

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

Monday, May 6, 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, May 6, 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.

Mayor Feeken opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. pertaining to Melvin Fuller's Conditional Use Permit application regarding an "Outdoor Storage Container" to be placed at 607 Grand Street, St. Paul, NE.

First on the agenda for consideration were two (2) nuisances that require abatement. Chief of Police Dan Howard presented pictures of the nuisances that consisted of: (1) Jannea Rudolf at 920 Indian Street that was given a clean-up deadline date of Friday, May 3, 2024, per Resolution 2024-3; and (2) Landry Welch at 807 7th Street that was given a clean-up deadline date of Saturday, May 4, 2024, per Resolution 2024-1. Neither party was present to state their circumstance at the City Council meeting. Council member Sack moved to approve the City of St. Paul abating the two (2) above properties and assessing the cost of abatement to the property owner. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Chief of Police Howard will obtain Stanteiski Junk & Waste Removal, Holdrege, NE to assist in the clean-up of the properties.

Chief of Police Howard will also utilize Stanteiski Junk & Waste Removal to finalize the clean-up of the Todd Padrnos's property at 1220 Farnum Street.

Chief of Police Howard gave an update on the nuisance committee report, which derived from an individual complaint. The nuisance consisted of 619 5th Street regarding a home needing a coat of paint. Per Chief of Police Howard, this is considered a government over reach example; the City cannot make an individual paint a home. No further action was taken at this time.

Chief of Police Howard updates: (1) provided a 1st of the month police activity report; (2) Chief of Police Howard and Policer Officer Sample attended the funeral of Police Officer Ross Bartlett,

Ceresco, NE; (3) applying for a Narcan grant regarding opioid emergencies; and (4) St. Paul Police Dept. attended the Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America at the St. Paul Fair Grounds; the event was highly attended.

RON SACK AND FRIENDS BESTOWED A "SHADOW BOX" ON BEHALF OF MARION BAHENSKY:
Mr. Ron Sack and friends of Marion Bahensky designed and created a shadow box in honor of St. Paul's first woman mayor. It includes Ms. Bahensky's "2017 Key to the City", along with her photo and biography. Ms. Bahensky's "Shadow Box" will be displayed at the St. Paul Civic Center, where it can receive further exposure to the public.

Howard County Emergency Manager Allen Wilshusen was present to formally thank the City of St. Paul Mayor, Council members and Utilities Superintendent Matthew Helzer regarding the assistance of the Tire Recycling event. Mr. Wilshusen stated that 149 tons of scrap tires was collected; the event was a success.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Council minutes regarding April 15, 2024 (regular) and April 25, 2024 (special); (2) Disbursements May 6, 2024; (3) Zoning permit minutes April 22, 2024; (4) Scotty's (Marquette, NE) Special Designated Liquor #123691 (SDL) application regarding Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The wedding reception will be held at St. Paul Civic Center, 423 Howard Avenue. Sergeant Jon Howard approved the SDL permit; and (5) Michelle L. Bruha as a St. Paul EMT (Howard County Medical Center R.N.). Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

May 6, 2024 Disbursements

Gross Wages - April	102054.19
Advanced Climate Control (service)	1695.14
Amazon Capital Services (books)	483.35
American Fence Company (repair)	7648.33
Automotive Specialties (service)	521.13
Banyon Data Systems (service)	3705.00
Biblionix (subscription)	2300.00
Blue Cross / Blue Shield of NE (insurance)	18420.28
BOK Financial (interest, fees)	46980.00
Bomgaars (supplies)	1551.31
Bound to Stay Bound Books (books)	498.88
Brennick, Cody (meal)	21.27
BSN Sports (supplies)	339.98
Cengage Learning (books)	65.58
Central District Health Dept (lab)	156.00
Charter/Spectrum (service)	229.96
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5445.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	100.00
Consumer Deposit: A Jacobs Rental Deposit (rent dep) (\$200 deposit paid by cash)	50.00
Crescent Electric (supplies)	94.01
Custer County Recycling (Service)	59.50
Danko Emergency Equip (supplies, service)	892.23
Dick's Repair (service)	241.66
Eakes Office Solutions (service)	735.42
Elan Financial (supplies, meals, hotel, postage, parking)	3806.45
Elsbury Construction LLC: Middle Loup Subd. Pay Request #1 (pay request)	265056.54
Hamilton Information Systems (service)	1568.50
Heartland Disposal (service)	137.35
Heritage Bank: Utility Bill ACH Fee April 2024 (fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank: Insufficient Fund Check Fee (Padrnos) (fee)	3.00
Howard Co. Register of Deeds (fee)	30.00
Howard Co. Treasurer (Dispatch Fee)	3158.54

IIMC (dues)	310.00
Itron (service)	2217.57
Klanecky, Jamie (meal, mileage)	67.97
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	209.38
Menards (supplies)	83.34
Midwest Hydraulic (service)	2644.99
Mutual of Omaha (insurance)	136.80
Nebraska Public Health (lab)	484.00
NE Mosquito & Vectrol Control Assoc (education, dues)	65.00
Olsson (engineering)	268.50
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Overdrive Inc. (books)	331.96
Quick Med Claims (service)	1500.27
Parts Bin (supplies)	625.69
Petty Cash (fee, car wash, meals)	59.00
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	280.00
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	38.34
Tillotson Enterprises (service)	10755.50
Wesco (supplies)	251224.65

Non-General Disbursements

TIF: S Squared Enterprises: TIF #8652 & #8659 (Tif)	1001.57
TIF: City (MAD Dev) #8655 (1/2 Share) Prater (Tif)	490.55
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Keno: WaterPark Excitement Inc. (floatables, log slices, edge pads)	19420.00
General ICS #103209 to General Checking 100027. (for Middle Loup Subdivision Pay Request #1)	266000.00
Sales Tax: Chris Meyer: Infill Lot Application 12-20-21	12567.00
JEO Consulting Group: Fire Station Construction Engineer Fees Final Design & Bid (engineer fee)	31593.75
Sales Tax: Street: Mtr Veh Tax: Febr. 2024 Proceeds (Mtr Veh Tax)	4888.87
Sales Tax: Fire Station: Febr. 2024 Proceeds (Fire Station)	15080.73
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure: Febr. 2024 Proceeds (25% Infrast)	7540.36
Sales Tax: SPDC: Olsson engineering fees on Middle Loup Sub	10501.03

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding Zoning Permit Application #2024-6 submitted by Larry Dugan (1115 Custer Street) pertaining to enclose an existing carport. Council member Schmid moved to approve the permit, due to the St. Paul Zoning Regulation Section 2.7.02 (Non-Conforming Structures). Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Larry Dugan was in attendance to answer questions from the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Feeken opened the public comment period at 7:03 p.m. pertaining to Melvin Fuller's Conditional Use Permit application regarding an "Outdoor Storage Container" to be placed at 607 Grand Street, St. Paul, NE. Utilities Superintendent Helzer gave a summary of the history of Mr. Fuller's storage container. After no other comments, Mayor Feeken closed the public comment period at 7:04 p.m. Council member Sack moved to approve Melvin Fuller's Conditional Use Permit application. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

The City of St. Paul received three (3) bids for the cleaning of the City Office, City Council Chambers and the St. Paul Police Dept. Office. Council member Schmid moved to approve M.R. Cleaning Service, St. Paul, NE low bid regarding the general cleaning of the offices. Council member Sack seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. A Certificate of Insurance is required by the City prior to any services being performed.

Council member Schmid moved to approve eliminating the north City of St. Paul's extending door drop box (exterior) and replacing it with a large capacity outside drop box. The

elimination of the old drop box and placing a new drop box outside will be a separate budget from the office renovation budget. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) the majority of the electrical supplies are in regarding the Middle Loup Subdivision; and (2) the swimming pool new floatables will be delivered next week; the swimming pool will be filled on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

Mayor Feeken updates: (1) Notice of a special meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers regarding the bid opening for the new Fire Station; (2) the 2024 Swimming Pool admission prices were attached to the Council agenda; and (3) Mayor Feeken signed a City Proclamation regarding the Kyle Petty "Charity Ride" on May 5, 2024. Mayor Feeken thanked the fairground personnel on a job well done in planning the event, along with thanking Runza Restaurant for serving the lunch.

For Public Announcements, Utilities Superintendent Helzer announced that it was Council member Schmid's birthday.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Date *May 30 2024*

Mike Feeken, Mayor

Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer