

City of St. Paul Regular Meeting  
704 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Paul, NE 68873

**Monday, September 15, 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, September 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Mike Feeken and Council members Bill Peters, Mark Wilson & Jerry Woodgate. Absent: Council member Katie Kowalski. 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.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve 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 has been provided to the City Office regarding the event. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Next on the agenda for consideration was to discuss documents pertaining to the south Middle Loup River bridge erosion in applying to the U.S. Corps of Engineers (USACE) for a study of erosion concerns along the Middle Loup River west of U.S. Highway #281 bridge south of St.

Paul, NE. The U.S. Corps of Engineers (USACE) will access and address riverbank erosion that affects property, infrastructure, and public safety.

Council member Wilson moved to approve only Resolution #2025-11, then amended the motion to approve all the documents, which includes: **(1) Resolution #2025-11**, a resolution approving the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Howard County for the creation of the City of St. Paul and Howard County Joint Middle Loup River Stabilization Agency; **(2) 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 **(3) "Application Letters"** (two) to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) pertaining to the Notification of Formation of the City of St. Paul and Howard County Joint Middle Loup River Stabilization Agency. Council member Woodgate seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. The Howard County Commissioners will consider the above documents on Tuesday, September 23, 2025.

**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 prior to the meeting. Mary Trentman with the St. Paul Police Dept. stated that there was a little progress on 1114 Elm Street and no progress on 217 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Council member Peters moved to approve, mailing the second notice to the above properties: (1) 217 8th Street (Ohde); and (2) 1114 Elm Street (Herbig). Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve 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. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. There was a brief discussion regarding the removal of vehicles at 101 Custer Street.

Council member Wilson moved to approve funding for the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce regarding the 2025-2026 Budget: (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. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. St. Paul Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jordan Robinson stated that this is only a pre-approval of funds; funds are not needed at this time.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the 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 of September 8, 2025. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

**Disbursements September 15, 2025**

Amazon Capital Svcs (books)	1182.64
American Legal Publishing (publish)	500.00
AT&T Mobility (service)	455.82
Aurora Cooperative (fuel)	1020.33
Banyon Data Systems (software)	490.00
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	839.64
Brehm's Drug (supplies)	4.29
Charter/Spectrum (service)	215.00
City Lights (utilities)	9645.09
Clearly (telephone)	198.12
Cline Williams Law Office (service)	92.00
Core & Main (supplies)	1924.18
Custer County Recycling (service)	15.00
Dept. of Revenue: Sales & Use Tax Submittal (submittal of tax)	16926.19
Dept. of Revenue: Waste Reduction & Recycling Fee (fee)	25.00
Eakes Office (supplies, contract)	4212.68
Elan Financial (license, supplies, fees, meals)	482.36
Hamilton Information Svcs (service)	1568.50
Heartland Disposal (service)	6083.70
Helton, Kelli (education)	336.00
Heritage Bank (fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank (fee)	29.20
Hometown Leasing (contract)	39.12
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	176489.13
Inland Truck Parts (service)	3355.00
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	3004.03
John Deere Financial (supplies)	5.12
JWC Environmental (service)	6564.37
Klaunberg, Toby Kid (service)	450.00
Logan Contractors Supply (supplies)	13020.00
Midland Telecom (supplies)	1460.00
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	5092.73

MR Cleaning (service)	652.70
Municipal Supply (supplies)	350.00
One Call Concepts (service)	20.03
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	1483.84
Petty Cash (postage, reimb)	22.07
Phonograph Herald (publish)	438.51
Quick Med Claims (service)	1254.39
SE Smith & Sons (supplies)	51.40
St Paul Rural Fire (reimb)	17141.67
Sun Auto Tire (supplies)	2063.98
Svehla Law Office (legal)	1267.50
Thiel Tire & Auto (service)	460.00
Triple T Disposal (service)	391.00
US Post Office (postage)	540.00
Utilities Section of LONM (education)	195.00
Wesco (supplies)	481.50
City of St. Paul 2024-2025 Transfers:	
Light to Police (Operating)	178500.00
Light to Park (Operating)	66800.00
Light to General (US Wage)	22246.00
Light to Street (Street Poles)	5000.00
Water to General (US Wage)	22246.00
Water to Park (Operating)	7000.00
Sewer to General (US Wage)	22246.00
Landfill to Parks (Operating)	13247.00
General to Swim Pool (Operating)	13000.00
Street to General (US Wage)	22246.00
Streets to General (Snow Blower 1st Pymt)	41820.00
Street Assessments to VP Bond (Pay Bonds)	22872.00

**Non-General Disbursements**

Fire Station Construction ICS to Fire Station Construction (transfer) Checking 103683	600.00
Fire Station Construction: JEO Consulting: Eng. Fees (eng fees)	600.00
Sales Tax: Jordan Robinson: PIP App (PIP app improve)	10000.00
Light ICS: Dutton-Lainson - Hometown Market (supplies)	318.82
Sales Tax: STS Construction: PIP App (PIP app improve)	5500.00
25% Infrastructure: Johnson Service Co.-sewer liner (service)	29006.50

Council member Woodgate moved to approve Diamond Engineering Company, Grand Island, NE "Change Order #1" in the amount of \$28,788 regarding the St. Paul Tennis/Pickleball Court

Engineer's Project #025-00534: Lighting design changed from a two (2) pole to a four (4) pole system, which includes all labor, materials, and appurtenances to construct the electrical site. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve the City contributing \$1,000 to Willow Rising, Inc for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; the disbursement of funds will come from Keno. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

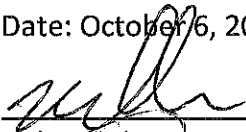
Utilities Superintendent Helzer reported (1) Tennis Court new poles have arrived; Diamond Engineer will set; (2) McCarty Construction will be pouring footings for park shelter in the north park; and (3) Middle and north ballfield scoreboards.

Mayor Feeken reported that Chief of Police Howard submitted a grant application to the Susan and Walter Scott Foundation in the amount of \$10,722.50 for a new Data Master intoxilyzer machine.

Mayor Mike Feeken updates: (1) City Joint Public hearing on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Civic Center; and (2) 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 and Budget Summary.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Date: October 6, 2025

  
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Mike Feeken, Mayor

  
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Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer