

2nd Council Regular Meeting

Monday, September 15, 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 Requests for Future Agenda Items

3. Reserve Time to Speak on an Agenda Item

4. Discuss - Approve / Deny Howard County Medical Center (HCMC) hosting a 5k run / 1-mile walk on Saturday, October 18, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m., along with the approval to paint arrows along the race route. Volunteers will monitor traffic during the event. A Certificate of Insurance will be provided to the City Office prior to the event.

5. MIDDLE LOUP RIVER SOUTH RIVER EROSION PROBLEM

Discuss - Approve / Deny **Resolution #2025-11**, a resolution approving the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Howard County for the creation of the City of St. Paul / Howard County joint Middle Loup River stabilization agency.

a. Approve / Deny **Interlocal Agreement** between the City of St. Paul, NE and Howard County, pursuant to the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. 13-801 et seq., whereas, the Interlocal Cooperation Act permits any two (2) or more public agencies to enter into agreements with one another for joint cooperative action; whereas, the Middle Loup River, west of the U.S. Highway #281 bridge south of St. Paul, NE, is experiencing erosion of its banks that threatens property, infrastructure, and public safety; whereas, the City and County desire to pursue assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the purpose of studying and potentially constructing improvements to stabilize the Middle Loup River bank; whereas, the parties believe it is in their mutual interest to form a cooperative arrangement to make a joint application to the USACE, to participate in any study undertaken by the USACE, and to consider, each independently, whether to proceed with any resulting project; and whereas, the governing bodies of the City and County have each adopted a resolution approving the Agreement and authorizing the creation of a joint agency pursuant to the NE Interlocal Cooperation Act.

b. Approve two (2) "**Application Letters**" to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) pertaining to the Notification of Formation of the City of St. Paul / Howard County Joint Middle Loup River Stabilization Agency.

NOTE: Howard County will consider on Tuesday, September 23, 2025

6. Municipal Code 4-314: Nuisances; Affect of Failure to Abate; Notice of Hearing to be Determined Existence of Public Nuisance and to Abate in whole or in Part.

If the nuisance is not abated within the period given, the Council may determine whether to

proceed with a second (2nd) notice. The second (2nd) notice shall establish a date, time and place for all interested parties to appear (Monday, October 6, 2025) before the Council to present evidence to determine whether the premises constitute a public nuisance, and if determined to constitute a public nuisance, to be abated.

Discuss - Approve / Deny mailing second (2nd) notice to the below addresses:

- (1) 217 8th Street (Ohde); and
- (2) 1114 Elm Street (Herbig).

7. Discuss - Approve / Deny Leth Auto Repair (Jason & Courtney Leth) Property Improvement Project (PIP) application at 101 Custer Street regarding new signage in the amount of \$750. Disbursement of funds will come from Sales Tax dollars.

8. Discuss - Approve / Deny St. Paul Chamber of Commerce requesting 2025-2026 Budget funds: (1) Marketing and Promotion funds in the amount of \$9,000 from Sales Tax; and (2) Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Day funds (operating \$3,000 and fireworks \$4,000) in the amount of \$7,000 from Keno.

9. Discuss - Approve / Deny Consent Agenda Items: (1) Treasurer's Report August 2025; (2) Minutes of September 2, 2025 (regular); (3) Disbursements of September 15, 2025; and Zoning minutes September 8, 2025.

10. Discuss - Approve / Deny Diamond Engineering Company, Grand Island, NE "Change Order" in the amount of \$28,788 regarding the St. Paul Tennis/Pickleball Court Engineer's Project #025-00534: Lighting design change from a two (2) pole to a four (4) pole system, which includes all labor, materials, and appurtenances to construct the electrical site.

11. Discuss - Approve / Deny City of St. Paul making a financial contribution to Willow Rising, Inc in the amount of \$1,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; funds have been disbursed from the keno fund in the past years.

12. Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates

13. Chief of Police Howard updates:

- (1) Submission of a grant application to the Susan and Walter Scott Foundation in the amount of \$10,722.50 for a new Data Master intoxilyzer machine.

14. Mayor Mike Feeken updates:

- (1) Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. regarding the consideration of the City of St. Paul's 2025-2026 Budget Hearing and Budget Summary

15. Public Announcements

16. Closed Session: The City of St. Paul reserves the right to go into Closed Session when it is clearly necessary to protect the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual; or pending litigation

17. Mayor Feeken adjourns City Council meeting.

18. Informational Items:

- (1) August 2025 Revenue/Expenditure Guideline can be viewed at the City Office;
- (2) Receipts August 2025;

(3) Elmwood Cemetery Board Minutes.

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.