

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

Monday, April 6, 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, April 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Mike Feeken and Council members Bill Peters, Mark Wilson & Jerry Woodgate. Absent: Council member 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 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.

Mayor Feeken opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. regarding Howell Ventures, LLC (The Den - Jewell Howell) 605 Howard Avenue "Class K" Liquor License Job Number #155977.

St. Paul Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jordan Bottolfson was present to provide an overview of the Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA Days) event diagram. Mrs. Bottolfson stated that the Royal Coachman Car Club will utilize the north City Park from the swimming pool east and the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce will utilize the north City Park from the swimming pool west. Other street closings included: **(1) Parade:** 6:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: Howard Avenue between 8th Street to 4th Street; **(2) Street Dance (Saturday):** 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Howard Avenue between 7th Street and 6th Street; **(3) GCA Day Events:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: (a) Indian Street between 4th Street to 6th Street; (b) 5th Street between Howard Avenue and Indian Street

(food vendors); and (c) Jay Street from the car parking area at the Housing Authority to 4th Street. Per St. Paul Fire Chief Mike Becker, 4th Street will remain open allowing St. Paul Fire and Rescue to respond to emergencies. Mayor Feeken thanked all persons involved that provided a plan for the GCA Day events. Council member Wilson moved to approve the above street closings. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Wilson, Peters and Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

A discussion ensued regarding the utilization of Taylor Street and the City Ballfields pertaining to the GCA Day fireworks display. Mrs. Bottolfson stated that Todd Wojtalewicz is allowing the GCA Day Committee to utilize the crop ground (Samuelson's) west of Taylor Street for fireworks. Parks Manager Randy Jerabek is concerned about the ballpark bleacher shade covers if there is a west wind. Councilmember Wilson moved to approve the utilization of Taylor Street with the stipulation that the City get proper insurance coverage for the event. Council member Woodgate seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson and Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. Mrs. Bottolfson will visit with the Samuelson family concerning the fireworks display liability.

Mayor Feeken opened the public comment period at 6:45 p.m. regarding Howell Ventures, LLC. (The Den - Jewell Howell) 605 Howard Avenue "Class K" Liquor License Job Number #155977. After hearing no public comments, Mayor Feeken closed the public comment period at 6:45 p.m. Council member Woodgate moved to approve Howell Ventures, LLC. (The Den - Jewell Howell) 605 Howard Avenue "Class K" Liquor License Job Number #155977, secondary to the "Class C" Liquor License. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Peters moved to approve the creation of the 3rd Street Improvement District (SID) 2026-1, more legally described as: Commencing at the northwest corner of Lot One (1), Block 35, Original Town, also being the Point of Beginning; Thence southerly along the west line of Lots One (1), Two (2), and Three (3), Block 35, Original Town, to a point at the southwest corner of Lot Three (3), Block 35, Original Town; Thence easterly along the south line of Lot Three (3), Block 35, and Lot Four (4), Block 34, Original Town to a point at the southeast corner of Lot Four (4), Block 34, Original town; Thence northerly along the east line of Lots Four (4), Five (5), and Lot Six (6), Block 34, Original Town to a point at the northeast corner of Lot Six (6), Block 34, Original Town; Thence westerly along the north line of Lot Six (6), Block 34, and Lot One (1), Block 35, Original Town to a point at the northwest corner of Lot One (1), Block 35, Original Town, also being the Point of Beginning. The street is to be improved by construction of concrete pavement with curb, gutter and necessary appurtenances which pertains to 3rd Street from "O" Street, extending north approximately 215 feet. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Woodgate introduced Ordinance 1068, and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three (3) different days be suspended pertaining to the creation of Street Improvement District No. 2026-1; defining the boundaries and limits thereof; providing for paving, grading, curbing, guttering, and other necessary and incidental work; providing for assessment of the costs of such improvements against the property specially benefited thereby

and the levy of general taxes; providing for the publication of this ordinance in pamphlet form. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Councilmembers Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0. Council member Wilson moved for final passage of Ordinance 1068. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve advertising for bids in the Phonograph Herald on three (3) consecutive Wednesday's beginning on April 8, 2026, pertaining to the 3rd Street Paving Improvement District 2026-1. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

The City of St. Paul Departments provided a 6-Month update per Mayor Feeken regarding the (1) Revenue and Expenditure Guideline and Long-Term Indebtedness; (2) Personnel; Training and Development; (3) Needs; Non-Budgeted Equipment and Resource needs; (4) Overall Department Challenges; (5) Achievements and Milestones; and (6) Goals and Upcoming projects. The Departments included: (a) Water (Jeremy Gorecki); (b) Sewer (Trae Anderson); (c) Senior Center (Matt Helzer); and (d) Landfill (Matt Helzer).

Council member Woodgate moved to approve the sewer vacuum pump in the amount of \$2,099.95 from the budget machine and equipment line item. 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 Elmwood Cemetery seasonal hourly wages according to the approved 2025-2026 Budget. The new seasonal part-time job will begin at \$14.00. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Council member Peters moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Minutes March 16, 2026; and (2) Disbursements April 6, 2026. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

April 6, 2026, Disbursements

Gross Wages - March	111371.45
Amazon Capital Services (books)	778.03
American Legal Publishing (publish)	548.50
AT&T Mobility (service)	641.38
Bockmann Auto Sales (service)	103.24
Bomgaars (supplies)	697.80
Brennick, Cody (reimb)	26.74
Cengage Learning (books)	32.79
Charter Communications (service)	249.97
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5808.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	90.00
Collaborative Summer Reading (program)	91.93
Consumer Deposit: Rent Deposit Pribnow (rental deposit)	200.00
Consumer Deposit: Rent Deposit Pano & Sallinger (rental deposits)	500.00

Core & Main (supplies)	2824.95
Crescent Electric (supply)	435.56
Custer County Recycling (Service)	34.50
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	865.32
Ecolab (service)	145.81
Elan Financial Svcs (supplies, postage, fees, subscription, car wash)	1653.65
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	600.00
Environmental Analysis South (lab)	630.50
Hamilton Information System (service)	1568.50
Heartland Disposal (service)	283.99
Heritage Bank (Utility Billing ACH Fee - March) (fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank: NSF Check Fee Phelps (bad check fee)	3.00
Hometown Leasing (contract)	39.12
Howard County Register of Deeds (fee)	10.00
Howard Co. Treasurer (Dispatch Fee)	3481.65
Island Sprinkler Supply (supplies)	677.06
John Deere Financial (supplies)	87.44
LARM (insurance)	48.50
Loup Central Landfill (disposal)	25.07
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	212.42
Medica (insurance)	20364.04
Menards (supplies)	37.61
Meyer, Nathan (lodging, education)	841.98
Meyer, Nicholas (mileage)	105.13
NE Generator (service)	2294.69
NE State Fire School (education)	450.00
On the Spot Cleaning (service)	435.00
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Overdrive Inc (books)	265.48
Overland Ready Mixed (supplies)	446.19
Parts Bin (supplies)	332.44
Penworthy Company (books)	680.76
Protective Equipment Testing Lab (supplies)	3587.06
River Valley Repair (service)	623.38
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	48.60
Servi-Tech (lab)	177.00
SiteOne Landscape (supplies)	3335.21
St. Paul Rescue Squad (lodging, education, meals)	909.18
St. Paul Rural Fire (reimb)	22675.80
TASC (fee)	245.88
Tru-Force LLC (service)	825.00

Non-General Disbursements

Health Ded: Medica OneSource - health ded reimb	24.40
Park Grant: BSN Sports - benches, swings	6171.97
TIF: S Squared Enterprises: March 2026 Proceeds (proceeds)	3279.00
City of St. Paul (March 2026 Mad Dev 1/2 Share) Proceeds (proceeds)	2322.27
MAD Dev (March 2026 1/2 share proceeds) (proceeds)	2322.26
Park Grant: Miracle Play Systems (supplies)	2023.73
Light ICS: Wesco (supplies)	11138.70
Keno: GCA Days Committee: Fireworks; Radio; Print (GCA Days)	7500.00
Sales Tax: St. Paul Chamber of Commerce: Marketing (marketing)	9000.00
Sales Tax: Fire Station March 2026 Proceeds (Jan 2026) (fire proceeds)	15792.15
Sales Tax: 25% Infrast March 2026 (Jan 2026) (25% Infrast)	7896.08
Sales Tax: No Motor Veh Tax March 2026	0.00
25% Infrastructure: Olsson: 3rd Street Paving (engineer fees)	1947.56
25% Infrastructure: City of St. Paul Street: 3rd Street Paving (engineer fees)	4217.78
Park Grant: Tru-Force LLC - tree grinding (service)	650.00
Light ICS: Wesco: switches (supplies)	6417.59

Council member Wilson moved to approve Mayor Feeken signing the City of St. Paul "Letter of Support" to Senator Fischer pertaining to the Middle Loup River Stabilization project. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 3/0.

Chief of Police Dan Howard provided Mayor Feeken a list of nuisances that consisted of: (1) 1212 Howard Avenue (unsafe building); owner was to appeal by March 27, 2026. The owner's remedial date is May 18, 2026 (60 days); (2) 607 5th Street (appliances on property); a letter was sent; appliances were then removed; (3) 918 Custer Street (cluttered property); no improvement; Police Dept. will issue first nuisance letter; (4) Police Dept. removed a camper from Bruce Street between Custer and Elm Streets with a flat tire and no registration; an owner claimed the camper. Once proof of ownership is shown, the camper can be released from impoundment; (5) Michael and Elizabeth Rawlings trailer homes on 4th Street between Custer and Davis Street remain under review.

Chief of Police Howard provided updates to Mayor Feeken: (1) Police activity report; (2) St. Paul Police Dept. received accreditation again for an additional three (3) years; and (4) the Police Dept. is back to a full staff, with no one on light duty.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) Tennis/Pickleball Court Surfacing; Olsson and Diamond Engineering trying to reach a resolution; (2) Electrical outage on Thursday (April 2, 2026) at 4th and Farnum Streets regarding a bad insulator; (3) there are repairs being made to the north City Park sprinklers; and (4) the Volvo road grader needs repair; the turbo is out.

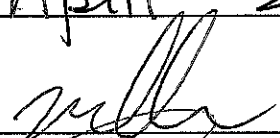
Mayor Feeken updates:

(1) The City of St. Paul Clerk/Deputy Treasurer "in-house" job vacancy was posted on March 23,

2026; posting will close on April 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. and (2) the Nebraska Choice Gas Selection period runs from April 2, 2026, to April 22, 2026.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:15 p.m.

April 20, 2026
Date


Mike Feeken, Mayor


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer