet form. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Council member Sack moved for final passage of Ordinance #1047. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve **Resolution #2024-5**, scheduling a meeting for Council on May 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to receive comments and public input regarding the creation of Street Improvement District #2024-1. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Schmid introduced **Ordinance #1048** and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three (3) different days be suspended regarding the issuance of street,

water, and sewer improvement bond anticipation notes in the amount of not to exceed two million, two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,250,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing paving, water, and sewer improvements within the City of St. Paul, NE and necessary appurtenances; providing for a paying agent and registrar of the notes; agreeing to issue bonds to pay the notes and accrued interest at maturity; prescribing the form of the notes; authorizing the sale and delivery of the notes to the purchaser and ordering the publication of the ordinance in pamphlet form. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Council member Sack moved for final passage of Ordinance #1048. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Brad Slaughter, Managing Director of Public Finance, First National of Nebraska Inc. was in attendance to answer questions from the Mayor and Council. Mr. Slaughter stated that the Bond Anticipation Note funds will be at the City in May or June 2024; interest rates will be approximately five percent (5%).

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Loup River Distilling (Andrew McCarthy) "street closure" application on 5th Street between Howard Avenue and the south City alley that abuts the City Hall parking lot. The approval also applies to the Loup River Distilling (503 Howard Avenue; License #125456) Special Designated Liquor (SDL) application on Friday, May 31, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.; the event pertains to a beer garden and music. City Clerk Beck received a Certificate of Insurance regarding the General and Liquor Liability for the event. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Emily Vanis was present to answer questions.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Loup River Distilling (Andrew McCarthy) "street closure" application on 5th Street between Howard Avenue and Grand Street and the east half (E1/2) of the graveled City parking lot west of the St. Paul Civic Center. The approval also applies to the Loup River Distilling (503 Howard Avenue; License #125456) Special Designated Liquor (SDL) application on Friday, July 12, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. for the Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Days event. This comes with the stipulation that the City possesses a Certificate of Insurance prior to the event. Council member Sack seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The Mayor and Council request that the area is properly cleaned by 6:00 a.m. the following morning.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Loup River Distilling (Andrew McCarthy) "street closure" application on 5th Street between Howard Avenue and the south City alley that abuts the City parking lot. The approval also applies to the Loup River Distilling (503 Howard Avenue; License #125456) Special Designated Liquor (SDL) application on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; the event pertains to a beer garden and music. This comes with the stipulation that the City possesses a Certificate of Insurance prior to the event. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The Mayor and Council request that the area is properly cleaned by 6:00 a.m. the following morning.

Electrical Commissioner James Summers presented a Light Department status update.

Council member Schmid moved to approve the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce Special Designated Liquor (SDL) application regarding the Chamber Awards Banquet on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event will be held at the St. Paul Civic Center at 423 Howard Avenue. Council member Sack seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. A Certificate of Insurance for General and Liquor liability was provided to City Clerk Beck from Kersten Kucera.

Andrew Wilshusen, JEO Consulting Group Branch Manager (Grand Island, NE) was in attendance to discuss the new Fire Station "Drainage Way" plan at 4th Street and Kendall Street. Topics discussed were: (1) drainage pipe size (all circular); (2) inlets and manholes; (3) junction boxes; (4) gutters; (5) future expansion to the south; (6) staying within City right-of-way; (7) a 10% contingency in cost; and (8) a project cost estimate of approximately \$207,000. Council member Sack moved to approve JEO Consulting Group Fire Station "Drainage Way" plan, with

the stipulation that City Engineer Olsson has approved the "plan". Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve Royal Coachmen's Property Improvement application in the amount of \$4,490; the funds will be utilized to replace the roof, soffit, fascia and gutters. Council member Sack seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) approved the application. Marcus Paczosa (924 Wallace Street) was in attendance to answer questions.

Council member Schmid moved to approve River Valley Auto, LLC. Fence Permit (#2024-3) on property legally described as Lot One (1), Paul's North Subdivision (a part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M., Howard County, Nebraska). Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Schmid moved to approve the St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) Middle Loup Subdivision (Olsson's Engineer Project #023-00398) Change Order #1 in the amount of \$97,921.33. The change order is regarding the Black Hills Energy gas main relocation. Also approved was the Elsbury Construction, LLC. Pay Request #1 in the amount of \$265,056.54. The General Dept. Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) reserves will absorb the cost of Pay Request #1. The pay request consisted of the: Black Hills Energy gas main relocation, mobilization, bonds, insurance, and tree removal. Council member Sack seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Street Dept. (Jamie Klanecky) purchasing a 2003 International Plow truck from Vander Haag's Inc., Des Moines, IA in the amount of \$24,975. The truck has an Allison automatic transmission; the engine was replaced with an International DT466 250 HP at 70,000 miles; the truck did have 93,000 miles. Vander Haag's Inc. will replace the rear brakes, drums, drivers' seat cushions and be inspected by the Dept. of Transportation (DOT). Council member Sack seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The Street Dept. placed funds in the 2023-2024 budget for the truck.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the 2024 City Swimming Pool admission rates. Council member Kowalski moved to approve: (1) Daily rate: \$5.00; (2) Individual (Resident) rate: \$70.00; (3) Individual (Non-Resident) Season Pass rate: \$75.00; (4) Family (Resident) Season Pass rate: \$140.00; (5) Family (Non-Resident) Season Pass rate: \$150.00; (6) Senior Season Pass rate (age 55 plus): \$55.00; (7) Babysitter Season Pass (with Family Pass): \$45.00; Grandparents get in free; and (8) Age five (5) and under is free with paid adult.

Council member Sack moved to approve a Swimming Pool employee hourly pay raise of One Dollar (\$1.00), along with a .25¢ longevity raise for any employee that has been at the City longer than one (1) year. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters and Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

A brief Swimming Pool status update was provided by Utilities Superintendent Helzer.

Council member Sack moved to approve the request of the Methodist and St. Mark Churches closing Howard Avenue between Wallace and Sheridan Streets and Jackson Street between Howard Avenue and Indian Street regarding a "Blessing of the Bike's". The event will be held on Friday, May 17, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. after the St. Paul buses leave. There will be five (5) stations: Safety, Maintenance, Obstacle Course, Decorating and the "Blessing of the Bike's" - Nancy Harrington and Pastor Steven Neal. Barricades are requested. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The City will provide barricades.

Council member Peters moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Treasurer's Report March 2024; (2) April 1, 2024 (regular) and April 3, 2024 (special) Council minutes; (3) April 15, 2024, disbursements. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Disbursements April 15, 2024

Amazon Capital Svcs (books)	770.87
American Fence Company (supplies)	197.37
AT&T Mobility (service)	467.39
Aurora Coop (fuel)	1303.47
Automatic Systems Co (supplies)	15134.08
Bear Graphics (supplies)	425.00
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	1840.09
BSN Sports (supplies)	145.98
Cengage Learning (books)	31.99
Charter/Spectrum (service)	184.96
City Lights (utilities)	8530.35
Clearly (service)	194.47
Custer County Recycling (service)	24.00
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	1142.49
Dvoracek Title & Business (fee)	15.00
First Concord Benefits (insurance)	120.00
Hamilton Information Systems (service)	1568.50
Hamilton Information Systems (supplies)	229.99
Heartland Disposal (service)	6018.16
Heritage Bank: Utility Billing ACH Fee (fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank: Wire Fee: BOKF Bond Series 2021: wire fee	8.00
Homestead Bank (fee)	28.20
Homestead Bank: Bernt Bad Check Fee (Service Charge Fee)	3.00
Hometown Market (supplies)	19.98
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	134193.85
Island Curbing (supplies)	1073.00
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	2446.74
John Deere Financial (supplies)	369.66
Johnny's Lock & Key (service)	144.00
Kowalski, Katie (mileage)	155.44
LARM (insurance)	134.71
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	4730.28
NE Dep of Revenue (Form 10) Sales & Use Tax Submittal (tax)	13552.56
NE State Volunteer Fire (education)	300.00
NE Generator Services (service)	2144.05
Olsson (service)	903.05
One Call Concepts (service)	17.86
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Parts Bin (supplies)	515.81
Phonograph Herald (publish)	1412.26
Recreation Supply (supplies)	471.28
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	53.99
Schaper & White (service)	105.00
Servi-Tech (lab)	50.00
Smith Welding (supplies)	320.44
St Paul Public School (service, supplies)	2350.00
TASC (fees)	238.56
Triple T Disposal (service)	256.00
US Post Office (postage)	525.00
Wesco (supplies)	12510.87

Non-General Disbursements

AKRS Equipment: 2024 Global Dump Truck (Mach & Equip)	10870.00
Sales Tax: Jim's Truck Stop: Property Improvement (Prop Improve)	10000.00
Sales Tax: Cline Williams: Middle Loup Subd Redev. Project (legal)	1479.00
Keno: NE Dept of Revenue : 2% Gross: Jan-Mar 2024	4836.00

Homestead Bank: Service Charge ARPA Acct #303057 (Serv. Chrg) (Homestead Bank will Refund back to City 4/2/24)	7.00
ARPA: Close Account Place in Sewer Dept. Ckg Acct (Trfr to Sewer)	0.44

Council member Schmid moved to approve the WaterPark Excitement, Inc. invoice in the amount of \$19,420 to be disbursed from the Keno fund pertaining to the refurbishing of the City Swimming Pool log floatables, log slices and edge pads. The delivery fee will be a separate invoice to be paid from Keno. Council member Sack seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

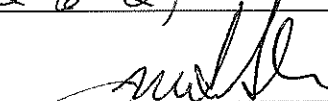
Next on the agenda were the continued City Department updates: (1) Keno; Sales Tax; Tax Increment Financing (TIF); Rural Economic Development Loan Grant (REDLG) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Connie Jo Beck was present to answer questions.

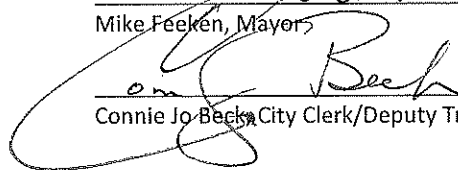
Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) On Monday, April, 2024, the City lost part of the City Office roof (membrane); a claim has been submitted to the League Association of Risk Management (LARM); and (2) on Friday, April 12, 2024 there was a vehicle that went through the City North-yard fence (west side) at the US Hwy #281 and #92 Junction north of St. Paul.

Mayor Mike Feeken updates: City of St. Paul Special meetings: (1) New Fire Station Pre-bid on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers; (2) Middle Loup Subdivision Progress on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:58 p.m.

5-6-24
Date


Mike Feeken, Mayor


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer