

**1st Council Regular Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2026, 6:30 PM**

City Hall
704 6th Street
St. Paul, NE 68873

Agenda

1. Mayor Mike Feeken calls City Council meeting to order, with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and the "Open Meeting Statement" as required by NE State Statutes 84-1407 through 84-1414; Mayor Feeken also states that the City Council may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by NE State Statute 84-1410.
2. Submittal of Request for Future Agenda Items
3. Reserve time to Speak on an Agenda Item
4. Discuss the St. Paul Senior Center facility, with possible action (Kevin Sestak).
5. Discuss - Approve / Deny the 2026 St. Paul Swimming Pool season and the employee's hourly wage (Kristy Smith).
6. Discuss - Approve / Deny the Electrical Department purchasing two (2) I-Pads for \$50 each, with a \$50 credit; I-Pads are at no cost. And purchase two (2) Mobile Hotspot pucks (wireless Wi-Fi) for the amount of \$47; the cost will be \$235 for the five (5) months. The purchase will be from AT&T (First Net).
7. **Municipal Code 4-315: Nuisance; Hearing.**
The City Council or other persons shall hear testimony of all competent persons desiring to testify respecting the condition constituting the nuisance, including the estimated cost of the abatement and other matters which may be pertinent. At the conclusion of the hearing, the City Council shall, by resolution, declare its findings. The City Council may declare the condition existing to be a nuisance and direct the person owning the property to abate it **within a reasonable time after the date of posting on the premises a notice of the adoption of the resolution and sending a notice.**
 - a. Discuss - Approve / Deny sending resolution abatement letter to the property listed below: (1) 918 Custer Street.
8. **Park Improvement Grant for Sidewalks: Two (2) Bids received for the Downtown Park area and near the Tennis/Pickleball Courts.**
Discuss - Approve recommendation from the Park Improvement Grant Committee to award the bid to K & M Concrete & Design LLC of Grand Island, NE in the amount of \$11,490.83 to install sidewalks in the downtown park area and near the tennis/pickleball courts.
 - a. Approve Mayor Feeken signing the contract for the grant project. The cost of the project will be reimbursed by the NE Dept. of Economic Development (NDED) in accordance with the park improvement grant.

9. The 3rd Street Paving Improvement Project received two (2) bids for paving.

Discuss - Approve the recommendation from Olsson (City Engineer), to award the bid to Diamond Engineering Company, Grand Island, NE in the amount of \$123,080.95. The bid pertains to the 3rd Street Paving Improvement Project #025-04097. The estimated project cost was \$149,932. The 25% Infrastructure fund will absorb the cost for the project.

10. Discuss a home that is encroaching on a public alleyway (16 ft.) at 512 Baxter Street, more legally described as E1/2 of Lots Five (5) and Six (6), Block 108, Original Town, Howard County, St. Paul, Nebraska.

a. Introduce **Ordinance No. 1070** to vacate the south half (S1/2) of the alley in Block 108, Original Town, St. Paul, Nebraska; and to declare an effective date. The property is more legally described as: Commencing at the southeast corner of Lot Five (5), Block One Hundred Eight (108), in the Original Town of St. Paul, Howard County, Nebraska, said point being the True Point of Beginning; thence northerly along the East line of said Lot Five (5) to the northeast corner of Lot Six (6) in said Block; thence along an extension of the North line of said Lot Six (6) to the northwest corner of Lot Three (3) in said Block; thence southerly along the West line of said Lot Three (3) to the southeast corner of Lot Four (4) in said Block; thence westerly along an extension of the South line of said Lot Four (4) to the True Point of Beginning, and hereby vacated and title to the same is hereby reserved in the City of St. Paul, Nebraska; subject to all easements of record.

*Introduce Ordinance, with NO second or roll call

*Waive three (3) readings of Ordinance, with second and roll call

*Final Passage of Ordinance, with second and roll call.

11. Discuss the proposed amendment to the City of St. Paul Municipal Code pertaining to Sidewalk Obstruction Permits (possible action).

a. Discuss - Approve the Ordinance No. __, adopting new Section 8-208 to 8-213, inclusive, of the City of St. Paul Municipal Code related to sidewalk obstruction permits; to provide for the effective date of such ordinance; and to provide for the publication of this ordinance in pamphlet form.

- Introduce Ordinance, with NO second or roll call
- Waive Readings of Ordinance, with second and roll call
- Final Passage of Ordinance, with second and roll call.

12. Discuss an amendment to the St. Paul Municipal Code to establish new Sections 5-403 to 5-406 of Chapter 5 related to the operation of Light-Weight E-Scooters, E-Bikes, and Hoverboards (possible action).

13. Discuss - Approve / Deny Consent Agenda Items: (1) Minutes April 20, 2026; and (2) Disbursements May 4, 2026.

14. Discuss - Approve attendance at the League of NE Municipalities 2026 Accounting and Finance Conference on June 17 - 19, 2026 at the Cornhusker Marriott, Lincoln, NE. Attendance includes: Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer; Laura Berthelsen, Deputy Clerk; and Sally Einspahr, City Treasurer.

15. Discuss - Approve / Deny the City of St. Paul posting / advertising for the St. Paul Police Department positions regarding: (1) Sergeant and (2) part-time Police Officer (Chief of Police Dan Howard).

16. Discuss 1st of the month City nuisances per Chief of Police Dan Howard (possible action).
a. Notice of Nuisance Abatement Compliance Requirement RE: 1120 Custer Street (given ten (10) days from April 21, 2026) - Possible Action.

17. Chief of Police Howard updates:
(1) Activity Report.

18. Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates

19. Mayor Feeken updates:

20. Public Announcements

21. Closed Session: Pending Litigation; Strategy Session with respect to real estate purchase; and prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual

22. Mayor Feeken adjourns City Council meeting

23. Informational Items:

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It is the intention of the Mayor and City Council to take up the items on the agenda in sequential order. However, the Mayor and City Council reserves the right to take up matters in a different order to accommodate the schedules of the City Council members, person(s) having items on the agenda, and the public. The City of St. Paul reserves the right to adjust the order of items on the agenda.

Anyone wishing to speak may be limited to three (3) to five (5) minutes per person. Please utilize the podium and clearly state your name and address for the record and the agenda topic you wish to speak upon in a professional manner.