

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

Monday, December 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, December 15, 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.

A telephone conference call was conducted with Shannon Walsh of American Towers about potential amendments to the American Towers LLC (Tower Alliance LLC) #419460 Agreement pertaining to [1] extending the lease for seven (7) additional five-year renewals, [2] adding 20% to future revenue shares, [3] adding up to 800 square feet for American Tower use, [4] adding a gate/fence for exclusive access to the tower property, and [5] adding a limited right-of-first refusal to the amendment. The City's current rent and escalation will continue throughout any extension. Council member Wilson moved to extend the current agreement with the listed amendments. Council member Woodgate seconded the motion. Council members Wilson, Woodgate, Kowalski, and Peters voted aye. Nays none. Motion carried 4/0. American Towers

will draft a red-lined version of the changes for the City's review. Approval of the final Amendment to the Agreement will be subject to City Council approval at a later date.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve The Diamond Engineering Co. pay request #2 pertaining to the St. Paul Tennis and Pickleball Courts (Project #025-0534) less \$36,538.20 pertaining to the costs associated with the court coating for a net payment amount of \$70,627.50. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye. Nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The remaining amount will be paid upon resolution of the court coating issue.

*The intent of the passage of Council member Woodgate's motion of December 15, 2025, was to approve the pay request less the costs of the tennis court surface coating as presented at the time of the meeting. The presented amount of \$70,627.50 did not accurately reflect an adjusted retainage figure of \$3,653.82 which was subsequently corrected by Olsson in the pay request of Diamond Engineering in the amount of \$74,281.32.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Treasurer's Report November 2025; (2) Minutes of December 1, 2025 (regular); (3) Planning Commission (Zoning) Minutes of December 9, 2025; and (4) Disbursements of December 15, 2025. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye. Nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Disbursements December 15, 2025

Amazon Capital Services (books)	219.96
AT&T Mobility (service)	572.05
Aurora Cooperative (fuel)	1045.78
Automatic Systems (service)	1233.00
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	2328.29
Bockmann Auto (service)	875.40
Bryan Jensen Clothing (uniforms)	1939.48
Charter Communications (service)	36.05
Charter Spectrum (service)	249.97
City Lights (utilities)	8116.91
City of St. Paul Funds Transfer from City Heritage Bank to (funds transfer)	150000.00
City Homestead Bank Checking	
Clearly (telephone)	198.75
Consumer Deposit: Rental Deposit Brown (rental deposit)	250.00
Core & Main (supplies)	479.86
Custer County Recycling (service)	27.00
Dept of Health & Human Svcs (refund)	300.00
Dept of Revenue Sales & Use Tax Submittal for Nov 2025 (tax submittal)	13379.68
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	1579.34
Ecolab (service)	291.62
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	200.00

Hamilton Information Systems (service)	1568.50
Heartland Disposal (service)	5752.25
Heritage Bank: Utility Bill ACH Fee: Nov 2025 (fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank (fee)	23.00
Hometown Leasing (contract)	39.12
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	131997.25
J & M Auto (service)	50.00
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	2036.91
John Deere Financial (supplies)	412.24
Johnny's Lock & Key (supplies)	25.50
Klanecky, Jamie (uniforms)	400.00
Loup Central Landfill (disposal)	52.20
Maxx Dumpsters (rental)	400.00
Menards (supplies)	41.17
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	5188.36
On the Spot Cleaning (service)	290.00
One Call Concepts (service)	21.28
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Parts Bin (supplies)	84.26
Phonograph Herald (publish)	776.88
Quick Med Claim (service)	1194.40
Radar Shop (supplies)	256.00
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	39.99
Sample, Mat (reimb)	13.00
Smith Welding (supplies)	28.86
Sun Auto Tire (supplies)	1216.76
Triple T Disposal (service)	446.00
U S Postal Service (permit)	540.00
Wesco (supplies)	2551.23

Non-General Disbursements

Sales Tax #300277 Check Order Purchase Nov. 2025 (check order)	56.65
Health Ded: Medica OneSource - reimb health ded (fees)	21.05
Light ICS #103217: Sunbelt Solomon-transformer repair (service)	10885.31
Health Ded: Medica OneSource - reimb health ded (fees)	164.00
Park Grant: Diamond Eng Co. Draw #2 (contract)	107165.70
Park Grant: S E Smith & Sons - supplies for shed (supplies)	587.82
ICS Transfer: Light \$200,000; Water \$100,000; Sewer \$100,000 - Deposit to #100027 (Pay Bonds/Disbursements)	400000.00
Health Ded: Medica OneSource - reimb health ded (fees)	1620.33

Council member Kowalski moved to deposit Cash Device Taxes levied from the Mechanical Amusement Device machines into the City's Keno bank account for "Gaming Proceeds". A spreadsheet will be created to identify keno funds versus cash device taxes for appropriately expending funds from the account. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye. Nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

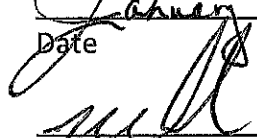
Police Chief Dan Howard updates [per Mayor Feeken]: (1) Training hours have been submitted; (2) reimbursement has been received from McPherson County for the vest and tactical gear that Lawrence Stump used.

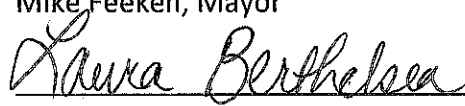
Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates included: (1) the Dodge pickup will be re-sold on Purple Wave as a result of a default by the previous winning bidder; (2) the Christmas Light Parade was well received; and (3) Custer County Commissioners are considering the closure of the Custer County Recycling Center where the City takes their recycling material.

Mayor Feeken updates - None

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:42 p.m.

January 20, 2026
Date


Mike Feeken, Mayor


Laura Berthelsen, Deputy Clerk

*These minutes were corrected and approved on January 20, 2026.