

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

Monday, March 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, March 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. by 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" regarding 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 or 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.

Howard County Commissioner Kirt Lukasiewicz and Howard County Emergency Management Director Allen Wilshusen discussed a letter from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dated October 8, 2025, pertaining to the south Middle Loup River erosion problem. It was recommended that letters of support be sent requesting that the project be placed on a priority funding list with the federal government. Mr. Lukasiewicz suggested compiling a list of businesses both locally and in neighboring communities that would have an economic impact if the railroad and/or highway bridge was compromised. Local, state and federal representatives will be contacted for assistance in obtaining priority funding for the project. Mr. Lukasiewicz and Mr. Wilshusen will work with City officials to begin this process.

Six (6) month status reports were presented for the following City departments: Library, Police, Fire, and Ambulance.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve the City of St. Paul Fire Department billing rates for the year 2026. St. Paul Fire Chief Mike Becker made no changes from 2025. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the City of St. Paul Rescue Squad billing rates for the year 2026. St. Paul Rescue Squad rates have not increased since 2019. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye; nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Police Chief Dan Howard discussed a proposed amendment of the St. Paul Municipal Code to regulate the operation of Light-Weight E-Scooters, E-Bikes and Hoverboards. As the latest draft of the proposed Ordinance was not available prior to the meeting, this issue will be discussed further at the March 16, 2026 City Council meeting.

Council member Woodgate requested that the reimbursement request from Mat Sample for SWAT training be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) February 17, 2026 City Council meeting minutes; and (2) Disbursements for March 2, 2026 [with the exception of the reimbursement request of Mat Sample for SWAT training expenses]. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

March 2, 2026 Disbursements

Gross Wages – February	113167.18
Amazon Capital Services (books)	737.10
Automatic Systems (service, supplies)	2857.42
Berndt's Welding (repair)	100.00
Bomgaars (supplies)	1219.20
Cengage Learning (books)	98.37
Charter/Spectrum (service)	249.97
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5808.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	90.00
City of St. Paul: ACE Member Dist: Park Transfer to Park ICS (transfer)	4674.00
Consumer Deposit: Rental Macias (consumer deposit rental)	250.00
Custer County Recycling (Service)	21.70
Eakes Office Solutions (contract)	435.90
EcoLab (service)	145.81
Elan Financial (supplies, postage, tax, fees)	680.92
Feld Fire	853.15
Gumdrop Books (books)	95.88
Hamilton Information System (licenses)	398.00
Hawkins (chemicals)	3636.76

Helzer, Matt (reimb/dues)	120.00
Howard Co. Register of Deeds (fees)	40.00
Howard Co. Treasurer (Dispatch Fee)	3481.65
Hydro Tech (service)	1980.20
John Deere Financial (supplies)	229.46
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	212.42
Medica (insurance)	20364.04
Merchant JT&S (book)	550.00
MicroMarketing LLC (book)	24.00
NE Public Health Envir (lab)	157.00
On The Spot Cleaning (service)	290.00
Phonograph Herald (publish)	501.98
Pulse Finders (education)	1365.00
RVW Inc (service)	306.00
Sample, Mat (reimb/car wash, education)	1067.70
Sun Auto Tire (service)	2101.30
Thiel Tire & Auto (service)	583.23
Wesco (supplies)	2321.90

Non-General Disbursements

Sales Tax: Family Chiropractic Center: Property Improvement (PIP)	4500.00
Sales Tax: Street: Mtr Veh Tax: December 2025 Proceeds (Mtr Veh Tax)	3435.53
Sales Tax: Fire Station: December 2025 Proceeds (Fire Station)	20612.36
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure: December 2025 Proceeds (25% Infrast)	10306.18
Park Grant: Olsson - engineering fees (fees)	2000.72
Park Grant: Custom Upholstery of NE (supplies)	6586.60
Keno: NE Dept of Rev - 50G fee (fee)	100.00
Park Alum Can Fund: Bomgaars: chainlink fencing for cans (supplies)	339.99

Council member Wilson moved to approve the reimbursement request from Mat Sample for SWAT training. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski and Wilson voted aye; Council members Woodgate and Peters voted nay. As a tie breaker, Mayor Feeken voted aye. Motion carried 3/2.

Police Chief Dan Howard indicated that there were no nuisance issues to discuss.

Police Chief Dan Howard updates: (1) The Department is working on obtaining accreditation through the Nebraska Crime Commission; and (2) The Department is working on a new policy manual.


Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) The Royal Coachman will be hosting an event on March 28, 2026 in the downtown area. They will not be blocking any streets. (2) High school baseball starts this week. (3) Weather permitting, the toddler playground will be installed in the

park next week. (4) The Sewer Department purchased a Safety Roller Manhole Cover as a result of a League Association of Risk Management (LARM) grant award.

Mayor Feeken updates: (1) Local election filings; and (2) City employees completed CPR and AED certification on February 24, 2026.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:57 p.m.

March 16, 2026
Date


Mike Feeken, Mayor


Laura Berthelsen, Deputy City Clerk