

1st Council Regular Meeting

Monday, May 5, 2025 6:30 PM

City Hall
704 6th Street
St. Paul, NE 68873

Agenda

1. Council President Katie Kowalski calls City Council meeting to order, with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and the "Open Meeting Statement" as required by NE State Statutes 84-1407 through 84-1414; Council President Kowalski also states that the City Council may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by NE State Statute 84-1410.
2. Submittal of Request for Future Agenda Items
3. Reserve time to Speak on an Agenda Item
4. Presentation of "Certificate of Appreciation" to Chief of Police Dan Howard (Jacobs Ford).
5. Discuss - Approve / Deny City of St. Paul paying the first (1st) disbursement of \$50,000 to the St. Paul Early Childhood Foundation, Inc. This will be disbursed from Keno funds.
6. Discuss - Approve / Deny Elsbury Construction, LLC Pay Request #10 (Middle Loup River Subdivision Project #023-00398) for the amount of \$637,556.05. The pay application includes street paving, U.S. Hwy 281 paint striping, streetlights and wire, and minor storm sewer work.
 - a. Approve City Clerk Beck transferring \$637,556.05 from the Street Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account (\$76,493.72) and the General Nebraska Class account (\$561,062.33) to absorb Pay Request #10.
7. Discuss - Approve / Deny the Park's Department purchasing a 2015 Ford F150 White pickup in the amount of 14,700 from Bockmann Auto Sales (217 2nd Street). The funds will be disbursed from the Park reserves according to the 2024-2025 Budget.
8. Discuss - Approve / Deny bid from Creative Sites, LLC, Omaha, NE regarding the purchase of five (5) musical playground instruments for a total amount of \$23,676.00. The park improvement grant committee recommends this bid of six (6) bids received for the project. The cost of playground features will be reimbursed through the park improvement grant received from the NE Dept. of Economic Development. They will be installed where the skate park is currently located. The removal of the skate park and the installation of these musical instruments will be completed after GCA Days.
9. Discuss - Approve / Deny Consent Agenda Items: (1) Council Minutes April 21, 2025 (regular), and Special Council Minutes May 1, 2025 (special); (2) Planning Commission minutes April 29, 2025; and (3) Disbursements May 5, 2025.
10. Discuss - Approve IBEW 1597 Union Agreement meeting date and time for the first week in June 2025.
11. Discuss 1st of the month City of St. Paul's nuisances per the Nuisance Committee (Chief of Police Dan Howard to report) - Possible Action.
12. Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates

13. Chief of Police Howard updates:
a. Police Activity Report

14. Council President Katie Kowalski updates:

(1) At the Monday, May 19, 2029 City Council meeting (Beginning 6:00 p.m.) the Mayor and Council will be introduced and meet Attorney Drew A. Graham from Svehla Law Office PC, York, NE.

15. Public Announcements

16. Closed Session: Pending Litigation; Strategy Session with respect to real estate purchase; and prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual

17. Mayor Feeken adjourns City Council meeting

18. Informational Items:

(1) 2024 Annual Report for the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Projects pursuant to Neb. Rev. Statute 18-2117.02;

19. This agenda, including supporting documentation, is available for public viewing during normal business hours at the City Office, 704 6th Street, St. Paul, Nebraska.

The City of St. Paul abides by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act in conducting business. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is on display in the meeting room as required by Nebraska State Law.

The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to enter into an Executive Session at any time during the meeting, in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, even though the closed session may not be indicated on the Agenda.

It is the intention of the Mayor and City Council to take up the items on the agenda in sequential order. However, the Mayor and City Council reserves the right to take up matters in a different order to accommodate the schedules of the City Council members, person(s) having items on the agenda, and the public. The City of St. Paul reserves the right to adjust the order of items on the agenda.

Anyone wishing to speak may be limited to three (3) to five (5) minutes per person. Please utilize the podium and clearly state your name and address for the record and the agenda topic you wish to speak upon in a professional manner.