

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

Monday, July 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, July 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 Elsbury Construction, LLC Pay Request #4 (Middle Loup River Subdivision Project #023-00398) for the amount of \$350,729.73; the work consisted of installing erosion control fencing and payment for onsite pipe material. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Sack moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) July 1, 2024 [regular] Council minutes and July 2, 2024 [24-25 Budget Workshop]; (2) July 8, 2024, Zoning Minutes; (3) July 15, 2024, Disbursements; and (4) Back 40 (Evan Allen) Special Designated Liquor (SDL) application on Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the St. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center (713 Elm Street) regarding a wedding reception. Wristbands will be utilized

for underage drinking. This comes with the stipulation that the City possesses the General and Liquor Liability Certificate of Insurance prior to the event. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Disbursements July 15, 2024

Amazon Capital Services (books)	766.06
AT&T Mobility (service)	491.56
Aurora Cooperative (fuel)	1196.74
Black Hills Energy (utilities)	1230.04
Blackburn Manufacturing (supplies)	532.70
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE (insurance)	22704.48
Brehm's Drug (supplies)	152.74
CB Farms (program)	250.00
Charter/Spectrum (service)	184.96
Chesterman Company (concessions)	96.87
City Lights (utilities)	10134.71
City of St. Paul (Close Acct #504805) Transfer to General Checking (transfer funds from closed M. Mkt account)	13524.37
Clearly (service)	189.04
Core & Main (supplies)	223.99
Cornhusker Marriott Hotel (lodging)	476.00
Custer County Recycling (service)	17.30
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	804.23
Eakes Office Solutions (service)	56.14
Elsbury Construction: Middle Loup River Subd Draw 4 (improvements)	350729.73
First Concord Benefits (insurance)	120.00
Hamilton Information Services (service)	1568.50
Hawkins Inc (chemicals)	5421.49
HD Arms (supplies)	182.40
Heartland Disposal (service)	6005.53
Heritage Bank: City Utility Bill ACH Fee (fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank (ACH fees)	39.60
Homestead Bank: Bad Check Return Fee (return check fee)	3.00
Hometown Market (supplies)	41.63
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	176461.56
Jacob's Ford (repair)	199.28
Jarecke Motors (service)	72.50
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	2661.85
John Deere Financial (supplies)	680.11
Loup River Pump (repair)	1825.40
MacQueen Equipment (supplies)	903.38

Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	4725.38
MR Cleaning (service)	652.70
One Call Concepts (service)	23.12
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Parts Bin (supplies)	79.59
Phonograph Herald (publish)	718.32
Platte Valley Communications (service)	277.67
Potter, James (supplies)	335.00
Quick Med Claims (service)	121.10
Reams Sprinkler Supply (supplies)	987.54
St Paul Vet Clinic (service)	397.00
State of NE Dept Revenue: Sales & Use Tax June 2024 (sales tax)	15955.66
Sun Auto Tire & Service (service)	44.77
Triple T Disposal (service)	268.00
Trojan Technologies: Wastewater Treatment Sleeves (UV Bulb Sleeves)	5692.10
US Post Office (postage)	525.00
Vogel Auto Repair (service)	124.74
Wesco Distribution (supplies)	12991.96

Non-General Disbursements

City of St. Paul Transfer from Street; Water; & Sewer ICS to Checking	350730.00
Street; Water & Sewer Checking Account to Pay for Elsbury Construction	
Drawdown #4 (Middle Loup River Sub Construction)	

Council member Schmid moved to approve the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) 2024-2025 Renewal Resolution 2024-12. This would provide a written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2027 (180 day and three (3) year commitment; five percent (5%) discount). 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 VFD at the Wastewater Treatment Facility went out. Rutgen's Construction is working to resolve this. (2) The HVAC at the Fire Station went out last week. Dan Santin provided a window air conditioner to use for the remainder of the summer. (3) The groundbreaking for the new Fire Station will be Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. (4) Black Hills Energy will begin moving their utility lines to the east side of Middle Loup River Subdivision in August.

Chief of Police Howard updates: (1) The Chevy Impala's air conditioning pump went out. There is no money in the current budget to fix it so Chief Howard wants to know how the City Council wants him to proceed. This issue will be addressed at the August 5 City Council meeting. (2) The Police Department was involved in a water rescue with the Howard County Sheriff's office on

Thursday, July 11, 2024 at the Middle Loup River. It resulted in two [2] worker's compensation claims. (3) No major criminal incidents occurred during GCA Days weekend.

Mayor Mike Feeken updates: (1) The League of Nebraska Municipalities is putting on a candidate forum on July 20, 2024 in Kearney, Nebraska involving the District 41 senate candidates. A topic of interest will be Governor Pillen's property tax plan and how it affects municipalities.

Public Announcements: Abraham (Abe) Gawrych was in attendance at the meeting to earn a Boys Scout merit badge.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:42 p.m.

City of St. Paul Job Titles and Salaries of Employees shall be published per NE Statute 19-1102:

Non-union: Utility Superintendent - \$40.42; City Clerk - \$39.06; Chief of Police - \$32.44; Police Sergeant - \$30.52; Police Officers - \$21.00 - \$26.21; Police Secretary - \$18.78; Library Employees - \$12.00 - \$18.58.


Seasonal Hourly Wages: Cemetery/Light - \$14.00 - \$15.50; Landfill - \$15.00; Pool Employees - \$11.50 - \$18.50; EMT's (transports) \$15.00.

Union Hourly: Light Commissioner- \$40.07; Lineman - \$26.13; Water Commissioner - \$30.63; Water Operator - \$23.89; Sewer Superintendent - \$27.32; Sewer Operator - \$23.11; Street Commissioner - \$32.01; Equipment Operator - \$26.21; Parks Manager - \$27.13; Deputy City Clerk - \$27.26; Utility Clerk - \$24.88; Payroll Clerk - \$23.66.

Mayor - \$3,600; City Council - \$2,400; City Treasurer - \$2,400.

8-5-2024

Date



Mike Feeken, Mayor



Laura Berthelsen, Deputy Clerk