

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

Monday, January 6, 2025

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, January 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Mike Feeken and Council members Katie Kowalski, Bill Peters, Mark Wilson & Jerry Woodgate. 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.

The first item for discussion on the agenda was regarding the unsafe building at 108 Howard Avenue that is currently owned by Todd and Michelle Padrnos. Elmer Perez with L.L. Remodeling and Restoration, Grand Island, NE and Ruby Sciuga with the NE Real Estate Agency, Grand Island, NE was in attendance to speak on the property. Mayor Feeken stated that the City may have a potential new owner regarding the property at 108 Howard Avenue and that the apartment complex is still considered unsafe. Mrs. Sciuga provided a brief update on the process of the unsafe building, along with stating that Mr. and Mrs. Padrnos are still the current owners of the property. This is due to one (1) tenant still residing at the location. A court order hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2025 regarding the restitution of premise pertaining to the resident at the apartment. Elmer Perez provided a brief summary of the

construction improvement plan pertaining to the building when he takes ownership; the first priority is to rebuild the metal pole supports and platform to the apartment complex; if the weather is too harsh to work outside, then improvements will be completed inside the building. Mr. Perez stated that once he has possession of the building, it will take 1–2 months to begin the construction process; the total construction phase will take approximately six (6) months to complete. Council member Woodgate moved to table the item until, Monday, March 3, 2025 and amend the demolition date from Wednesday, February 19, 2025 to Tuesday, March 4, 2025. City Clerk Beck will update the Mayor and Council as progress occurs on the property. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve Mayor Feeken's Calendar Year Appointment regarding Brian Friedrichsen as the City of St. Paul's Street Superintendent for 2025, effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT FOR DETERMINING INCENTIVE PAYMENT IN CALENDAR YEAR 2024 PER THE DISCUSSION WITH THE NE DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION STAFF.

Council member Wilson moved to approve Mayor Feeken signing the "Year End Certification of City Street Superintendent" for determining Incentive Payment from January 1, 2024, to December 15, 2024. Jeff Palik is the City of St. Paul's 2024 City Street Superintendent, License Number S-1269, Class A and Engineer's License Number #10492. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Wilson also moved to approve Mayor Feeken signing the "Year End Certification of City Street Superintendent" for determining Incentive Payment from December 16, 2024, to December 31, 2024. Brian Friedrichsen is the City of St. Paul's Street Superintendent from December 16, 2024, to December 31, 2024, Street Superintendent, License Number S-1704, Class A and Engineer's License Number #17653. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) Middle Loup River Subdivision; Engineer's Project No. 023-00398 Change Order #2 to "adjust the completion date". The increase of the Change Order for "Substantial Completion Date" is May 2, 2025, and the Ready for Final Payment will be May 16, 2025. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Council Minutes December 16, 2024 (regular); (2) Disbursements January 6, 2025; and (3) St. Paul Rescue Squad member Stephanie Ford. Council member Woodgate seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

January 6, 2025

Gross Wages - December	99011.37
Amazon Capital Services (books)	328.60
Anderson, Trae (meal)	17.92
Blue Cross/Blue Shield (insurance)	19789.20
Bomgaars (supplies)	751.92
BSN Sports (supplies)	3422.04
Burk, Kerrigan (national registry registration)	104.00
Charter/Spectrum (Service)	239.96
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5082.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	90.00
Core & Main (supplies)	136.13
Custer County Recycling (service)	39.40
DTCC: Redeem portion of Middle Loup River Water / Sewer (Bond)	3332.18
Antic Bond Interest 12/30/24	
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	2412.68
Eakes Office Solutions (supplies)	104.06
Ecolab (service)	145.81
Elan Financial Svcs (postage, fuel, supplies, fees, car wash)	2557.28
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	600.00
Gorecki, Jeremy (meal)	20.06
Great Plains Uniforms (uniform)	173.00
Heartland Disposal (service)	213.31
Helzer, Matthew (meal)	13.10
Heritage Bank: Utility Bill ACH Fee (fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank: Wire Fee (Outgoing) RE: 4 Bond Pymts (fee)	8.00
Homestead Bank: Wire Fee (Outgoing) Middle Loup River (fee)	8.00
Water & Sewer Antic Bond Interest to 12/30/24	
Hometown Leasing (contract)	39.12
Howard County Treasurer (dispatch)	3334.89
Jacobs Ford (repair)	987.66
Jarecke Motors (repair)	5753.49
Madison Nat'l Life (Insurance)	198.36
Mutual of Omaha (insurance)	127.08
Nebraska Rural Water Assn (membership, education)	850.00
Olsson (service)	1358.00
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	223.75
POAN (membership)	80.00
Pulse Finders LLC (service)	55.00
Pulse Finders LLC: AED Purchase (supplies)	3424.00
Road Builders (supplies)	696.80
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	90.14
Servi-Tech (lab)	139.00

Siteone Landscape (supplies)	4752.85
Sparqdata Solutions (contract)	4100.00
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	4.10
Thiel Tire & Auto (repair)	24.61
US Postal Service (postage)	350.00
Wells Plumbing (supplies)	29.94
Wesco Distribution (supplies)	29.24

Non-General Disbursements

Sales Tax: St. Paul Dev. Corp: Operating Expense (operating)	35000.00
Sales Tax: St. Paul Dev Corp: Olsson #522098 (engineer fee)	7917.78
Middle Loup River Subd Engineer Fees	
Sales Tax: Street: Mtr Veh Tax: October 2024 Proceeds (Mtr Veh Tax)	7494.21
Sales Tax: Fire Station: October 2024 Proceeds (Fire Station)	14640.84
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure: October 2024 Proceeds (25% Infrast)	7320.42
Sales Tax: SCEDD - Annual Membership (fee)	5000.00
Keno: Final Audit (service)	700.00

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with the South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD) for General Grant Administration Services regarding the Rural Community Recovery Program (RCRP) Grant 23-RCRP-033 received from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED). The grant will be utilized for City park, tennis and pickle ball court improvements. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD) will be utilizing AmpliFund to track grant documentation and details of the project. Per Mayor Feeken, the project will begin this year.

Parker Klinginsmith was in attendance to clarify the Mobile Food Committee's recommendations as a result of its meeting on Monday, December 30, 2024. Council member Woodgate had multiple questions regarding the Mobile Food ordinance; those questions were discussed and answered. Council member Kowalski introduced Ordinance #1056, amending Ordinance #992 pertaining to Mobile Food Vendors in the corporate limits of St. Paul, Nebraska; to add Article 9 to Chapter 10 of the St. Paul City Code to incorporate the regulations pertaining to Mobile Food Vendors; to amend the fees for a Mobile Food Vendor license; to amend the application requirements and sales regulations for a Mobile Food Vendor License; to renumber the current Article 9 of Chapter 10 of the St. Paul City Code pertaining to penalties; to amend Section 10-901 pertaining to the penalty and violations of Chapter 10; to repeal Ordinance #992 and any conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date; and to provide for publication of the ordinance in pamphlet form. Council member Peters waived the three (3) readings of Ordinance 1056 on three (3) different occasions. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Council member Kowalski moved for final passage of Ordinance

1056. 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 Resolution 2025-1, amending the City of St. Paul "Fee Schedule" to reflect the changes regarding the "Mobile Food" permit fees. The "Fee Schedule" will be effective Monday, January 6, 2025. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the NE Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) "Certificate of Compliance" regarding services performed in calendar year 2025. The amount due to the State of Nebraska for snow removal is 5.10 lane miles x \$1,430 per lane mile = \$7,293.00. 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 Maintenance Agreement No. 47 between the NE Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) and the Municipality of St. Paul for the period from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, pertaining to surface maintenance and/or snow removal in the amount of \$7,293.00. The maintenance agreement consists of: (1) West City Limits and (2) South City Limits to North City Limits. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve transferring City of St. Paul funds in the amount of \$75,000 from the Sales Tax Money Market #504420 and depositing the funds in to the Sales Tax Checking #300277; the funds will pay disbursements. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Peters moved to approve Barb Wroblewski's "Property Improvement Program" application regarding the demolition of a house at 1122 6th Street for the amount of \$5,000. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding a reimbursement to Grady Robinson (previous City Police Officer) pertaining to a Special Response Team (SRT) helmet. The amount requested is \$196.87. Council member Kowalski moved to approve \$100 to be reimbursed to Mr. Robinson regarding the SRT helmet, with the stipulation that the funds be disbursed from the SRT donations. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters and Wilson voted aye, Council member Woodgate voted nay. Motion carried 3/1. The City Council stated that these purchases need Council approval prior to the purchase.

Next on the agenda for discussion was the 1st of the Month City nuisances per the Nuisance Committee. Chief of Police Howard stated that only one (1) other individual was in attendance at the meeting. The St. Paul Police Dept. conveyed to the Mayor and Council that he will begin the nuisance process on 1120 Custer Street; it contains major clutter in the front and backyard. Council member Peters stated that there are numerous nuisance properties in St. Paul; the City needs to concentrate on the obvious nuisance properties in town. Chief of Police Howard

stated that the Mayor and Council can visit him at his office at any time regarding nuisance properties.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HOLIDAY: The second (2nd) City Council meeting in January 2025 will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, due to the Martin Luther King holiday.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer reported that the salt spreader vibrator motor has failed; a new motor is on order.

Chief of Police Howard updates: **(1)** provided a Police Activity Report; **(2)** on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 the St. Paul Police Dept. will be partnering with the Howard County Sheriff's Office to provide a "Stop the Bleed" class for the staff at the Brookefield Park Nursing Facility; the following month an "Evacuation" class will also be provided to the staff. This is part of an emergency preparedness class for the two (2) law enforcement agencies; **(3)** the Police Dept. updated the phone system with voice automation; **(4)** the St. Paul Police Dept. will be hosting the Crime Stoppers quarterly meetings at the Police Dept.; and **(5)** Chief of Police Howard will be assisting the Howard County Crime Stoppers to customize a Facebook page.

Mayor Feeken updates included: **(1)** the City's Lottery Compliance Procedures Report from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024 can be reviewed at the City Office; and **(2)** the St. Paul Fire Station Construction Progress meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:17 p.m.

January 21, 2025
Date

Mike Feeken
Mike Feeken, Mayor

Connie Jo Beck
Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer