

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

Monday, October 6, 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, October 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Mike Feeken and Council members Katie Kowalski and Mark Wilson. Absent: Council members Bill Peters and Jerry Woodgate. 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.

Nebraska Statute 17-105. City Council; Meetings: Quorum: When the City Council consists of four (4) members as established by ordinance, the Mayor shall be deemed a member of the City Council for purposes of establishing a quorum when the Mayor's presence is necessary to establish the quorum.

First on the agenda for discussion was Municipal Code 4-315: Nuisances; Hearings pertaining to: (1) 217 8th Street (Ohde) and (2) 1114 Elm Street (Herbig). The City Council 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. Mayor Feeken stated that (1) 217 8th Street (Ohde) is in a foreclosure process; the City nuisance process cannot move forward with the property in foreclosure. Chief of Police Howard will mow the property; and (2) 1114 Elm Street (Herbig) has been completed; Diggers Hotline needs to be contacted, so that Chief of Police Howard can erect a pole, so that the fence can stay in place.

The City received two (2) bid proposals in response to the Request for Proposals for the purchase of Park lights as part of the park improvements through a grant received from the NE Dept. of Economic Development. Council member Wilson moved to approve the bid amount of \$36,630 from Wesco Distribution regarding the replacement of nine (9) light poles in the City Park. The NE Dept. of Economic Development (NDED) will reimburse the cost of the project. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Wilson & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Minutes September 15, 2025 (regular) and Minutes September 23, 2025 (special); (2) Disbursements October 6, 2025; and (3) Utilities Superintendent Matt Helzer, Water Commissioner Jeremy Gorecki, and Sewer Commissioner Trae Anderson attending the NE Rural Water Association Workshop on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, in Aurora, NE; there is no cost for the workshop. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Wilson & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

October 6, 2025 Disbursements

Gross Payroll - September 2025	107406.07
A & B Lawncare (service)	100.00
Amazon Capital Services (books)	1434.89
Awards Plus (supplies)	13.75
Barco Municipal Products (supplies)	381.55
Bockmann Auto Sales (service)	457.35
BOK Financial (bond)	158853.75
Bomgaars (supplies)	854.91
Cengage Learning (books)	65.58
Charter Spectrum (service)	404.97
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5808.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	90.00
Core & Main (supplies)	368.77
Custer County Recycling (service)	36.60
Dana F Cole & Company (service)	10000.00
Demco (supplies)	545.25
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	178.71
Ecolab Inc (service)	145.81
Elan Financial Services (postage, meals, fuel, supplies, fee)	1173.02
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	500.00

Filter Care (service)	66.80
Gumdrop Books (books)	2293.41
Hamilton Information System (service)	1568.50
Heartland Disposal (service)	306.90
Heritage Bank: Utility Bill ACH Fee (fee)	25.00
Hometown Market (supplies)	23.97
Howard Co. Register of Deeds (fee)	40.00
Howard Co. Treasurer (dispatch fee)	3481.65
John Deere Financial (fee)	66.02
Johnson Corrosion Eng (service)	1160.00
LARM (insurance)	285446.48
Leth Auto Repair (service)	1004.76
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	209.38
Medica (insurance)	20364.04
NE Generator Service (service)	952.20
NE Library Association (supplies)	157.50
NSG Logistics (supplies)	2155.20
NUVEI: two (2) Check Return Fees (check return fees)	30.00
Olsson (service)	2700.00
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	5286.14
Parts Bin (supplies)	544.58
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	383.62
Sample, Mathew (reimb)	13.00
ServiTech (lab)	238.00
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	102.12
Vogel Auto Repair (service)	522.77
Wesco Distribution (supplies)	8902.14

Non-General Disbursements

TIF: S Squared Enterprises: Proceeds Sept 2025 (tif proceeds)	15753.41
TIF: City (MAD Dev 1/2 Share) Proceeds Sept 2025 (tif proceeds)	7982.76
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Sales Tax: Street: Mtr Veh Tax: July 2025 Proceeds (Mtr Veh Tax)	5677.78
Sales Tax: Fire Station: July 2025 Proceeds (Fire Station)	18695.81
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure: July 2025 Proceeds (25% Infrast)	9347.91
Sales Tax: Leth Auto Repair: PIP Signage (property improve)	681.88
Keno: Willow Rising (donation)	1000.00
Park Grant: Olsson : engineering fee (fee)	4576.62
Park Impr. [Alum. Can Fund]: Todd Wojtawicz -clay for tennis courts	1350.00
Park Grant: Elan Financial - RFP (advertising)	63.00

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Family Chiropractic Center (207 Howard Avenue) Property Improvement application regarding the repainting and new awnings for the building in the amount of \$4,500. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Wilson & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. Funds will be disbursed from the sales tax fund.

Council member Kowalski introduced Ordinance #1063, setting the compensation of the Officers and Employees of the City of St. Paul, Nebraska, and to provide for an effective date. This is pursuant to NE Revised Statutes 17-108. Council member Wilson moved to waive the three (3) readings of Ordinance #1063 on three (3) different occasions. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Wilson & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. Council member Kowalski moved for final passage of Ordinance #1063. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Wilson & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

The selling of City surplus property was tabled, due to checking on sellers (Big Iron and Rhynalds Auction) commission fees.

Council member Wilson moved to approve Mayor Feeken appointing Parker Klingensmith to the St. Paul Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for another four (4) year term. The new term will be effective as of December 1, 2025. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Wilson & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the only bid submittal, "On the Spot Cleaning Service" (Mike & Carmen Solko) regarding the general cleaning of the City Office, Council Chambers, and Police Department. This comes with the stipulation that the cleaning is not under a term contract. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Wilson & Feeken voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Mayor Feeken updates: (1) Loup River Landfill Association, Elba, NE Financial Statement ending December 31, 2024, can be viewed at the City Office; (2) Robert Kanter paid the water well-field rent in the amount of \$6,080; and (3) sales tax proceeds.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:59 p.m.

October 20, 2025

Date


Mike Feeken, Mayor


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer