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

Monday, October 19, 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, October 19, 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 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 the Pledge of Allegiance and thanking the public for attending, along with 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.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Howard County (Sheriff's Office) bid regarding the 2017 White Ford Taurus Sedan (VIN #1FAHP2L82HG144735) in the amount of $7,000. The 2017 White Ford Taurus vehicle will be sold AS IS, in its present condition, with no warranties or guarantees, either expressed or implied, except as otherwise specifically stated in writing. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson, and Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the City of St. Paul Light Department transferring $178,500 to the City of St. Paul Police 2026-2027 Budget for the Howard County Sheriff's Office operations. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays zero. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve Resolution 2026-09, whereas by NE Statute 52-124.11, the City of St. Paul Clerk and the Howard County Sheriff are the designated agents for the City to determine whether a special designated liquor (SDL) license is to be approved or denied. If a new liquor license vendor has not submitted a prior special designated liquor (SDL) application, or the vendor's liquor application is questionable by the City Clerk or the Howard County Sheriff, then the application will be placed on the agenda for Mayor and Council approval. 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 St. Paul Chamber of Commerce requesting to close 6th Street between Indian Street and Jay Street allowing hayrack rides and a light parade in St. Paul on Saturday, December 5, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Council member Woodgate seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The St. Paul Chamber of Commerce will be providing the City a certificate of insurance prior to the event.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce request of the 2026-2027 Budget funds for Marketing and Promotions in the amount of $9,000 from Sales Tax. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. There are no Grover Cleveland Alexander (GCA) Day funds in the allocation.

The City Council discussed the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce requests to utilize office space in the former St. Paul Police Department office located at 514 Grand Street. Other topics discussed were utilities, insurance, and telephone service. The matter was tabled pending consultation with the City Attorney.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the 7th Street Investments LLC (Kelsey Koperski) Special Designated Liquor (SDL) for the American Legion Post #119 Cow Dance to be held at the St. Paul Civic Center, 423 Howard Avenue on Sunday, November 15, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This comes with the stipulation that off-premises insurance is retained by the City prior to the event. Wristbands will be used to identify individuals of legal drinking age. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Treasurer's Report September 2026; (2) Minutes October 5, 2026 (regular) and Minutes October 15, 2026 (special); Disbursements October 19, 2026; and Firefighter Jordon Wilson, St. Paul, NE. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Disbursements October 19, 2026

Amazon Capital Services (books)	85.24
American Fence Company (supplies)	145.87
AT&T Mobility (service)	747.52
Aurora Cooperative (fuel)	1288.28
Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	546.66
Bound Tree Medical (supplies)	1631.72
BSN Sports (supplies)	244.99
Cengage Learning (book)	32.80
Charter Communications (service)	572.07
Christensen Insurance (insurance)	40.00
City Lights (utilities)	8592.92
Clearfly (service)	201.09
Custer County Recycling (service)	32.40
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	3887.23
Elmwood Cemetery (service)	400.00
Hamilton Information Services (contract)	1568.50
Heartland Disposal (service)	5472.25
Heartland Disposal (service)	207.38
Heritage Bank Utility Billing ACH Fee (UB ACH Fee)	25.00
Homestead Bank (fee)	30.40
Homestead Bank Bad Check Fee (Ketteler & Meth Parsonage) (bad check fee)	30.00
Homestead Bank Bond Wire Fee Oct 1, 2026 (Bond Fee)	8.00
Hometown Leasing (lease)	39.12
Howard County Register of Deeds (fee)	20.00
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	170558.55
Interstate All Battery (supplies)	903.75
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	176.77
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John Deere Financial (supplies)	4.75
LARM (insurance)	250054.62
Leth Auto Repair (service)	1599.95
Loup Valley Supply (supplies)	127.64
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	5468.73
National Sign Company (supplies)	4464.60
NE Library Commission (fee)	585.00
NE Revenue: Sales & Use Tax Submittal (Form 10 Submittal)	15670.23
Olsson (service)	750.00
Omaha World Herald (subscription)	583.70
On The Spot Cleaning (service)	290.00

One Call Concepts (service)	29.83
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Overland Ready Mixed (concrete)	269.25
Phonograph Herald (publish)	778.71
Transfer: 26-27 Lights Transfer to Police (HCSO Operating)	178500.00
Quick Med Claims (service)	752.41
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	255.96
St. Paul Public School (custodian)	2250.00
Sun Auto Tire & Service (repair)	621.98
Svehla Law Office (legal)	6732.00
Trentman, Mary (reimb)	36.98
Triple T Disposal (service)	572.60
US Post Office (postage)	540.00
Wesco Distribution (supplies)	1720.56
Wroblewski, Liana (uniform)	175.95

Non-General Disbursements

Health Ded: Medica OneSource - health ded (reimb)	727.62
25% Infrast. Olsson 3rd St Paving Eng fees (Engineering Fee)	264.01
Keno: NE Baseball Museum Donation (donation)	10000.00
Health Ded: Medica OneSource - admin fees (fees)	60.00
Sales Tax: Cline Williams - legal fees (fee)	600.00
Health Ded: Medica OneSource - health ded (reimb)	4530.58
Keno: Dept of Revenue - Form 51C filing (tax)	3081.00
Sales Tax: LARM - Civic Cntr insurance (insurance)	24675.44

Council member Woodgate moved to approve Resolution 2026-08, pursuant to the City of St. Paul Municipal Code 5-105, to place stop signs in any street or alley under the City's jurisdiction for the purpose of regulating traffic. The Mayor and Council members have determined to place a stop sign at the intersection of 3rd Street and "O" Street, requiring the southbound traffic to stop before entering the intersection. 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 proposal from Business Telecommunications Systems (BTS) to provide telephone service (Yeastar) for the City Office and City Library, effective November 1, 2026. The City would no longer be required to pay annual licensing fees, but will be required to purchase new telephones. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Utilities Superintendent Matt Helzer reported that the pool tables had been moved from the old St. Paul Fire Station to the new St. Paul Fire Station and the Howard County Historical

Society. A meeting with City Engineer Jeff Palik of Olsson was scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, to discuss the 3rd Street paving project.

Mayor Feeken reported that reimbursement had been received from Sherman County for the bulletproof vest and duty belt of previous St. Paul Police Department Police Chief. An update was also provided regarding the new park improvement grant overage. A resolution is in process with the South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD) and The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED).

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of constructing a sidewalk from Matelyn Retirement Community to Home Plate Market.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:24 p.m.

November 2, 2026
Date

Mike Feeken, Mayor

Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer