

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

Monday, July 21, 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, July 21, 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.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve JEO Consulting Group (Bierman Contracting, Inc.) Change Order #4 in the amount of a \$294.50 credit pertaining to the St. Paul Fire Station at 4th and Kendall Streets, St. Paul, NE. The contract is changed as follows: (1) additional sidewalk on north side = Add \$908; (2) placing tee on air line and installing hose reel = Add \$275; and (3) balance remaining on testing allowance = Deduct (\$1,477.50). 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 Bierman Contracting, Inc. Fire Station Construction Pay Request #13 in the amount of \$69,453.56 regarding testing allowance, casework material, finish carpentry, flooring, painting, signage, plumbing, HVAC, and

electrical. City Clerk Beck will transfer from the NPAIT Fire Station Construction and deposit into the Fire Station Construction checking account in the amount of \$69,453.56 for the pay request. 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 St. Paul Development Corp. (SPDC) Middle Loup River Subdivision; Engineer's Project No. 023-00398 Change Order #3 (FINAL) to increase the amount \$754.92. The increase of the change order pertained to building a 10" doweled concrete pavement. 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 Elsbury Construction, LLC final Pay Request #11 (Middle Loup River Subdivision Project #023-00398) for the amount of \$422,955.63. The pay application includes paving and lift station work as well as releasing the retainage that has been on the project. Also, approved was City Clerk Beck transferring \$422,955.63 from the General and Light Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) accounts and depositing into Checking #100027 to absorb the pay request. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

St Paul Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jordan Robinson was in attendance to discuss "National Night Out". Council member Kowalski moved to approve the City of St. Paul (1) providing one (1) or two (2) electrical bucket trucks for rides; (2) street closure on 6th Street between Indian and Jay Streets; cones will be provided for the closure; and (3) allow the City Park to be open an extra hour for viewing a movie. The "National Night Out" is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, August 5, 2025. Council member Woodgate seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Utilities Superintendent Helzer stated that the City's insurance company approved the event.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Treasurer's Report June 2025; (2) Minutes of July 7, 2025 (regular); and (3) Disbursements July 21, 2025. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Disbursements July 21, 2025

Amazon Capital Services (books)	754.32
AT&T Mobility (service)	518.16
Black Hills Energy (utilities)	1202.03
Central District Health Dept (lab)	324.00
Charter/Spectrum (service)	215.00
Chesterman Company (concessions)	99.78
City Lights (utilities)	9678.89
Custer County Recycling (service)	29.40
Dept of Correctional Svcs (container)	1000.00
Heartland Disposal (service)	5815.65
Homestead Bank (ACH fees)	34.80

Homestead Bank Wire (Incoming) Middle Loup River Paving (wire fee)	4.00
street bond in the amount of \$132,646.25	
Hometown Leasing (contract)	39.12
Hometown Market (supplies)	585.10
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	169755.79
LARM (insurance)	1946.97
League of NE Municipalities (fees)	270.00
Loup Central Landfill (assessment)	2303.00
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	5017.45
MR Cleaning (service)	652.70
NE Dept of Revenue: Sales & Use Tax: Form 10 (tax)	15989.61
NE Power Review Board (assessment)	334.25
One Call Concepts (service)	33.50
Onsite Service Solutions (service)	2035.00
Phonograph Herald (publish)	495.53
Quick Med Claims (service)	490.24
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	5.73
Sherman County Sheriff (supplies)	600.00
Smith Welding (repair)	28.21
St. Paul Public School (service, supplies)	2597.49
Svehla Law Offices (legal)	195.00
Triple T Disposal (service)	349.00
US Post Office (postage)	525.00
Wesco Distribution (supplies)	4248.16
<u>Non-General Disbursements</u>	
Park grant: Olsson (eng fees)	3437.41
Park grant: Phonograph Herald (publish)	181.82

Municipal Code 4-316: Nuisances; Extension of Time or Abatement by City.

Chief of Police Howard was in attendance to discuss four (4) nuisances regarding property cleanup. The nuisances were given until Monday, July 21, 2025 to abate the property. The discussion tonight was to give the property owners another extension of time or to abate the nuisance. Council member Kowalski moved to approve providing the residents listed until Monday, August 4, 2025 to complete the nuisance cleanup: (1) 521 7th Street (Rasmussen); (2) 407 "L" Street (Weddle); and (3) 221 Jackson Street (McClay). It was also approved that the nuisance at 1319 9th Street will be abated by the City of St. Paul. A lien will be placed on the property regarding the cost of the cleanup. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

A "Notice of Nuisance" letter was provided to Jorgensen Electric (Thomas Hake) at 523 Howard Avenue (Lot Ten (10), Block 19, Original Town) on Tuesday, July 8, 2025. Mr. Hake was given

ten (10) days to abate the nuisance. Chief of Police Dan Howard stated that no progress was completed, therefore, a second (2nd) nuisance notice will be sent. Council member Kowalski moved to approve Chief of Police Howard sending the second (2nd) notice to 523 Howard Avenue. 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 the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) 2025-2026 Renewal Resolution 2025-08. This would provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2028 (180 day and three (3) year commitment; five percent (5%) discount). Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates included: (1) the new St. Paul Fire Station underground sprinklers nearly complete; (2) the dismantling of the City skate-park by the Street Dept.; (3) Diamond Engineering will begin construction on the new tennis/pickleball courts late August 2025; and (4) a special meeting on Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. regarding the Middle Loup River erosion problem; the meeting will be held on site and then in the City Council Chambers.

Chief of Police Howard updates: (1) the military storage shop will be delivered on Tuesday, July 22, 2025; (2) the police Data Master can be repaired; the cost of repairs will occur from STOP funds; (3) 2019 Dodge Charger will be taken to Greg Young on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 pertaining to recall repairs to air-bag system; (4) two (2) lawn letters will be sent to: (a) 511 Custer Street and (b) 519 7th Street; and (5) a discussion regarding the parking of semi-trucks in residential areas per Council member Woodgate.

Mayor Mike Feeken updates: (1) 2025-2026 Budget Workshop on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m.; (2) the Revenue and Expenditure Guideline can be reviewed at the City office; and (3) considering the selling of City property/real estate; the discussion will take place during the budget workshop.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:20 p.m.

August 4, 2025
Date


Mike Feeken, Mayor


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Clerk

City of St. Paul Job Titles and Salaries of Employees shall be published per NE Statute 19-1102:
Non-union: Utility Superintendent - \$42.78; City Clerk - \$41.34; Chief of Police - \$34.33; Police Sergeant - \$32.30; Police Officers - \$21.00 - \$28.57; Police Secretary - \$19.88; Library Employees -

\$13.50 - \$19.58.

Seasonal Hourly Wages: Cemetery/Light - \$14.00 - \$15.87; Landfill - \$15.00; Pool Employees - \$11.75 - \$18.75; EMT's (transports) \$15.00.

Union Hourly: Light Commissioner- \$42.41; Lineman - \$29.59 - \$37.41; Water Commissioner - \$33.41; Water Operator - \$26.82; Sewer Superintendent - \$29.37; Sewer Operator - \$26.20; Street Commissioner - \$33.88; Equipment Operator - \$27.74; Parks Manager - \$28.71; Deputy City Clerk - \$28.85; Utility Clerk - \$26.33; Payroll Clerk - \$25.04.

Mayor - \$3,600; City Council - \$2,400; City Treasurer - \$2,400.