

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

Monday, November 3, 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, November 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Mike Feeken and Council members Bill Peters, Mark Wilson & Jerry Woodgate. Absent: 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.

Dan O'Neill, President and CEO of Kwik Stop 21 was in attendance to provide a history of the store. The Kwik Stop is a private, family-owned chain of twenty-eight (28) stores in Nebraska and Colorado. Other topics reviewed included (1) store renovation and business plan; and (2) a proactive approach to age-identification. Council member Woodgate moved to approve K S Plus, Inc. (Kwik Stop 21), 710 2nd Street, Class D Liquor License application, Job Number 124554. The Kwik Stop 21 Liquor License application was published in the Phonograph Herald on October 8, 2025, and the hearing was held on Monday, October 20, 2025, by Nebraska Statute. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the Franchise Agreement Extension entered into by and between the City of St. Paul, Nebraska ("Grantor") and Spectrum Mid-America, LLC, successor-in-interest to Charter Communications VI, LLC. ("Grantee") and shall become effective upon the date the Agreement is signed by both Grantor and Grantee. The Agreement will expire on March 7, 2026; the extension of the new "Agreement" will expire on March 7, 2036. The "Grantee" shall provide, without charge and on a voluntary basis, Basic Cable Service and one (1) free outlet to the municipal building located at 704 6th Street and the Fire Department located at 1022 4th Street, provided that the locations are within 125 feet of existing service lines of the Grantee and within the jurisdictional limits of the Grantor. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. Charter Communications Senior Manager Dayton Murty was in attendance to answer questions.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve the St. Paul Youth Sports Association, St. Paul High School Softball, and St. Paul High School Baseball installing two (2) 200,000 BTU forced air gas heaters in the City batting cage building, along with acquiring a formal "Agreement" from the above organizations laying out expectations regarding the building. A programmable thermostat will be installed, so that the heat can be effectively managed. The gas heaters will be professionally installed per the NE State Fire Marshall's requirements. Jon Meyer stated that the above organizations will absorb all expenses; the City of St. Paul will have no expense pertaining to the project; this includes the maintenance and service of the heaters. The gas will be an ACE account, due to it being a municipal building. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council member Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. There was brief discussion regarding the protection of the gas meter on the exterior of the facility. Also, discussed was the utilization of propane tanks; if propane tanks are utilized, the NE State Fire Marshall requirements still apply. Jon Meyer was in attendance to answer questions.

Brian Friedrichsen with Olssons was in attendance to give a summary of Diamond Engineering Co. Addendum #2 in the amount of \$4,750 regarding the resurfacing of the Tennis & Pickleball Courts. The addendum pertained to an additional fee for cold cure court coating system in lieu of the standard coating system. Diamond Engineering Co. is requesting the city split the \$9,500 cost 50/50. A discussion ensued regarding the cost of the project. Council member Wilson moved to approve **denying** the cost to the city. Council member Woodgate seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement according to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 13-801, between Howard County, Nebraska and the City of St. Paul, Nebraska for the operation, maintenance, and participation in the Howard County Communications Center. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Minutes October 20, 2025; and (2) Disbursements November 3, 2025. Council member Woodgate seconded the

motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

November 3, 2025, Disbursements

Gross Payroll - October 2025	114991.64
American Fence (supplies)	19.24
BOK Financial (bond)	180595.00
Bomgaars (supplies)	1487.66
Brehm's Pharmacy (supplies)	101.60
Brennan's Lawn Care (service)	65.00
Charter Communications (service)	473.95
Charter Spectrum (service)	249.97
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5808.00
City 125 Plan (insurance)	90.00
Custer County Recycling (service)	29.30
Danko Emergency Equip (supplies)	537.50
Eakes Office Solutions (service)	19.56
Elan Financial Svcs (memberships, supplies, meals, fuel, lodging, fees)	11344.79
Farwell QRT (education)	300.00
Heartland Disposal (service)	638.40
Hometown Market (supplies)	723.88
Howard Co. Register of Deeds (fee)	20.00
Ho Co. Treasurer (dispatch fee)	3481.65
Hydro Optimization (service)	327.68
JP Cooke (supplies)	89.50
Laser Works (service)	10.00
Leth Auto Repair (service)	208.60
Loup Valley Supply (repair)	174.70
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	209.38
Medica (insurance)	20364.04
Menards (supplies)	1003.86
NE Public Health Environment (lab)	485.00
On The Spot Cleaning (service)	290.00
Parts Bin (supplies)	404.67
Servi-Tech (lab)	175.80
Smith Welding (service)	404.70
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	102.12
Thiel Tire & Auto (repair)	985.78
Wesco Distribution (supplies)	2933.94
Wroblewski, Liana (uniform)	229.96

Non-General

Fire Station Construction: City of St. Paul Transfer of funds (transfer)	115562.50
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from Fire Station Construction ICS to Fire Station Construction CKG	
Keno: NE Dept of Revenue: Form 51C 3rd Quarter Taxes (tax)	3567.00
Sales Tax: Transfer from Money Mkt to Checking Account (transfer)	100000.00
Sales Tax: Street: Mtr Veh Tax: August 2025 Proceeds (Mtr Veh Tax)	6944.09
Sales Tax: Fire Station: August 2025 Proceeds (Fire Station)	18956.18
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure: August 2025 Proceeds (25% Infrast)	9478.09
Park Grant: SCEDD grant admin (fees)	6250.00
Sales Tax: Elevate Comprehensive Health Property Improve (PIP)	1498.28

The Mayor and Council members agreed to dissolve the 1st of the month City Nuisance Committee; there was no interest in the committee members getting together. Chief of Police Howard will take on the task of the nuisances. Also, for discussion was the nuisance at 1220 Farnum Street (Padrnos), there are 3-4 vehicles still present on the property. The item has been tabled until Chief of Police Howard gets a cost estimate from Smith and Sons Towing, Fullerton, NE to tow the vehicles. Chief of Police Howard stated that there are two (2) more vehicles in front of the home; Chief of Police Howard will begin the nuisance process on the vehicles.

Chief of Police Howard updates: **(1)** Police Dept. will have two (2) vests expire soon; grant funds will absorb the cost of one (1) vest; the second (2nd) vest is not covered; **(2)** designating a school zone; traffic violation will have double fines; and **(3)** Chief of Police Howard is waiting for response from Howard County regarding the nuisance at 315 4th Street (Rawlings).

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates included: **(1)** City surplus equipment on Purple Wave; it will end on December 2, 2025; **(2)** a tree in the south City Park has been removed as part of the Park Improvement grant; Tony Papst will be grinding the stump in the south City Park. There is sprinkler damage in the north City Park, due to City heavy equipment driving on it; the damage will get repaired. McCarty Construction will begin on the shelter at the Tennis and Pickleball Courts; and **(3)** the Street Dept. has moved to the old Fire Station.

Mayor Feeken updates: (1) the Cyber Security Grant #1 Kickoff call will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.; (2) the new Cyber Security Grant #2 will be in the amount of \$49,850; the City will need to absorb the match of 30% (\$14,955), or the State of NE could waive the cost share.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:53 p.m.

November 17, 2025
Date

[Signature]
Mike Feeken, Mayor

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Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer