

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

Monday, March 16, 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 16, 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 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.

The first item on the agenda was to discuss the Royal Coachman Car Club utilizing the City Park for the Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Days celebration on Saturday, July 11, 2026. Utilities Superintendent Matt Helzer and Parks Manager Randy Jerabek assessed the City Park last week, due to the toddler playground equipment being installed. Mr. Helzer stated that the condition of the grass in the park is not in great shape; this is due to heavy equipment remaining on the grass to remove trees, the installation of sidewalks and lighting, along with the installation of the instrument and toddler playground equipment. After a lengthy discussion ensued regarding the placement of Royal Coachman cars on City streets in St. Paul, it was the consensus by the City Officials to keep the cars out of the City Park this year. Utilities Superintendent Helzer and Park Manager Jerabek will meet with Royal Coachman

representatives Brian Sack and Marcus Paczosa regarding a parking plan for the car show. A diagram pertaining to the parking of the cars for GCA Days is being requested by the City. Other items discussed were the bounce houses and vendor parking.

Prior to the vote on the Michael and Elizabeth Rawlings "Property Improvement Project" (PIP) application, Council member Woodgate stated that this needs to be for Council consideration in paying on a property improvement application if there is a pending nuisance on the property. Council member Kowalski moved to approve Michael and Elizabeth Rawlings "Property Improvement Project" application regarding an illuminated sign at the Riverview Lanes Bowling in the amount of \$5,250. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

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) Streets (Jamie Klanecky, Street Commissioner); (b) Elmwood Cemetery (Randy Jerabek, Cemetery Supervisor); (c) Parks (Randy Jerabek, Park Manager); and (d) General (Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk). Mayor Feeken spoke briefly on the City's reduction of Municipal Equalization funding this coming fiscal year.

St. Paul Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jordan Bottolfson was present to ask the City Council if the GCA Days fireworks can be display at the St. Paul Ballfields on Sunday, July 12, 2026. The Chamber of Commerce will be exploring other options for the event. The topic will be considered in the future.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce request for \$7,500 for Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) funding: (1) Fireworks \$5,000 and (2) Marketing \$2,500 (radio and print). Council member Woodgate seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce request of "marketing and promotional" funds in the amount of \$9,000 to abide by the 2025-2026 Budget allocation. Sales tax funding will absorb the cost. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the Second Amendment to Communications Site Option and Land Lease Agreement between the City of St. Paul ("Landlord") and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Tenant"). The Leased Premises legal description consists of: The part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M., Howard County, Nebraska. The "Second Amendment Lease Agreement bullet points consists of: (1) **One-time Payment:** On or before June 1, 2026 a one-time payment is due to the City in the amount of \$27,500; (2) **Lease Term Extended:** the lease is extended for seven (7) additional five (5) year renewal terms; (3) **Rent and Escalation:** Rent payable to the City (Landlord) is \$650 monthly; (4) **Tenant's Right to Expand Leased Premises:** to include an additional 1,000 sq. ft. to be located at a mutually agreed location; and (5) **Revenue Share:**

Tenant shall pay landlord twenty percent (20%) of any rents actually received by Tenant or American Tower pursuant to the terms and provisions of any new sublease, license or other agreement. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Per Utilities Superintendent Helzer, the adding of a fence is Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless responsibility. Mayor Mike Feeken will have signing authority on all documents. The depositing of revenue funds in which City account will be a Council discussion once the funds come in.

Ordinance 1067, amending the St. Paul Municipal Code; to establish new Sections 5-403 to 5-406 of Chapter 5 related to the operation of Lightweight E-Scooters, E-Bikes and Hoverboards was tabled until Chief of Police Howard and Council member Woodgate can review the ordinance jointly.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Treasurer's Report of February 2026; (2) Minutes of March 2, 2026 (regular); (3) Disbursements of March 16, 2026; (4) Planning Commission Minutes of March 16, 2026; and (5) St. Paul Rescue Squad member Kare Wolinski. Council member Woodgate seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Disbursements March 16, 2026

Amazon Capital Services (books)	47.54
AT&T Mobility (service)	631.41
Aurora Coop (fuel)	940.40
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	2583.86
BOK Financial (bond interest)	3388.75
Central Community College (education)	411.00
Charter Communications (service)	540.36
Christensen Insurance (bond)	970.08
City Lights (utilities)	8924.34
Clearfly (service)	198.97
Custer County Recycling (service)	17.50
Demco (supplies)	577.74
Dutton Lanson (supplies)	2828.26
Eakes Office Solutions (contract)	76.82
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	100.00
Hamilton Information Systems (service)	1568.50
Hamilton Information Systems (licenses)	398.00
Heartland Disposal (service)	5698.22
Heritage Bank: Utility Billing ACH Fee (Febr. 2026) (fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank (fee)	22.80
Hometown Leasing (lease)	39.12
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	141375.29
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	1375.17
John Deere Financial (freight, supplies)	419.18
Johnson Service Co. (repair)	9950.00

Leth Auto Repair (service)		1542.90
Loup Valley Supply (repair)		120.25
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)		5450.06
NE Dept Revenue: Sales & Use Tax Submittal	(tax submittal)	14573.78
NE State Patrol (software)		145.00
On The Spot Cleaning (service)		290.00
One Call Concepts (service)		15.54
Open Caret (service)		200.00
Parts Bin (supplies)		18.70
Phonograph Herald (publish)		353.70
Quick Med Claims (service)		1215.65
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)		720.28
Stryker Sales (contract)		8423.00
Sun Auto Tire (service)		24.99
Svehla Law Office (legal)		873.00
Triple T Disposal (service)		469.85
US Post Office (postage)		540.00
USA BlueBook (supplies)		981.27

Non-General Disbursements

City 2024-2025 Journal Entries (Dana F Cole) (Journal Entries Adjusted Year End)	12599607.60
Civic Center: City of St. Paul to Homestead Bank: Civic Loan (Loan Payment)	500.00
Sales Tax: Svehla Law Office: Assign/Redevelopment Agmt (fees)	170.00
Health Ded: Medica OneSource - reimb health ded (fees)	64.00

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the City of St. Paul's 2024-2025 Journal Entries from Dana F. Cole & Company. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

The Mayor and Council members agreed unanimously to set May 1, 2026, as the deadline to obtain employment applications for the City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer position. City Clerk Beck will begin the advertising process. City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Beck retirement date is November 30, 2026.

Chief of Police Dan Howard updates included: (1) Workman Compensation claim release of light duty; (2) purchasing ten (10) automated external defibrillator (AED) units through a grant in the amount of \$16,000; (3) hiring part-time Police Officer to take the place of Jon Howard (Sergeant); and (4) provided Police activity information. The property at 1212 Howard Avenue regarding an unsafe building was discussed.

Chief of Police Howard to provide nuisance report on Monday, April 6, 2026.

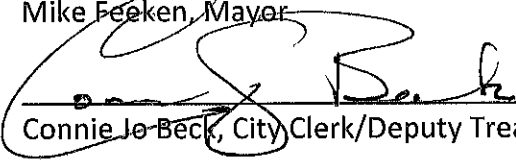
Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates: (1) The park improvement grant light poles and adaptors haven't arrived yet at the City; (2) the parts for the Toddler Playground merry-go-

round and a sitting bench hasn't been shipped yet; (3) St. Paul Tennis/Pickleball Court "Change Request" pertaining to the resurfacing remediation; and (4) the City's 2007 Chevy Malibu had repairs.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:35 p.m.

April 6, 2026
Date


Mike Feeken, Mayor


Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer