

1st Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 6:30 PM

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

Agenda

1. Mayor Mike Feeken 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; Mayor Feeken 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. Discuss - Approve / Deny the City of St. Paul adhering to NE State Statute 53-129: Retail, Bottle Club, Craft Brewery, and Micro-Distillery License; Premise to which Applicable; **Temporary Expansion**; Procedure.

a. Approve City of St. Paul's "temporary expansion" application, along with the licensee providing a signed "Agreement of Alcohol Caterer" and Certificate of Insurance regarding General and Liquor Liability.

5. Discuss - Approve / Deny Consent Agenda Items: (1) Minutes August 18, 2025 (special), Minutes August 18, 2025 (regular); and (2) Disbursements September 2, 2025.

6. Discuss - Approve / Deny giving residents below an extension of time or abate by the City (given until September 2, 2025, to abate property): (1) 521 7th Street (Rasmussen) and (2) 407 "L" Street (Weddle).

7. At the City Council meeting on Monday, August 18, 2025, Council requested that nuisance property 304 8th Street (David Eiberger) be revisited at the next City Council meeting on September 2, 2025 - **Possible Action:**

Municipal Code 4-315: Nuisances; Hearings.

The City Council or other persons shall hear testimony of all competent persons desiring to testify respecting the condition constituting the nuisance, including the estimated cost of the abatement and other matters which may be pertinent. 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 after the date of posting on the premises a notice of the adoption of the resolution and sending a notice.**

Discuss - Approve / Deny **sending resolution** abatement letter to 304 8th Street (David Eiberger).

8. Approve a recommendation from the Park Grant Committee to award the bid from McCarty Construction LLC of St. Paul, NE to install a picnic shelter and concrete pad near the new tennis/pickleball courts for the amount of \$41,950.

a. Approve Mayor Feeken signing the contract for such project. The costs of the project will be

reimbursed by the NE Dept. of Economic Development (NDED) in accordance with the park improvement grant.

9. Approve a recommendation from the Park Grant Committee to award the bid to Cunningham Recreation of Charlotte, NC to install a toddler playground area. Approve Mayor Feeken signing the contract for such project. The cost of the project will be reimbursed by the NE Dept. of Economic Development (NDED) in accordance with the park improvement grant.

10. Discuss - Approve / Deny quote from Kay Park Recreation, Jamesville, IA regarding 31 picnic tables for the amount of \$30,415.30. The cost of the picnic tables will be reimbursed by the NE Dept. of Economic Development (NDED) in accordance with the park improvement grant.

11. Discuss - Approve / Deny the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) 1597 new hourly wage pertaining to the City Sewer Commissioner and Sewer Operator.

a. Approve / Deny the "Addendum to the Agreement" between the Local 1597 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) AFL-CIO and the City of St. Paul, Nebraska. The addendum will add \$2.50 to each step of the new wage scale beginning on October 1, 2025, for the Sewer Commissioner for reasons of comparability. The addendum will raise the Sewer Operator to meet the new wage scale of the Water Operator for reasons of comparability.

12. **NOTE:** The City of St. Paul will be having a "Joint Public Hearing" on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Civic Center (423 Howard Avenue). The purpose of the hearing pertains to the City's Property Tax Request exceeds the Allowable Growth Percentage.

a. Joint Public Hearing ATTENDANCE;

b. Discuss - Approve special meeting **date/time** pertaining to the approval of the proposed City of St. Paul 2025-2026 Budget; **City Clerk Beck needs DATE to publish the Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary.**

13. Discuss - Approve / Deny advertising for bid proposals regarding general cleaning of the City Office, Council Chambers, and Police Department.

14. Discuss 1st of the month City of St. Paul's nuisances per the Nuisance Committee (Chief of Police Dan Howard to report) - Possible Action.

15. Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates

16. Chief of Police Howard updates:

(1) Activity Report.

17. Mayor Feeken updates:

(1) Letter from Jake Ritzdorf RE: St. Paul Baseball fields;

(2) A Special Designated Liquor (SDL) application has been submitted by the County Cage pertaining to a Pop-up Boutique on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. City Law Enforcement approved the application.

18. Public Announcements

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

20. Mayor Feeken adjourns City Council meeting

21. Informational Items:

(1) St. Paul Fire and EMS Roster;

(2) City Cyber Security Project Scope and Goals.

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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.