

City of St. Paul Regular Meeting

704 6th Street
St. Paul, NE 68873

Monday, November 18, 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, November 18, 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.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the 108 Howard Avenue (Todd Padrnos) apartment complex. Mayor Feeken stated that the property had sold since the last City Council meeting on November 4, 2024, and that there is a new owner of the building; the City has no knowledge of the new owner. The City believes that a move out date was given to all the tenants. Per Mayor Feeken, the 108 Howard Avenue building is still deemed unsafe. Mayor Feeken also stated, now with the opportunity of having new owners, how does the City Council want to proceed with the building. It was briefly discussed to give the new owner a grace period to make the necessary corrections to the 108 Howard Avenue building. Mayor Feeken stated that once all tenants are out of the apartments, he wants no persons moving back in until the apartment

complex is safe to live in. Chief of Police Howard gave his recommendation of 90 days, then re-evaluate. Council member Schmid moved to approve a projected demolition date of Tuesday, February 19, 2024 regarding 108 Howard Avenue; this is pending conversations with the new owners. Council member Sack seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The City of St. Paul will advise the new owners and tenants of the demolition date if this process moves forward. On Monday, January 6, 2025, the City Council members may possibly discuss going out for bids pertaining to the demolition of 108 Howard Avenue. Council member Kowalski stated that the City needs to stay on course regarding the unsafe building.

A discussion ensued once again regarding the City of St. Paul's "Mobile Food" ordinance; enforcement is the big issue with the brick and mortar businesses. A committee was established to address issues of enforcement, regulations and fees. The goal is to make sure the ordinance is being enforced. This issue is tabled until the committee forwards a recommendation to the City Council.

Council member Schmid moved to approve Bierman Contracting, Inc. Fire Station Construction Pay Request #5 in the amount of \$175,902.95 regarding testing allowance, concrete reinforcement material, concrete foundation and flatworm, Pre-Engineered Metal Building (PEMB) material and erection. The approval also includes the transfer of \$175,902.95 from the Fire Station Construction NPAIT account and depositing it to the Fire Station Construction Checking account to absorb the pay request. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Treasurer's Report October 2024; (2) Minutes of November 4, 2024 (regular); Minutes of November 7, 2024 (special); (3) Disbursements November 18, 2024; and (4) Zoning Minutes November 12, 2024. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Schmid, Peters & Sack voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Disbursements November 18, 2024

AT&T Mobility (service)	443.55
Aurora Cooperative (fuel)	1566.47
Bear Graphics (supplies)	122.30
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	599.93
Brehm's Drug (supplies)	15.99
Central NE Bobcat (service)	287.56
Charter/Spectrum (service)	184.96
City Lights (utilities)	8432.61
City of St. Paul Transfer Heritage Bank Utility Billing to Checking Account (Homestead Bank) (transfer)	200000.00
Clearly (service)	195.46
Construction Rental (supplies)	10.50
Consumer Deposit (Delgado) (rent deposit)	250.00

Cornhusker Marriott (lodging)	448.00
Custer County Recycling (service)	40.50
Dept of Revenue: Sales & Use Tax Submittal (tax)	12283.47
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	800.00
First Concord Benefits (service)	112.00
Great Plains Uniforms (uniforms)	232.48
Hamilton Information Svcs (service)	1568.50
Hamilton Information Svcs (supplies)	748.00
Heartland Disposal (service)	5895.74
Heritage Bank: Utility Billing ACH Fee (fee)	25.00
Holiday Outdoor Décor (supplies)	271.50
Homestead Bank (fees)	22.20
Hometown Market (supplies)	140.00
Howard County Register of Deeds (fee)	10.00
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	122277.65
Interstate All Battery (supplies)	10.80
Jarecke Motors (service)	2262.63
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	2051.98
John Deere Financial (postage, supplies)	55.23
MacQueen Equipment (supplies)	134.24
Menards (supplies)	45.14
Midland Telecom (service)	64.00
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	4779.75
M R Cleaning Service (service)	522.16
One Call Concepts (service)	33.48
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Phonograph Herald (publish)	546.16
Platte Valley Communications (supplies)	480.34
PSSI Pest Svcs (service)	145.81
Quick Med Claims (service)	829.36
Schaper & White (service)	1137.50
Servi-Tech (lab)	168.00
Summers, James (fee)	150.00
Sun Auto Tire & Svc (service)	629.26
Triple T Disposal (service)	309.90
Twin Loups Mutual Aid (fees/dues)	589.00
US Post Office (postage)	525.00
Wesco Distribution (supplies)	516.95
Wroblewski, Liana (uniform)	209.54

Non-General Disbursements

Fire Station Construction: Steadfast Builders (curb grind)	3325.00
Fire Station Proceeds Transfer to City Checking	

Account to Pay Fire Station Bond 11-15-24	111752.50
City of St. Paul ICS Transfer to City Checking Account (transfer) to Pay for Elsbury Drawdown #8: (Street ICS \$333,984.54; Water ICS \$64,941.43; Sewer ICS \$64,941.43)	463867.40
NPAIT: Fire Station Construction #23251-201 Transfer to (transfer) Fire Station Construction Checking #103683 to Pay Disbursements	50000.00
Fire Station Construction: Bierman Contracting (pay request 5)	175902.95
NPAIT: Fire Station Construction #23251-201 Transfer to (transfer) Fire Station Construction Checking #103683 for Pay Request 5	175902.95
Fire Station Construction Checking #103683: JEO Consulting (eng fee)	4050.75

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates included: (1) the City's new snow blower has arrived from MacQueen; (2) salt has been purchased and ready for the winter months; and (3) the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Gemini camera works great.

Chief of Police Howard updated the Council on the Explorer's steering gear; Jarecke Motor is repairing. The cost could possibly be approximately \$3,000.

Mayor Mike Feeken updates: the Middle Loup River Subdivision Construction progress meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

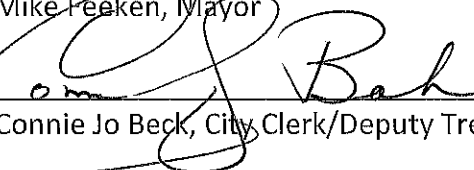
There was a brief discussion regarding the Adams Street turn lane striping; Utilities Superintendent Helzer will check on this.

For public announcements, Mayor Feeken will be out of town at a business meeting and cannot attend the December 2, 2024 Council meeting. Mayor Feeken extended his appreciation to Council member Charles "Chuck" Schmid and Council member Brian Sack for their dedicated service to the City of St. Paul as out-going Council members. Mayor Feeken also apologized to the new Council members Mark W. Wilson and Gerald "Jerry" B. Woodgate for him not being present for the "Oath of Office". The Mayors "Appointments" will be held on Monday, December 16, 2024.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:16 p.m.

December 2, 2024
Date


Mike Feeken, Mayor


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer