

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

Monday, April 7, 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, April 7, 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 on the agenda was regarding Municipal Code 4-315: Nuisances; Hearings. The City Council will hear testimony of persons testifying respect to the condition of the nuisance property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the City Council shall, by resolution, declare its findings. The City Council may declare the condition existing to be a nuisance and direct the person owning the property to abate it within a reasonable time. The adopted resolution shall be posted on the premise, along with sending the notice to abate the nuisance. The list of nuisances considered included: (1) 1117 Elm Street; (2) 726 Howard Avenue; (3) 1120 Custer Street; and (4) 810 Elm Street.

Chief of Police Dan Howard was in attendance to do an overview of the above four (4) nuisance properties. After a brief discussion, the Mayor and City Council were all in agreement to place

an additional 30 day extension to the properties listed; this is due to the property showing improvement: (1) 1117 Elm Street; (2) 1120 Custer Street; and (3) 810 Elm Street.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve sending the "Notice of Adoption of Resolution #2025-2" to 726 Howard Avenue (Ron Tubbs). This is due to no property improvement. The City Council granted Mr. Tubb's a 30 day extension to abate the property at 726 Howard Avenue. If the property isn't abated in the time given, the City will abate and assess a lien to the property. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

A lengthy discussion ensued between the Mayor, Council and the Utilities Superintendent pertaining to the placement of a curb on the south side of "M" Street between Jackson Street and Sheridan Street. The abutting land owner Rick Goettsche (1117 Sheridan) donated land to the Howard County Medical Center (HCMC) for parking improvements.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve the placement of a curb on "M" Street between Sheridan Street and Jackson Street by providing a description of the property by the metes and bounds system; it died for a lack of a second.

Council member Wilson moved to approve placing a curb from Jackson Street west 1 ft. to 20 ft. east and from Jackson west 96 ft. to 162 ft. east; the rest of the area on "M" Street will be a drop curb (see attached diagram in red). The blue line depicts the Howard County Medical Center (HCMC) new parking lot, which will be a depth of approximately 18 ft. A sidewalk will be placed on the south side of the HCMC new parking area. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters & Wilson voted aye, Council member Woodgate voted nay. Motion carried 3/1. The abutting land owner Rick Goettsche (1117 Sheridan) was present to answer questions.

The City of St. Paul Departments: (1) Sewer (Trae Anderson, Sewer Commissioner); (2) Water (Jeremy Gorecki, Water Commissioner); and (3) Landfill (Matt Helzer, Utilities Superintendent) provided a 6-Month update regarding the (1) Revenue and Expenditure Guideline and Long Term Indebtedness; (2) Personnel; Training and Development; (3) Needs; Non-Budgeted Equipment and Resource needs; (4) Overall Department Challenges; (5) Achievements and Milestones; and (6) Goals and Upcoming projects.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Sewer Dept. hiring "On Site Service Solutions" located in Iowa" to calibrate and inspect all of the Wastewater Sewer Treatment Facility (WWTF) equipment; this will cost approximately \$2,200. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve the Water Dept. purchasing two (2) tree saw blade trimmers to be utilized at the City Wellfield; the cost is approximately \$600 each. The "Gas & Oil" line item will absorb the cost of the trimmers, due to the \$1,500 not being utilized in the 2024-2025 Budget. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Council Minutes March 17, 2025 (regular), March 26, 2025 (special) and April 3, 2025 (special); (2) Planning

Commission minutes March 31, 2025; (3) Disbursements April 7, 2025; and (4) Well Permit: AJ Squared LLC (Andrew Wilshusen) at 1511 Jay Street. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

April 7, 2025 Disbursements

Gross Wages - March	104967.06
Advanced Climate Control (service)	225.14
Amazon Capital Services (books)	452.29
AT&T Mobility (service)	443.60
Aurora Coop (fuel)	837.89
Automatic Systems Co (service)	2761.32
Barco Municipal Products (supplies)	572.57
Beck, Connie Jo (reimb)	36.19
Berthelsen, Laura (mileage)	290.85
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE (insurance)	21594.30
Bomgaars (supplies)	683.50
Bryan Jensen Clothing (uniform)	417.29
Cengage Learning (books)	98.37
Charter/Spectrum (service)	249.97
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5445.00
City of St. Paul (copies)	187.50
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	90.00
Clearly (service)	198.35
Construction Rental (supplies)	172.50
Consumer Deposit: Lauber Rental Deposit (rental deposit)	250.00
CopyCat Printing (supplies)	35.00
Crescent Electric (supply)	73.99
Custer County Recycling (Service)	50.00
Custom Upholstery of NE (repair)	3500.00
Danko Emergency Equip (service)	857.23
Dick's Repair (repair)	1935.88
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	4854.23
Eakes Office Solutions (contract)	332.35
Ecolab (service)	145.81
Elan Financial Svcs (meals, supplies, postage, lodging, fees, car wash)	3572.33
Electric Pump (supplies)	4230.82
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	200.00
Filter Care (service)	42.00
Fousek, Kris (uniform)	152.21
Hamilton Information System (service)	1568.50
Heartland Disposal (service)	163.33
Heritage Bank: City Utility Bill ACH Fee March 2024 (fee)	25.00

Homestead Bank: Miller Return Check Fee: (fee)	3.00
Hometown Leasing (contract)	39.12
Howard Co. Treasurer (Dispatch Fee)	3334.89
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	2392.23
John Deere Financial (supplies)	66.48
Kelly Supply (supplies)	54.06
LCL Truck Equipment (supplies)	222.75
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	220.40
Mutual of Omaha (insurance)	141.48
NE Generator (service)	2627.56
NE Public Health Environment (lab)	237.00
NE State Fire School (education)	150.00
Odeys (supplies)	2309.00
Omaha World Herald (subscription)	405.60
One Call Concepts (service)	31.90
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Overdrive Inc (books)	226.99
Parts Bin (supplies)	251.11
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	430.64
Servi-Tech (lab)	272.00
Smith Welding (service)	316.64
St. Paul Public School (supplies)	55.90
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	4.10
Sun Auto Tire (repair)	803.90
TASC (service)	245.88
Wesco (supplies)	3263.68
Wilbert Memorials (engraving)	225.00
Wroblewski, Liana (uniforms)	190.46

Non-General Disbursements

TIF: St. Paul Development Corp: Bed Head Coffee (TIF Proceeds)	1935.03
TIF: S Squared Enterprises: #8652 and #8659 (TIF Proceeds)	1056.02
TIF: City MAD 1/2 Share Proceeds (TIF Proceeds)	727.59
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25% Infrast (Sales Tax): Olsson: Middle Loup River Drainage (eng fees)	1816.00
Sales Tax: Street: Mtr Veh Tax: January 2025 Proceeds (Mtr Veh Tax)	7773.62
Sales Tax: Fire Station: January 2025 Proceeds (Fire Station)	15261.35
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure: January 2025 Proceeds (25% Infrast)	7630.67
Light ICS: Wesco: 3 Phase Cabinet for Middle Loup River (supplies)	1651.08
Park Grant: Elan Financial - RFP (publish)	36.80
Park ICS: AKRS Equipment (mower)	23935.35

Council member Wilson moved to approve placing the City of St. Paul's Financial Statement 2023-2024 excess department funds into the "Insure Cash Sweep" (ICS) accounts at Citizens Bank & Trust: (1) Elmwood Cemetery \$16,450 and Swimming Pool \$20,135. 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 2025 City seasonal hourly wages that include: Jack Paulsen \$15; Gavin Olinger \$14; Jordan Solko \$14; Eddie Krzycki \$14; and Landfill (Duane Brumbaugh) \$15.87. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the City of St. Paul utilizing the new Utility Billing software named Nuvei; the software will originate from Banyon Data, which has partnered with Nuvei. The Banyon Data module fee of \$795 will be waived, but the annual support fee of \$195 will remain the same. 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 transferring City funds in the amount of \$75,000 from the Sales Tax Money Market #504420 to the Sales Tax Checking #300277 to perform transfers into: (1) Street - Motor Vehicle Tax; (2) Fire Station Proceeds; and (3) 25% Infrastructure when sales tax proceeds are deposited into the City account. Council member Woodgate seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Chief of Police Dan Howard provided several nuisances pertaining to the first (1st) of the month: (1) 108 Howard Avenue: Appliances existing outdoors; scrape metal & iron and trash surrounding the property. Utilities Superintendent Helzer called the owner on Monday, April 7, 2025; the owner will remedy the nuisance by the weekend; and (2) 521 Sheridan Street: Sidewalk is buckled in front of the residence; it makes it difficult for school children or motorized scooters to utilize the sidewalk. The home owner will be notified of the nuisance complaint. The "Sidewalk" Municipal Code will be discussed at the Monday, April 21, 2025 Council meeting.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer reported on: (1) the Middle Loup River Subdivision paving (Custer Street) will commence on Tuesday, April 8, 2025; and (2) the repairing of the Middle Loup River bridge will commence in April / May 2025.

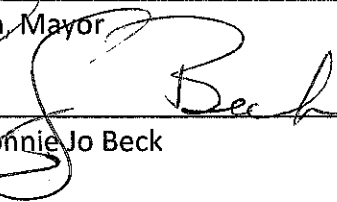
Chief of Police Howard reported on Officer Sample's workman compensation timeline.

Mayor Feeken updates: (1) Fire Station Construction meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. to be held in the City Council Chambers; (2) The NE CLASS Board has decided to eliminate the NE CLASS operations and partner with the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT); the CLASS participants will have approximately 30 days to confirm with a vote; the merge will be wrapped up in May/June 2025; (3) City received the 2024 and 2025 City Recycling Center hay proceeds in the amount of \$444; and (4) per City Attorney White's interpretation of the bid statute, the Park's Dept. can move forward in purchasing a truck, not to exceed the 2024-2025 Budget amount.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:15 p.m.

April 21 2025
Date


Mike Feeken, Mayor


City Clerk Connie Jo Beck

April 7, 2025 Placement of curb on south side of "M" Street between Jackson & Sheridan



April 8, 2025
15:02 PM

□ Parcels

DISCLAIMER: This map is not intended for conveyances, nor is it a legal survey. The information is presented on a best-efforts basis, and should not be relied upon for making financial, survey, legal or other commitments.

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