

City of St. Paul Regular Meeting  
704 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Paul, NE 68873

**Monday, August 5, 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, August 5, 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 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 Kowalski moved to approve the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce's request to close City streets pertaining to the St. Paul Community National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m. Closures include: (1) 6th Street from Indian to Jay Streets and (2) Indian Street between 6th and 5th Streets; need access to St. Paul Swimming Pool. Cones or barricades are needed from the City. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Blake Schwartz (St. Paul Grocery Store) was in attendance to discuss the opening and paving of vacated 3rd Street north of "O" Street. Mr. Schwartz stated that access is critical for further development in the area and that he is willing to absorb 50% of the paving if the City will absorb the other 50%. Utilities Superintendent Helzer stated that the storm sewer is City

general obligation cost. Delcie Lukasiewicz stated that they are willing to grant 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to the City if the street is paved. The City will maintain the street as an 80 ft. public right-of-way once it's paved. Mr. Helzer voiced that perhaps potential buyers purchasing the lots in the north subdivision can absorb the cost of the paving; the concept is a little different than what the City achieved west of Taylor Street by the City Ballfields. Utilities Superintendent Helzer will contact Brian Friedrichsen (Olsson) to obtain an estimated cost split between the storm sewer and paving. The Mayor and Council members were in agreement with Utilities Superintendent Helzer's concept as noted above. This item will be placed on the Monday, August 19, 2024 Council agenda.

Council member Schmid moved to approve the Sewer Dept. including the purchase of a Gemini II Robotic Mainline Sewer Crawler System camera in the amount of \$23,000 into the 2024-2025 Sewer Budget. Council member Sack seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The camera system is valued at 32,995.

The City received two (2) bids regarding the leasing of the City Water Well-field pasture. Council member Peters moved to approve Robert and Linda Kanter's pasture bid in the amount of \$ 12,160 for a three (3) year term beginning May 15, 2025. The lease will terminate on October 14, 2027. 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 Elsbury Construction, LLC Pay Request #5 (Middle Loup River Subdivision Project #023-00398) for the amount of \$191,604.88. The work consisted of stored material for water and sanitary sewer, along with storm sewer pipe installation and dewatering cost. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Elsbury Construction, LLC Pay Request #5 was disbursed from the Economic Development (Sales Tax) account in the amount of \$105,000 and the remainder from Checking Account #300100027 in the amount of \$86,604.88 from street; water; and sewer.

Council member Sack moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) June 2024 Treasurer's Report; (2) Council Minutes regarding July 15, 2024 (regular); July 18, 2024 (special) and July 30, 2024 (special); (3) August 5, 2024, Disbursements; (4) St. Paul Rescue Squad Member Cassi Paxton; and (5) City transfer of funds from Sales Tax M. Mkt #504420 to Sales Tax Checking #300277 (pay invoices). Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

**August 5, 2024 Disbursements**

Gross Wages - July 2024	125150.64
Amazon Capital Services (books)	606.74
AT&T Mobility (service)	491.92
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE (insurance)	21512.58
Bomgaars (supplies)	4677.44
Brad Morse Boring & Excavations (service)	6665.93
BSN Sports (supplies)	219.96

CEI Security (service)	333.50
Cengage Learning (books)	65.58
Central District Health Dept (lab)	156.00
Charter/Spectrum (service)	239.96
Chesterman Company (concessions)	96.87
Christensen Insurance (insurance)	6868.80
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5445.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	100.00
Consumer Deposit: Rental Deposit Hagerman (rent deposit)	250.00
Custer County Recycling (Service)	28.10
Dick's Repair (repair)	123.87
Dutton-Lainson (supplies)	2808.43
Eakes Office Supply (service, supplies)	1045.52
Elan Financial Services (supplies, education, postage)	546.45
Elmwood Cemetery (perpetual care)	200.00
Elsbury Construction (improvements)	86604.88
Firefox Rescue Equip (service)	244.97
Heartland Disposal (service)	135.93
Heritage Bank: City Utility Bill ACH Fee (fee)	25.00
Hometown Market (supplies)	2795.58
Howard Co. Register of Deeds (fee)	10.00
Howard Co. Treasurer (Dispatch Fee)	3158.54
Howard Greeley Rural Public Power (supplies)	1731.91
Island Sprinkler Supply (repair)	623.60
John Deere Financial (supplies)	938.21
Kelly Supply Company (supplies)	325.40
Logan Contractors Supply (supplies)	7912.00
Loup Valley Supply (supplies)	32.00
MacQueen Equipment (supplies)	60.50
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	209.38
Menards (supplies)	49.74
MR Cleaning Service (service)	522.16
Municipal Supply Inc of NE (supplies)	82.77
Mutual of Omaha (insurance)	136.80
NE Dept of Revenue: NE Waste Reduction & Recycling Fee (fee)	25.00
NE Power Review Board (assessment)	297.38
NE Public Health Environ (lab)	286.75
NE State Fire Marshal (inspection)	36.00
Olsson (engineering)	750.00
Omaha World Herald (subscription)	325.00
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	212.44
Pioneer Door (repair)	425.00
Reams Lawn (supplies)	30.00

Reams Sprinkler Supply (supplies)	915.00
SE Smith & Sons (supplies)	363.56
Servi-Tech (lab)	203.00
St. Paul Public School (supplies, custodian, fees)	5538.84
Stanteiski Junk & Waste Removal (service)	3226.26
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	38.34
Steadfast Builders (service)	522.00
Sun Auto Tire & Service (supplies)	126.99
Thiel's Tire & Auto (service)	459.75
Trausch Dynamics (supplies)	147.36
Vogel Auto Repair (service)	431.00
Wells Plumbing: Northyards St. Patrol Office Mini-Split (air-conditioner)	8685.67
Wells Plumbing (service)	100.00
Wesco Distribution (supplies)	7302.90
Wildlife Learning Encounters (program)	995.00

#### **Non-General Disbursements**

Keno: NE Dept of Revenue: qrtrly tax	5364.00
Sales Tax: Cline Williams: Middle Loup River Subd Legal (legal)	6581.42
TIF: S Squared Enterprises July 2024 Proceeds (tif proceeds)	1001.57
TIF: City of St. Paul MAD Dev 1/2 Share July 2024 (tif proceeds)	490.55
TIF: MAD Development 1/2 Share July 2024 (tif proceeds)	490.54
Sales Tax: Street: Mtr Veh Tax: May 2024 Proceeds (Mtr Veh Tax)	6599.81
Sales Tax: Fire Station: May 2024 Proceeds (Fire Station)	17158.52
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure: May 2024 Proceeds (25% Infrast)	8579.26
Sales Tax: St. Paul Development Corp (SPDC) Operating (operating)	35000.00
Sales Tax: St. Paul Development Corp (SPDC) (engineer fees)	10012.31
Middle Loup River Subdivision Engineering Fees	
Health Deductible Transfer of Funds from Checking to (transfer)	50000.00
NE CLASS	
Sales Tax: Elsbury Construction LLC: Pay Req. #5 partial (improvements) (Council Approved 4/1/24)	105000.00
Fire Station Construction: JEO Consulting Group: Design/Bid (design/bid)	6997.50

Chief of Police Dan Howard was in attendance to discuss purchasing an air-conditioner compressor for the Police 2016 Chevy Impala for the amount of \$1,100. Chief Howard expressed to the Council that he located a 2017 Ford Taurus at Federal Surplus, Lincoln, NE to be a replacement vehicle for the Chevy Impala if he was given the permission to sell. The Ford Taurus has 54,000 miles and cost \$10,000. Chief Howard stated that he has \$9,500 in the 2024-2025 Vehicle Equipment Budget to support the cost of the vehicle. Mayor Feeken questioned whether the Police Dept. needed another cruiser. Council member Kowalski moved to approve Chief Howard selling the Chevy Impala and purchasing the Ford Taurus. Council member

Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid & Sack voted aye, Council member Peters voted nay. Motion carried 3/1.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Beck transferring police reserve funds to the Police Checking fund (#100027) to cover the Police Dept. 2023-2024 Budget deficit. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

The Nuisance Committee's first (1<sup>st</sup>) of the month nuisances are comprised of: (1) 521 7<sup>th</sup> Street (Adam Rasmussen); (2) 1122 7<sup>th</sup> Street - unsafe structure (Brad Lassen); and (3) 1122 6<sup>th</sup> Street (Darrell Petzoldt Estate). Council member Peters moved to approve the St. Paul Police Dept. begin the Step One (1) process in the City Municipal Code regarding nuisances and unsafe structures. Council member Schmid seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. At the Monday, August 19, 2024 City Council meeting, the City Council will make a determination regarding an unsafe structure pertaining to the 108 Howard Avenue (Todd Padrnos) apartments.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve City Police Officer Grady Robinson's resignation with regret. Council member Sack seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) the HVAC is being replaced in the City Office this week; and (2) the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Variance Frequency Drive (VFD) malfunctioned; the VFD's have a three (3) year warranty.

Chief of Police Howard updates: (1) St. Paul Communication Center Mutual Aid Agreement needs to be amended; (2) Unclaimed Property in the amount of \$10.89 will be deposited in the Police Money Market fund; and (3) the St. Paul Rescue Squad donated four (4) First Aid Kits to the St. Paul Police Dept.

Mayor Feeken updates: (1) two (2) Special City Council meetings: (a) Fire Station Construction Progress on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers; and (b) Middle Loup River Subdivision Progress on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.; (2) Midland Area Agency on Aging (Casey Muzic) will give presentation on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.; and (3) the City's 2024-2025 Budget Public Input hearing is scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2024.

Howard County Sheriff Mike Hoff will give a presentation on Monday, August 19, 2024 at the Council meeting pertaining to the merging of the City and County Law Enforcement Agencies.

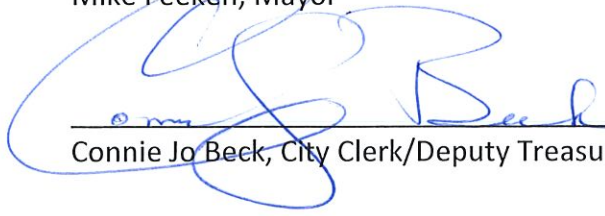
Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:20 p.m.

August 19, 2024  
Date



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Mike Feeken, Mayor



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Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer