

City of St. Paul Regular Meeting

704 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Paul, NE 68873

**Monday, December 2, 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, December 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Council members Katie Kowalski, Chuck Schmid (Council President), Bill Peters & Brian Sack. Absent: Mayor Mike Feeken. 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.

Council President Schmid 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. Council President Schmid 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.

Council President Schmid 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 Council President Schmid, there will be a five (5) minute limit per person on speaking.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Council Minutes November 18, 2024 (regular) and November 21, 2024 (special); and (2) Disbursements December 2, 2024. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

**December 2, 2024 Disbursements**

Gross Payroll - November 2024	99291.80
Amazon Capital (books)	780.46

Automatic Systems Co (service)	184.58
Awards Plus (supplies)	157.50
Barco Municipal Products (supplies)	373.32
BOK Financial (bonds)	152148.75
Bomgaars (supplies)	1438.11
Bryan Jensen Clothing (uniforms)	3767.15
Cengage Learning (books)	65.58
Charter Spectrum (service)	239.96
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5082.00
City 125 Plan (insurance)	90.00
Consumer Deposit: C. Haake (rental deposit)	250.00
Custer County Recycling (service)	27.80
Dana F Cole & Company (audit, accting)	14240.00
Eakes Office Solutions (copier)	5531.83
Elan Financial Svcs (postage, supplies, meals, car washes, fees)	2065.42
Elsbury Construction LLC (contract)	284799.84
Frederick, Michael (book)	25.00
Heartland Disposal (service)	163.40
Homestead Bank: Two (2) Wire Fees (Fire Station & Misc Bond) (wire fees)	16.00
Homestead Bank: Wire for 2nd Half Gemini Crawler (wire fee)	8.00
Homestead Bank: Wire for Middle Loup River Sub (wire fee)	4.00
Hometown Leasing (contract)	83.24
Howard Co Reg of Deeds (fees)	40.00
Howard Co Foundation (fee)	250.00
Howard Co Treasurer (dispatch fee)	3334.89
Jarecke Motors (service)	350.61
John Deere Financial (supplies)	123.00
Justice Data Solutions (service)	2000.00
LARM (insurance)	601.44
MacQueen Equipment (snowblower)	209075.00
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	198.36
Miller Seed (supplies)	235.70
Mobile Power Equipment (MPE) 2nd Half Pymt of Gemini Crawler (equipment)	10348.00
Municipal Supply Inc (repair)	1198.93
Mutual of Omaha (insurance)	127.08
NDEE - Fiscal Svcs (contract)	100729.09
Petty Cash (supplies, fees)	35.96
SE Smith & Sons (supplies)	573.36
Sapp Bros Inc (supplies)	724.25
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	4.10
TASC (fees)	1327.24
Thiel Tire & Auto (repair)	662.21
Wesco (supplies)	1564.71

**Non-General**

General ICS #103209: City of Paul Transfer to General Checking (copier) #100027	5531.83
Sales Tax: Olsson: St. Paul Development Corp: Middle Loup River (eng fees) Subdivision Engineer Fees	14409.93
Sales Tax: Street: Mtr Veh Tax: September 2024 Proceeds (Mtr Veh Tax)	5593.50
Sales Tax: Fire Station: September 2024 Proceeds (Fire Station)	16201.30
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure: September 2024 Proceeds (25% Infrast)	8100.65
Sales Tax: Dana F. Cole & Co: Audit (audit)	2000.00
General ICS #103209: City of Paul Transfer to Street Checking (snow blower)	209075.00
Keno: Dana F. Cole & Co (audit)	1600.00
Sales Tax: Money Market check order (supplies)	15.28

**City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Connie Jo Beck performed the "Presentation of Plaques" pertaining to "Years of Service" to Council member Charles "Chuck" Schmid (December 7, 2020, to December 2, 2024) and Council member Brian V. Sack (February 5, 2024, to December 2, 2024). City of St. Paul Officials thanked Council members Schmid and Sack for their dedicated service to St. Paul.**

With the raising of the right hand, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Connie Jo Beck swore in Council members Mark W. Wilson and Gerald "Jerry" B. Woodgate as the newly elected officials of the City of St. Paul by Oath of Office. Council member Wilson and Council member Woodgate's term will be from December 2, 2024, to December 4, 2028.

**The City Council meeting was opened at 6:40 p.m. with the newly elected officials, along with signing an "Acknowledgment of Meeting" document regarding the attendance.**

City Clerk Beck took nominations from the Council members regarding the appointment of a new Council President.

Council member Wilson moved to nominate Council member Kowalski and Council member Peters nominated Council member Woodgate as the new Council President for year 2024-2025. After the nominations ceased, Council member Kowalski seconded the motion regarding her nomination as Council President. Council members Kowalski and Wilson voted aye, Council members Woodgate and Peters voted nay. Motion resulted in tie vote.

Council member Woodgate seconded the motion regarding his nomination as Council President. Council members Peters and Woodgate voted aye, Council members Wilson and Kowalski voted nay. Motion resulted in tie vote. As the vote to elect a Council President ended in a stalemate, the vote for a Council President is tabled to the City Council meeting on Monday, December 16, 2024 when Mayor Feeken can be present.

Council member Wilson moved to approve Council member Kowalski as the Acting Council President for tonight's meeting. Council member Woodgate seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson, Woodgate & Kowalski voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

The signing of the Homestead Bank, Citizens Bank & Trust, NPAIT, and NE Class signature card letters by Mayor Feeken to place the new Council President on the signature cards was tabled, due to the stalemate in the Council President vote. This will be placed back on the Council agenda for Monday, December 16, 2024.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve Elsbury Construction, LLC Pay Request #9 (Middle Loup River Subdivision Project #023-00398) for the amount of \$284,799.84. The pay application includes storm sewer inlets, seeding, final grading, electrical conduit, and the paving of the U.S. Hwy 281 turn lane. Also approved is City Clerk Beck transferring \$284,799.84 from the City's Street (72%), Water (14%), and Sewer (14%) Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) accounts then depositing into the City's #100027 Street, Water and Sewer account to pay Elsbury Construction Drawdown #9. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Wilson moved to approve Brittany Mayer's (Holistic Medical Center) Property Improvement application at 1205 2nd Street regarding exterior signage, along with the door/window decals in the amount of \$1,504.03. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Peters moved to approve the request of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce to close 6th Street between Indian Street and Jay Street on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is a St. Paul Chamber of Commerce "Christmas with a Jingle" event. The City will provide small traffic cones for the event. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer reported that the City received the new LaRue snow blower from MacQueen.

The 1st of the month City nuisance report from the Nuisance Committee was postponed until Monday, January 6, 2025.

Chief of Police Howard submitted a Police Activity Report to the City Council members. Chief of Police Howard stated that he would like to send Police Officer Sample to a Human Trafficking class in LaVista, NE. There is no fee for the class, but Officer Sample would need to have a one (1) night hotel stay.

Acting Council President Kowalski updates consisted of (1) Special meeting regarding the St. Paul Fire Station Construction Progress on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Katie Kowalski, Acting Council President adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:54 p.m.

December 16, 2024  
Date



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Katie Kowalski, Acting Council President



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Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/ Deputy Treasurer