

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

Monday, August 18, 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, August 18, 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 managed 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.

Mayor Feeken opened the "Public Input Hearing" pertaining to the City of St. Paul's proposed 2025-2026 Budget at 6:31 p.m.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Treasurer's Report July 2025; (2) Minutes of August 4, 2025 (regular); (3) Disbursements of August 18, 2025; and (4) City Clerk Beck and Deputy Clerk Berthelsen attending the Heartland Clerks Association meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2025, in Grand Island, NE beginning at 11:30 a.m. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council member Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Disbursements August 18, 2025

Advanced Climate Control (service)	1556.00
Anderson CDJR (service)	201.30
AT&T Mobility (service)	455.82
Aurora Coop (fuel)	1065.02
Automatic Systems (repair)	510.00
Beck, Connie Jo (uniform)	179.92
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	746.31
Bryan Jensen Clothing (supplies)	429.96
BSN Sports (supplies)	549.99
Central NE Bobcat (supplies)	12284.21
Charter/Spectrum (service)	215.00
City Lights (utilities)	10453.18
Clearly (service)	198.12
Consumer Deposit: Rental Deposit Ck #72493 (rental deposit)	250.00
Core & Main (supplies)	2465.02
Custer County Recycling (service)	14.70
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	444.78
Eakes Office Solutions (supplies)	29.94
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	400.00
Filter Care (service)	41.00
Hamilton Information System (service)	1568.50
Heartland Disposal (service)	5708.18
Homestead Bank (fees)	47.80
Hometown Leasing (contract)	39.12
Hometown Market (supplies)	80.00
Howard County Register of Deeds (fees)	10.00
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	181865.23
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	3055.30
John Deere Financial (supplies)	125.31
LARM (insurance)	11.21
Madison National Life (insurance)	209.38
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	5099.93
NE Dept of Revenue: Sales & Use Tax Submittal (tax submittal)	18024.07
Municipal Supply Inc (supplies)	227.48
NE State Vol Fire Dept (dues)	1190.00
Olsson (engineering)	3283.96
One Call Concepts (service)	18.82
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Phonograph Herald (publish)	536.24
Platte Valley Communications (service)	998.50
Quick Med Claims (service)	1448.61
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	165.00
Servi-Tech (lab)	203.00

SiteOne Landscape (supplies)	950.94
Smith Welding (service)	509.30
Svehla Law Office (legal)	455.00
Thiel Tire (service)	107.00
Triple T Disposal (service)	362.00
US Post Office (postage)	540.00
Utilities Section of LONM (dues)	1682.00
Wesco Distribution (supplies)	9741.87
Wilbert Memorials (service)	225.00

Non-General Disbursements

Fire Station Construction ICS #103683 Transfer to Fire Station (transfer of funds)	2710.51
Construction Checking #103683	
Goettsche, Roger: Fire Station Sprinklers and Parts (sprinkler & parts)	2710.51
TIF: S Squared Enterprises: August 2025 Proceeds (tif proceeds)	1056.02
TIF: City of St. Paul (MAD Dev 1/2 Share) August 2025 Proceeds (tif proceeds)	727.59
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Park Grant: McCarty Construction - 50% of picnic shelter (supplies)	15500.00
Park Grant: Derksen Portable Bldgs - storage shed (supplies)	5647.75
Park Grant: Olsson - engineering (service)	1166.91
Sales Tax: St. Paul Development Corp: Operating 3rd Draw (operating)	35000.00
Sales Tax: Middle Loup River Eng Fees Olsson Inv #546642 (engineer fees)	3551.45

Jeff Palik with Olsson's was in attendance to provide an option to the Mayor and City Council pertaining to a funding mechanism from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Middle Loup River erosion problem. Mr. Palik stated U.S. Corps of Engineer Section 14, Emergency Stream Bank Protection provides authority for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to construct emergency stream bank projects. The project focuses on protecting public facilities like roads, bridges, and water/sewer lines from erosion. Mr. Palik stated that the City and County can apply for a feasibility study by composing a letter explaining the erosion issues. A public entity needs to compose the letter whether it is the City or the County. Mr. Palik stated that the strength of the application letter depends on both parties establishing an Interlocal Agreement, so that both parties can sign the letter. Mr. Palik stated that if the U.S. Corps of Engineers accepts the application, the initial \$100,000 of the feasibility study will be funded by the U.S. Corps of Engineers. Any funding over the \$100,000, entities will split 50/50. Once the feasibility process is complete and the City receives the results, then the project will go into the construction phase. The cost share of the construction phase is 65% U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and 35% City, along with entities that have future interest such as Howard County, Lower Loup Natural Resource District (NRD), NE Dept. of Transportation (NDOT), Green America Biofuels Ethanol Plant, Ord, NE, and the NE Central Railroad. If the construction phase cost exceeds the City's expectation, then the City and entities can discontinue the project. The City/Entities are not committed to paying the 35%; this is a cost incremental process; decisions can be made as the project progresses. Council member Wilson moved to approve proceeding

with an Interlocal Agreement with Howard County and writing the Section 14 application letter to the U.S. Corps of Engineers pertaining to the Middle Loup River feasibility study. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council member Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Mr. Palik will be attending the Howard County Commissioner meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, to discuss the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Section 14 option and Interlocal Agreement.

Mayor Feeken opened the public comment period at 6:54 p.m. regarding the proposed City of St. Paul's 2025-2026 Budget. After hearing no public comments, Mayor Feeken closed the hearing at 6:55 p.m. No action taken on the matter.

The extension of time or to abate the residents' nuisance for: (1) 521 7th Street (Rasmussen) and (2) 407 "L" Street (Weddle) was tabled until Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve sending the second (2nd) nuisance "Notice" to 304 8th Street (David Eiberger). Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the Agreement between the City of St. Paul and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) 1597 for the term of October 2025 to September 2028. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. In the future, the City will be updating the Non-Union Agreement.

Council member Woodgate 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 place transfers into the: (1) Street - Motor Vehicle Tax; (2) Fire Station Proceeds; and (3) 25% Infrastructure from sales tax proceeds. 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 Mayor, Council members and City Clerk Beck attending the 2025 League of NE Annual Conference in Lincoln, NE from September 24-26, 2025. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

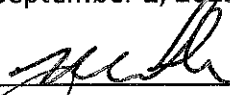
Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) Middle Loup River Subdivision installation of electrical conduit; (2) Reynolds Construction will be dismantling the St. Paul Tennis Courts; City equipment isn't capable of achieving; (3) the painting of the City Swimming Pool basin has been completed; (4) alley liner between Howard Avenue and Indian Street and 7th Street to the City Park; and (5) Middle Loup River Subdivision east fence.

Mayor Mike Feeken reported on the City transitioning to a new online utility bill pay known as "Nuvei"; the current Payport program will be deactivated on August 22, 2025.

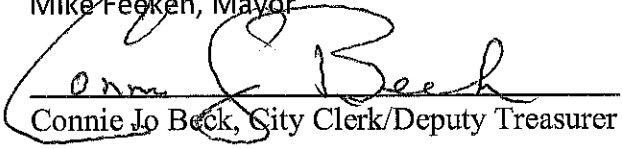
Kirt Lukasiewicz was present to announce that on Saturday, August 23, 2025, the St. Paul Senior Center will have a "Barbecue Challenge" at the Dugout Grill beginning at 5:00 p.m. The proceeds will go towards the St. Paul Senior Center maintenance, utilities, and Meals on Wheels vehicle.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Date: September 2, 2025



Mike Feeken, Mayor



Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer