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

Monday, September 21, 2026

A Community Development Agency (CDA) and Regular Council meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Paul, Nebraska was held at City Hall in said City on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Mike Feeken and Council members Katie Kowalski, Bill Peters, Mark Wilson, and 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" 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, 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 Mike Feeken called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. regarding the Community Development Agency (CDA) and the regular City Council meeting, 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.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve the Fifth Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement (Dalton Meadows Subdivision Project). This will correct the stated maturity date in the Fourth Amendment to be the earlier of 15 years after the last phase (2035), or December 31, 2050. 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 the City of St. Paul Amendment to the Community Revenue Redevelopment Note (Dalton Meadows Project) Series 2016A. The maturity date of the note shall be the earlier of: (1) December 31 of the fifteen (15) years following the year in which ad valorem taxes are collected for the effective date of the final phase of the project, or (2) December 31, 2050. 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 the MAD Development Amendment to the Community Revenue Redevelopment Note (Dalton Meadows Project) Series 2016B. The maturity date of the note shall be the earlier of: (1) December 31 of the fifteen (15) years following the year in which ad valorem taxes are collected for the effective date of the final phase of the project, or (2) December 31, 2050. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the Community Development Agency (CDA) meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Mayor Feeken opened the REGULAR City Council meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the City Electrical Department purchasing a T740 T4 V2 Bobcat Compact Track Loader (M0273) in the amount of $82,371.06. The item is in the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

City Attorney Andrew Graham was in attendance to provide an overview of the prospective referendum petition that was submitted by Donald M. McClain (613 6th Street) on August 27, 2026. This was regarding Council action on August 17, 2026, approving the merger of the St. Paul Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Department. Mr. McClain will have six (6) months to collect valid registered voter signatures. City Attorney Graham also provided a definition and explanation of the "declaratory judgment. The City Council finds that obtaining a judicial determination of whether the August 17, 2026, action is subject to referendum, in advance of incurring the expense of a special election, is in the best interests of the City and its residents. Council member Kowalski moved to approve Resolution 2026-07, authorizing City Attorney Graham to commence an action for declaratory judgment pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-2538 upon filing of a signed referendum petition with the City Clerk; and authorizing the expenditure of funds therefor. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, Council member Peters voted nay. Motion carried 3/1.

A lengthy discussion ensued between the Mayor, City Council and the audience pertaining to the Interlocal Law Enforcement Services and Transition Agreement between the City of St. Paul Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Department. Topics included: (1) edits from both the City of St. Paul Attorney and the Howard County Attorney; (2) municipal administrative functions aren't referenced or addressed in the "agreement" involving UTV licensing, pet tag, mobile food trucks, and nuisances. City Attorney Graham stated that the

"agreement" gets blurry between the criminal and administrative areas; (3) Code Enforcement Officer; (4) City assets; (5) Qualifying Extra-Ordinary Cost; (4) a dedicated Law Enforcement Officer is not stated in the contract; and (5) Howard County Dispatcher cost. Howard County Chief Deputy Paul Tartaglia stated that he is willing to have an addendum to the Interlocal Agreement if changes need to be made.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Interlocal Law Enforcement Services and Transition Agreement between the City of St. Paul Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Department. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski and Wilson voted aye, Council member Peters and Woodgate voted nay. Mayor Feeken voted aye to break the tie. Motion carried 3/2.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve Resolution #2026-06, authorizing the Interlocal Law Enforcement Services and Transition Agreement between the City of St. Paul Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Department; authorizing execution; and directing related administrative action. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski and Wilson voted aye, Council members Peters and Woodgate voted nay. Mayor Feeken voted aye, to break the tie. Motion carried 3/2.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve the City of St. Paul funding $10,000 from keno to the St. Paul Baseball Museum for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to promote the museum and to assist with rent and maintenance. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Sandy Mudloff stated that the St. Paul Baseball Museum has become a separate 501c3 entity.

Council member Peters moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Treasurer's Report August 2026; (2) Minutes September 8, 2026 (2026-2027 Budget and Budget Summary), and Minutes September 8, 2026, (Regular) and (3) Disbursements September 21, 2026. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson, and Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Disbursements September 21, 2026	
Amazon Capital Svcs (books)	321.63
American Legal Publishing (service)	500.00
AT&T Mobility (service)	747.53
Aurora Cooperative (fuel)	887.25
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	707.18
City Lights (utilities)	9280.87
Clearfly (telephone)	199.30
Consumer Deposit: Palacios (Rental Dep)	250.00
Consumer Deposit: Stade (Rental Dep)	50.00
Custer County Recycling (service)	30.60
Delta Heating and Air (service)	20500.00
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	44.25
Eakes Office (contract)	156.72
Earl May Seed & Nursery (tree)	199.20

Elan Financial (postage, supplies, fees)	813.40
Filter Care (service)	125.30
Gumdrop Books (books)	1792.82
Heartland Disposal (service)	203.68
Heartland Disposal (service)	5480.75
Hogan, Jody (uniform)	78.74
Homestead Bank Closed Acct Fee (Closed acct Fee)	3.00
Homestead Bank (fee)	28.40
Howard County Register of Deeds (fee)	20.00
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	193981.83
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	4154.83
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	1900.00
Kowalski, Trevor (uniform)	99.98
Leth Auto Repair (service)	426.46
Loup Valley Supply (service)	15.00
Micromarketing LLC (book)	47.66
Midland Telecom (supplies)	563.12
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	5453.00
National Sign Company (signs)	1555.00
NE Revenue: Sales & Use Tax Submittal (August 2026) (tax submittal)	17399.16
NE Revenue: Waster Reduction & Recycling Fee (2026 Fee)	25.00
On the Spot Cleaning (service)	290.00
One Call Concepts (service)	69.62
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	1117.50
Palmer Veterinary Clinic (service)	169.60
Petty Cash (postage, fees, supplies)	25.34
Phonograph Herald (publish)	481.08
Quick Med Claims (service)	543.57
SE Smith & Sons (supplies)	76.27
Sample, Mat (reimb)	13.00
Sandhills Fabrication (supplies)	1500.00
Smith Welding (service)	21.25
St. Paul Veterinary Clinic (supplies)	9.00
Svehla Law Office (legal)	2176.00
Thermo Kind Christensen (supplies)	635.61
Triple T Disposal (service)	591.40
US Post Office (postage)	540.00
Wesco (supplies)	74.97

Non-General Disbursements

Health Ded: Medica OneSource - health ded (reimb)	558.03
Sales Tax Money Market to Sales Tax Ckg Transfer (Trfr)	75000.00
TiF: S Squared Enterprises Proceeds (Sept 2026 proceeds)	15427.32

TIF: City of St Paul MAD Dev 1/2 Share Proceeds (Sept 2026 proceeds	10172.45
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Health Ded: Medica OneSource - health ded (reimb)	774.99
Health Ded: Medica OneSource - admin fees (fees)	64.00

Council Member Wilson introduced Ordinance 1073; vacating a portion 3rd Street abutting part of Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), and Six (6) in Block Thirty Two (32), Original Town of Saint Paul, Howard County, Nebraska, reserving an easement; to repeal any ordinance, or parts of any ordinance in conflict with this ordinance; and to provide for the effective date of such ordinance. Council member Kowalski waived the three (3) readings of Ordinance 1073 on three (3) separate occasions. Council member Woodgate seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Council member Kowalski moved for final passage of Ordinance 1073. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the City of St Paul's Non-Union Employee Consumer Price Index (CPI) wage increase of 4.8% effective October 1, 2026; this also includes Mrs. Jody Hogan. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson, and Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates: Repairing of the "O" Street railroad crossing.

Mayor Mike Feeken updates: (1) Skilled Gaming Device proceeds from April through June 2026 were $1,051.45; and (2) the City will be terminating the tax division for the TIF project in Prairie Falls Subdivision Parcel ID #471011774 at 615 Paul Street.

Public Announcements: St. Paul Chamber of Commerce has hired Julie Nitsch as the Executive Director; her employment start date will be on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:29 p.m.

October 5, 2026
Date

Mike Feeken, Mayor

Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer