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

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

RE: Interlocal Law Enforcement Services and Transition Agreement between the City of St. Paul and Howard County

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Paul, Nebraska was held in the City Council Chambers (City Hall) at 704 6th Street, St. Paul, Nebraska in said City on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Mike Feeken and Council members Katie Kowalski, Bill Peters, Mark Wilson, Jerry Woodgate. Also in attendance was Sheriff Mike Hoff and Chief Deputy Paul Tartaglia. Notice of the meeting was posted in four (4) public places, with a Certificate of Posting, and was placed on the City of St. Paul website. 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 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and thanking everyone for attending and announcing that the City of St. Paul abides by the Open Meetings Act, which is present in the room as required by Nebraska State Law §84-1407 through §84-1414.

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 handled 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 has "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.

Council member Woodgate moved to deny the claim of Howard County in the amount of $250,000 for the first Contract Year 1 Service Fee installment under the "Interlocal Law Enforcement Services and Transition Agreement." The claim is to be paid from the City of St. Paul Police Department appropriation in the 2026-2027 Budget by warrant dated Thursday, October 1, 2026, payable to the Howard County Treasurer. The warrant is to be delivered to the Howard County Clerk on Thursday, October 1, 2026. All Howard County, Nebraska parties have signed the "Agreement". Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Peters and Woodgate voted aye, Council members Kowalski and Wilson voted nay. Mayor Feeken voted nay to break the tie. Motion deny 3/2.

Council member Wilson moved to approve the claim of Howard County in the amount of $250,000 for the first Contract Year 1 Service Fee installment under the "Interlocal Law Enforcement Services and Transition Agreement." Council member Kowalski 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.
Note: Police Department Property tax will arrive monthly through the 2026-2027 Budget in the amount of $364,800; also a transfer out of the Light Department in the amount of $178,500 will absorb the cost of the transaction.

Council member Wilson moved to approve extending Mary Trentman's City of St. Paul's secretary position for one (1) additional pay period following October 1, 2026. Council member Woodgate seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson, and Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. Mrs. Trentman's last day will be October 15, 2026.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the claims for final St. Paul Police Department wages and overtime of the City police personnel ending on the October 1, 2026, pay period. 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.There was also a brief discussion regarding vehicles, inventory and storage container that is located at the sewer lagoon site.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk signing the inventory asset list, property transfer documents, and the Joint Readiness Certification required by the "Interlocal Law Enforcement Services and Transition Agreement", after the review by City Attorney Graham. 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.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 5:56 p.m.

October 5, 2026
Date

Mike Feeken, Mayor

Connie Jo Beck, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer