

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

**Monday, February 2, 2026**

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, February 2, 2026, 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.

Bryan Robinson was present to discuss the purchase of carpet for the St. Paul Police Department office. In November 2025, Mr. Robinson submitted an "Agenda Item Request Form" offering to purchase the carpet based on City budget constraints with an expiration date of December 31, 2025. Also, in November 2025, Mr. Robinson had Carpet Plus (John Mudloff) measure the Police Department area. Mr. Robinson questioned why this item is before the Mayor and Council now and not months ago. Chief of Police Howard stated that the project was at a standstill, due to Nebraska law regulating donations to a City Police Dept. There was a discussion regarding the City of St. Paul accepting the donation from Mr. Robinson. Mayor Feeken tabled the item until Tuesday, February 17, 2026; Bryan Robinson will visit Carpet Plus

to see if they will still honor the offer. Mr. Robinson will email City Clerk Beck the results from Carpet Plus. The Mayor and Council are very appreciative of this offer.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding Diamond Engineering Co. Change Order #2 pertaining to the St. Paul Tennis & Pickleball Court surface being defective. The topic's included (1) Substantial and Final Completion dates; (2) Scheduling and Repair of the courts; (3) Warranty work; (4) St. Paul Public School utilizing the courts; students may need to be transported to Grand Island, NE; (5) Balance due of the project; and (6) Liquidated damages. Council member Kowalski moved to approve Diamond Engineering Co. Change Order #2 regarding Olsson Project No. 025-00534 pertaining to the St. Paul Tennis & Pickleball Courts Change of Substantial and Final Completion dates. The changes in the contract times consist of (1) Substantial Completion date from February 2, 2026, to June 1, 2026; and (2) Ready for Final Payment date from February 28, 2026, to June 15, 2026. The motion died for a lack of a second. Council member Woodgate moved to deny Diamond Engineering Co. Change Order #2 pertaining to the St. Paul Tennis & Pickleball Courts and keep the Original Contract Time (Substantial Completion Date) of February 2, 2026; liquidated damages will begin to accrue on February 3, 2026, until the project is complete. Once the project is complete, the City of St. Paul will revisit the Tennis & Pickleball project. The final liquidated damages will be determined at that time. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, Council member Kowalski voted nay. Motion carried 3/1.

Mayor Feeken removed the minutes of January 20, 2026, from the "Consent Agenda" due to a Tennis & Pickleball Court verbiage amendment.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Planning Commission Minutes January 27, 2026; (2) Disbursements February 2, 2026; (3) Transfer of Sales Tax funds from Money Market #504420 to the Checking #300277 to pay disbursements; and (4) Jarod Greenough, City Lineman attending the 2026 NE Meter Conference in Kearney, NE on February 17-18, 2026. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve removing the verbiage of "project being substantially completed" in the January 20, 2026, minutes. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

**February 2, 2026, Disbursements**

Gross Wages - January	169982.19
Amazon Capital Services (books)	614.24
Automatic Systems Co (service)	694.18
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	3424.25
Bockmann Auto Sales (service)	234.36
Bomgaars (supplies)	1161.01
Cengage Learning (book)	32.79
Charter/Spectrum (service)	249.97
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5808.00

City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	90.00
Core & Main (supplies)	519.91
Custer County Recycling (Service)	24.30
Eakes Office Solutions (contract, supplies)	545.75
Elan Financial Services (fees, postage, supplies, education, car wash)	7857.11
Galls (supplies)	307.99
Goettsche, Roger (service)	14.16
Goldstar Products (supplies)	553.77
Gorecki, Jeremy (uniform)	233.04
Heartland Disposal (service)	179.04
Hometown Market (supplies)	36.77
Howard Co. Treasurer (Dispatch Fee)	3481.65
Interstate All Battery (supplies)	453.18
John Deere Financial (supplies)	3.22
Leth Auto Repair (service)	349.01
Loup Valley Supply (oil)	29.99
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	212.42
Medica (insurance)	20364.04
Montemagni, Eric (refund)	35.33
Mork, Curtis (program)	250.00
Odey's Inc. (supplies)	2419.00
On the Spot Cleaning (service)	290.00
Parts Bin (supplies)	1559.74
PCAN (dues)	120.00
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	100.31
Servi-Tech (lab)	177.00
St. Paul Public School (service)	2250.00
Tri-Tech Forensics (supplies)	122.98
Wesco (supplies)	680.52

**Non-General Disbursements**

Health Ded: Medica OneSource - reimb health ded (fees)	553.28
Keno: NE Dept of Revenue: Form 51C 4th Quarter Taxes (tax)	4134.00
Park Grant: Diamond Engineering - Pay Request #3 (contract)	114659.86
Park Grant: Mendyk & Son Electric - electrical work (service)	2200.00
Park Grant: Recreonics - funbrellas (supplies)	6552.02
Park Grant: Recreonics - umbrellas (supplies)	2627.56
Sales Tax: Street: Mtr Veh Tax: November 2025 Proceeds (Mtr Veh Tax)	3269.78
Sales Tax: Fire Station: November 2025 Proceeds (Fire Station)	19254.60
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure: November 2025 Proceeds (25% Infrast)	9627.30
Sales Tax: RVW Inc - GIS mapping (service)	900.00
Sales Tax: SCEDD - membership (dues)	5000.00
Park Grant: Olsson - Engineering (fees)	502.32

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HOLIDAY:** The second (2) City Council meeting in February 2026, will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, due to the Presidents' Day holiday.

For first (1<sup>st</sup>) of the month nuisances, Chief of Police Dan Howard will follow-up on the current nuisances the City has been working on; the Mayor and Council will review these on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Chief of Police Howard updates: (1) Data Master Intoximeter (\$10,800) has been ordered from a grant received in the amount of \$11,000; the Intoximeter will take nine (9) months to receive; (2) the 2025 St. Paul Police reports have been submitted to the Crime Commission; and (3) a training request was received from a Police Officer; Chief of Police Howard is currently holding off on this request, due to the Officer being on Workman's Comp; currently the Officer is on light duty and may need surgery.


Council member Woodgate questioned where the process was regarding the E-Scooter, E-Bikes, and Hoverboard. Chief of Police Howard stated that it was currently at the City Attorney's Office.


Utilities Superintendent Helzer reported: (1) McCarty Construction has completed all park improvements; the musical instruments are installed; (2) received a bid from Landscape Solutions to perform the final prep work and sod around the instruments; the grant funds will absorb the fee; and (3) the benches and umbrella's are in from the transport company; picnic tables still are coming.

Mayor Feeken updates: (1) State of NE Patrol north-yard (954 13th Avenue) lease termination is February 28, 2026; (2) City of St. Paul Department 6-Month Status updates will begin on March 2, 2026; (3) St. Paul Senior Center will host a Soup Luncheon on Sunday, February 15, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A Certificate of Insurance is currently up to date and filed at the City Office; (4) the Housing Authority Financial Statement (June 30, 2024) can be viewed at the City Office; and (5) Jordan "Robinson" Bottolfson had filed for election as a City Council member.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:21 p.m.

February 17, 2026  
Date

  
Mike Feeken, Mayor

  
Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer