

1st Council Regular Meeting
Monday, February 3, 2025 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 - Approve / Deny Olsson "Letter Agreement for Professional Services" regarding the St. Paul Drainage Survey (the "Project"). A topographic survey, wetland delineation, and design of a drainage ditch / swale will be from the Middle Loup River Subdivision discharge point to the Loup River. Olsson's Scope of Services will be provided on a time-and-expense basis not to exceed \$7,900.
5. Bike Ride Across Nebraska (BRAN): Discuss - Approve / Deny St Paul Chamber of Commerce requests for BRAN: (1) BRAN to utilize the St. Paul Swimming Pool for free or a discounted price for one (1) hour on Wednesday, June 4, 2025; (2) mark road for BRAN bike path; and (3) place shower trailer at Farnum and Jackson Streets.
6. Discuss - Approve / Deny Consent Agenda Items: (1) Council Minutes January 21, 2025 (regular); (2) Disbursements February 3, 2025; and (3) St. Paul Electrical Lineman Jarod Greenough attending the 2025 NE Meter Conference in Kearney, NE on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, and Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at the Holiday Inn.
7. **NEBRASKA CHOICE GAS SELECTION PERIOD IS APRIL 3 - 23, 2025**
Discuss the Nebraska Choice Gas Program (ACE), along with the "dividend" payment that the City receives from ACE (possible action).
8. Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates
9. Discuss 1st of the month City of St. Paul's nuisances per the Nuisance Committee (Chief of Police Dan Howard to report) - Possible Action.
10. Chief of Police Howard updates:
 - a. Police Activity Report;
11. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HOLIDAY:** The second (2nd) City Council meeting in February 2025 will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, due to the President's Day holiday.
12. Mayor Feeken updates:
 - (1) Special Fire Station Construction Progress meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers;
 - (2) The December 2024 Revenue and Expenditure Guideline can be reviewed at the City Office;
13. Public Announcements
14. Closed Session: Pending Litigation; Strategy Session with respect to real estate purchase; and prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual

15. Mayor Feeken adjourns City Council meeting
16. Informational Items:
17. **This agenda, including supporting documentation, is available for public viewing during normal business hours at the City Office, 704 6th Street, St. Paul, Nebraska.**

The City of St. Paul abides by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act in conducting business. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is on display in the meeting room as required by Nebraska State Law.

The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to enter into an Executive Session at any time during the meeting, in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, even though the closed session may not be indicated on the Agenda.

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.

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Anyone wishing to offer comments or concerns about city matters, or who wants to have an item placed on the City Council agenda must complete this form. The completed form must be submitted to the City Clerk, City of St. Paul, 704 6th Street, St. Paul, NE 68873 no later than Noon on the Wednesday prior to the City Council meeting. If the Wednesday prior to the City Council meeting is a holiday, the deadline is noon on the previous day. The City Council generally meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

City Council Meeting Date: _____

Requested Agenda Item: _____

Please state your comment or concern (please be specific, providing documentation if available):

What action do you want the City Council to take? _____

Will this project/item require City funding? YES ____ NO ____ **If so, how much?** _____

Name (please print): _____

Name (signature): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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___ Added to City Council Agenda. Date of City Council meeting: _____

___ Referred to City Council Committee for Recommendation

City Council Action Taken: _____

City Funds Authorized: _____

**City of St. Paul
704 6th Street
St. Paul, Nebraska 68873
(308)754-4483**

REQUEST FOR OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS

RECORD REQUEST INFORMATION (To be completed by Requestor – Please Print)

Full Name: _____ (Phone) _____

Address: _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

I hereby acknowledge that I am aware that under the terms of Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-712, I am authorized to examine public records not withheld from me under the terms of Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-712.04 or other appropriate statutes, and that I may make memoranda and abstracts therefrom during the hours the offices are normally open to the public.

I hereby declare that I do not intend to and will not:

- a. Use any list of names or addresses contained in or derived from the records or information for the purpose of selling or offering for sale any property or service to any person listed or to any person who resides at any address listed; or
- b. Sell, give, or otherwise make available to any person any list of names or addresses contained in or derived from the records or information for the purpose of allowing that person to sell or offer for sale any property or service to any person who resides at any address listed.

I hereby request a copy of the following public records:

Requestor Signature _____ Date _____ Email/Fax Number _____

(Most records will be provided within four (4) full business days from the date of request.)

For Administrative Records

The request for the above-named document(s) was granted and/or allowed to be examined.

Signed _____ Date _____

This request was denied, and the requesting party was issued a letter of denial in accordance with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-712.04.

Signed _____ Date _____

YOUR COPY OF THIS FORM SHALL SERVE AS YOUR RECEIPT

If you have any questions about your record request, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (308) 233-3216.

**City of St. Paul
Citizen Complaint Form**

Name of person making complaint _____

Residential address _____

Postal address _____

Phone Number _____ Email address _____

Complaint Details

Date of Incident _____ Time _____

Location of Incident _____

Who/what is the subject of your complaint? _____

DETAILED summary of your complaint _____

Witness Details (If applicable)

Name of witness(es) _____

Address _____

Phone Number of witness _____

Complaint Outcome

How would you like this issue resolved? _____

Signature of Complainant

Action taken by City



LETTER AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

February 3, 2025

City of St. Paul
Attn: Mike Feeken
704 6th Street
St. Paul, Nebraska 68873

Re: **LETTER AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**
St. Paul Drainage Survey (the "Project")
Topographic survey, wetland delineation, and design of a drainage ditch/swale from the
Middle Loup River Subdivision discharge point to the Loup River

Dear Mr. Feeken:

It is our understanding that the City of St. Paul ("Client") requests Olsson, Inc. ("Olsson") to perform the services described herein pursuant to the terms of this Letter Agreement for Professional Services, any exhibits attached hereto and Olsson's General Provisions (all documents constitute and are referred to herein as the "Agreement") for the Project.

Olsson has acquainted itself with the information provided by Client relative to the Project and based upon such information offers to provide the services described below for the Project. Client warrants that it is either the legal owner of the property to be improved by this Project or that Client is acting as the duly authorized agent of the legal owner of such property. Client acknowledges that it has reviewed any exhibits attached hereto and the General Provisions, which are expressly made a part of and incorporated into the Agreement by this reference. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between this Letter Agreement, and the General Provisions regarding the services to be performed by Olsson, the terms of the General Provisions shall take precedence.

Olsson shall provide the following services ("Scope of Services") to Client for the Project as more specifically described in "Scope of Services" attached hereto. Should Client request work in addition to the Scope of Services, Olsson shall invoice Client for such additional services (Optional Additional Services) at the standard hourly billing labor rate charged for those employees actually performing the work, plus reimbursable expenses if any. Olsson shall not commence work on Optional Additional Services without Client's prior written approval.

Olsson agrees to provide all of its services in a timely, competent and professional manner, in accordance with applicable standards of care, for projects of similar geographic location, quality and scope.

SCHEDULE FOR OLSSON'S SERVICES

Unless otherwise agreed, Olsson expects to perform its services under the Agreement as follows:

Anticipated Start Date: Within 2 weeks of approved contract (topographic survey)
Anticipated Completion Date: Late May 2025 for wetland delineation (if needed)

Olsson will endeavor to start its services on the Anticipated Start Date and to complete its services on the Anticipated Completion Date. However, the Anticipated Start Date, the Anticipated Completion Date, and any milestone dates are approximate only, and Olsson reserves the right to adjust its schedule and any or all of those dates at its sole discretion, for any reason, including, but not limited to, delays caused by Client or delays caused by third parties.

COMPENSATION

Client shall pay to Olsson for the performance of the Scope of Services, the actual hourly labor rates of personnel performing such services on the project times a factor of 3.085, and all actual reimbursable expenses in accordance with the Reimbursable Expense Schedule attached to this agreement. Olsson shall submit invoices on a monthly basis, and payment is due within 30 calendar days of invoice date.

Olsson's Scope of Services will be provided on a time-and-expense basis not to exceed \$7,900.00.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

We have discussed with you the risks, rewards and benefits of the Project, the Scope of Services, and our fees for such services and the Agreement represents the entire understanding between Client and Olsson with respect to the Project. The Agreement may only be modified in writing signed by both parties.

Client's designated Project Representative shall be Matt Helzer.

If this Agreement satisfactorily sets forth your understanding of our agreement, please sign in the space provided below. Retain one original for your files and return an executed original to Olsson via email: bfriedrichsen@olsson.com. This proposal will be open for acceptance for a period of 30 days from the date set forth above, unless changed by us in writing.

OLSSON, INC.

By  _____
Brian Friedrichsen

By  _____
Brian Degen

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have full authority to bind Client to the terms of the Agreement. If you accept the terms set forth herein, please sign:

CITY OF ST. PAUL

By _____
Signature

Print Name _____

Title _____

Dated _____

Attachments

Scope of Services

General Provisions

Topographic Survey Boundary Exhibit

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Identifying,
Charactering +
mapping wetlands

This exhibit is hereby attached to and made a part of the Letter Agreement for Professional Services dated February 3, 2025, between the City of St. Paul ("Client") and Olsson, Inc. ("Olsson") providing for professional services. Olsson's Scope of Services for the Agreement is indicated below.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

Project will be located at: Southeast corner of the Middle Loup River Subdivision

Project Description: Topographic survey, wetland delineation, and design of a drainage ditch/swale from the Middle Loup River Subdivision discharge point to the Loup River

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Olsson shall provide the following services (Scope of Services) to Client for the Project:

DESIGN SERVICES

Phase 100 – Site Investigation

Task 101 – Topographic Survey

\$1,900.00 TMNTE

Topographic survey shall be completed to determine the feasibility of constructing a drainage ditch/swale from the Middle Loup River Subdivision to the Loup River. Elevation shots shall be taken along a line from the storm sewer discharge point directly to the Loup River. Elevation shots shall also be taken on the neighboring property's driveway (within the City of St. Paul existing easement) to determine the drainage ditch/swale elevation required to prevent flooding during normal rain events.

A Utility-One-Call shall be made for the site. Utilities that are marked shall be located. Above ground visible utilities shall be located. Olsson will not be responsible for underground utilities not marked by the utility locate, also underground structures or tanks that are not visible on the surface of the site. An attempt shall be made to obtain utility maps from the utilities listed on the Utility-One-Call. If maps are provided, those utilities shall be placed on the survey. Manholes shall be inverted to get the pipe size and flow lines elevations.

Horizontal coordinate system will be in reference to Nebraska State Plane Ground Coordinate System. Vertical datum will be in reference to the North American Datum of 1988 (NAVD88).

Phase 200 – Wetland Delineation

\$3,500.00 TMNTE

Task 201 – Wetland Delineation

Wetland delineation of the project study area, which is defined as approximately 3 acres in St. Paul, Howard County, Nebraska. Olsson would follow the methods described in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) Wetland Delineation Manual (January 1987) and the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Great Plains Region (Version 2.0) (March 2010).

- Desktop Review – The first step of the Wetland Delineation consists of a desktop review of available databases to determine areas within the project study area that may have potential wetlands or other water. This review will include accessing information from the Nation Hydrography Dataset (NHD), Nation Wetland Inventory (NWI), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 minute topographic maps, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil data, and current and historical aerial imagery.
- Site Visit – Following the desktop review, a site visit will be conducted to field verify the presence or absence of wetlands and other water identified during the desktop review. The site visit must be conducted during the USACE specified growing season (May 1 – October 31). The site visit will be conducted by traversing the project study area to identify wetland characteristics including hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology. Wetland and/or other waters boundaries will be delineated using sub-meter accuracy global positioning system (GPS) units. Great Plains Region Data Forms will be filled out. Photographs documenting site conditions, including wetlands and other waters, will be taken.
- Report – Upon completion of the site visit a report documenting the findings of the Wetland Delineation will be prepared detailing the presence or absence of wetlands and other waters within the project study area. The Wetland Delineation Report will include a narrative of how the Wetland Delineation was conducted and a summary of the results of the Wetland Delineation. Figures documenting information gathered during the desktop review and figures showing wetland and other water boundaries, sample point locations, and photo point locations will be included along with a photo log documenting conditions at the time of the site visit.

The wetland delineation work shall not commence if the topographic survey finds that the drainage ditch/swale is not feasible due to the elevations found.

Optional Services

- Although not anticipated as a requirement base on the project scope, the following services can be provided by Olsson at the fees shown at the request of the client:
 - Preliminary Jurisdictional Evaluation - \$3,000.00
 - USACE Nationwide Permit Pre-Construction Notification - \$5,500.00

Assumptions

- Client to provide access to the project study area

Phase 300 – Civil Design

\$2,500.00 TMNTE

Task 301 – Civil Design

Olsson shall use the gathered topographic survey and wetland delineation maps to create a plan and profile of a proposed drainage ditch/swale from the subdivision outlet to the Loup River. The plan sheet will contain the information needed for a contractor to build the drainage ditch/swale.

The civil design work shall not commence if the topographic survey finds that the drainage ditch/swale is not feasible due to the elevations found.

Exclusions

The following services are **not** included in this proposal but can be provided by Olsson as an additional service if requested:

- Boundary survey
- As-built drawings/certifications
- Additional easements, legal descriptions, re-platting, and exhibits required for the project
- Permit fees
- Agency coordination meetings
- Individual Section 404 Permit application
- Site visits with the State or Federal Agencies
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act Nesting Surveys
- Bald and Golden Eagle Nest Surveys
- Agency Requested Threatened and Endangered Species-Specific Survey
- Agency Requested Historic or Cultural Resource Surveys
- Floodplain permitting
- Wetland mitigation Services
- Conceptual and Final Mitigation Plan
- SWPPP documents unless the disturbed area is more than 1 acre

Should Client request work in addition to the Scope of Services, Olsson shall invoice Client for such additional services (Optional Additional Services) at the standard hourly billing labor rate charged for those employees actually performing the work, plus reimbursable expenses if any. Olsson shall not commence work on Optional Additional Services without Client's prior written approval.

Olsson agrees to provide all of its services in a timely, competent and professional manner, in accordance with applicable standards of care, for projects of similar geographic location, quality and scope.

Connie Beck

From: Brian Friedrichsen <bfriedrichsen@olsson.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 4:58 PM
To: Matt Helzer; Connie Beck
Subject: St. Paul Drainage Survey Letter Agreement
Attachments: St. Paul Drainage Survey Letter Agreement.pdf

Matt/Connie,

Attached please find the letter agreement to evaluate and design a drainage ditch/swale from the Middle Loup River Subdivision discharge point to the Loup River to be on the next available council meeting. I will plan on being in attendance to answer any questions that you or the council may have. As you read through this, you will note that we will start out with the topographic survey and if it is determined that this ditch will not be feasible, we will not complete the rest of the scope of work.

If there are any questions before the meeting, please let me know.

Thanks,

Brian J. Friedrichsen, P.E.
Senior Engineer / Civil

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C 308.750.4326

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Grand Island, NE 68801
O 308.384.8750

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City of St. Paul's Treasurer's Report by Department

As of December 31, 2024

<u>City DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>Current Mth Total</u>	<u>Comments</u>
LIGHT		
M. Mk #504-981	\$ 6,614.97	
ICS #103217	\$ 482,769.97	
NPAIT #23251-101	\$ 502,358.95	
NE CLASS #01-0005-0001	\$ 785,190.58	
	\$ 1,776,934.47	
Utility Bill #411025	\$ 324,585.95	
(Lt 50%; Wtr 25% & Swr 25%)		
Consumer Dep #102-415	\$ 55,100.71	
(the people's money)	\$ 379,686.66	
WATER		
M. Mkt #504-189	\$ 8,457.08	
ICS #103225	\$ 361,842.55	
NPAIT #23251-102	\$ 166,346.87	
NE CLASS #01-0005-0002	\$ 242,602.45	
	\$ 779,248.95	
SEWER		
M. Mkt #504-849	\$ 19,910.42	
ICS #103241	\$ 341,737.52	
NPAIT #23251-106	\$ 221,927.87	
NE CLASS 01-005-0003	\$ 318,968.88	
	\$ 902,544.69	
LANDFILL	\$ -	
GENERAL		
Checking #100027	\$ 513,790.48	
(ALL Depts)		
M. Mkt #504-805	\$ -	
ICS #103209	\$ 624,363.29	
NPAIT #23251-104	\$ 502,358.95	
NE CLASS #01-0005-0004	\$ 724,637.70	
	\$ 1,851,359.94	
BUILDING		
ICS #103233	\$ 10,102.31	
NE CLASS #01-0005-0019	\$ 26,390.46	
	\$ 36,492.77	

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STREET					
Brick's M. Mkt #504-915	\$	2,075.31			
M. Mkt #505-014	\$	12,224.11			
ICS #103349	\$	310,438.05			
NE CLASS #01-0005-0005	\$	45,083.69			
	\$	369,821.16			
FIRE					
M. Mkt #504-992	\$	7,671.10			
ICS #103268	\$	14,180.73			
NPAIT #23251-107	\$	94,860.17			
NE CLASS #01-0005-0006	\$	32,988.07			
	\$	149,700.07			
POLICE					
M. Mkt #504-860	\$	1,109.20			
ICS #103292	\$	2,757.91			
NE CLASS #01-0005-0007	\$	16,494.04			
	\$	20,361.15			
FIRE STATION CONST.					
Ckg #103-683	\$	40,030.55			
ICS #103683	\$	488,727.97			
NPAIT #23251-201	\$	599,119.41			
	\$	1,127,877.93			
CEMETERY					
M. Mkt #505-168	\$	16,706.13			
Savings #753-122	\$	17,944.28			
ICS #103446	\$	66,253.43			
NE CLASS #01-0005-0009	\$	28,589.63			
	\$	129,493.47			
AMBULANCE					
M. Mkt #505-003	\$	8,096.65			
ICS #103276	\$	79,732.74			
NPAIT #23251-108	\$	166,560.28			
NE CLASS #01-0005-0010	\$	129,753.02			
	\$	384,142.69			
SWIM POOL					
M. Mkt #504-442	\$	14,253.63			
ICS #103438	\$	39,506.52			
NE CLASS #01-0005-0020	\$	16,494.04			
	\$	70,254.19			

PARK					
M. Mkt #505-025	\$	11,873.49			
Savings #772-682 (Alum)	\$	7,598.36			
ICS #103284	\$	47,126.68			
NPAIT #23251-109	\$	101,478.28			
NE CLASS #01-0005-0011	\$	48,382.52			
	\$	216,459.33			
RECREATION					
Savings #54827	\$	3,456.89			
LIBRARY					
M. Mkt (Maint) #504-970	\$	2,903.38			
ICS #103365	\$	12,434.10			
NPAIT #23251-110	\$	55,151.31			
NE CLASS #01-0005-0012	\$	42,884.48			
	\$	113,373.27			
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE					
Ckg #102-482	\$	60,741.90			
Ckg 125 Plan #102-407	\$	17,460.94			
ICS #102482	\$	107,706.80			
NE CLASS #01-0005-0022	\$	130,209.09			
	\$	316,118.73			
SALES TAX					
Checking #300-277	\$	35,170.22			
M. Mkt #504-420	\$	174,455.23			
ICS #103462	\$	14,499.59			
NE CLASS #01-0005-0014	\$	133,051.84			
	\$	357,176.88			
25% INFRASTRUCTURE (Sales Tax)					
Ckg #102-342	\$	164,678.60			
ICS 102342	\$	211,910.99			
NE CLASS #01-0005-0015	\$	79,130.10			
	\$	455,719.69			
FIRE STATION PROCEEDS	\$	112,302.45			
(Sales Tax) #103-667 (Bond)					
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M. Mkt #504-409	\$	57,325.89			
ICS #103314	\$	41,363.66			
NPAIT #23251-111	\$	111,405.63			
NE CLASS #01-0005-0013	\$	40,685.30			
	\$	250,780.48			
CIVIC CENTER					
Ckg #300-749	\$	240.13			
M. Mkt #505-179	\$	1,875.59			
	\$	2,115.72			
TIF					
M. Mkt #505-036	\$	1,276.21			
SENIOR CENTER					
M. Mkt #504-882	\$	8,550.79			
ICS #103373	\$	25,442.99			
NE CLASS #01-0005-0021	\$	21,992.05			
	\$	55,985.83			
REDLG					
Checking #301-465	\$	149,815.01			
ICS #103381	\$	104,207.34			
NPAIT #23251-112	\$	55,151.31			
NE CLASS #01-0005-0017	\$	18,693.22			
	\$	327,866.88			
ARPA (Zero Balance)	\$	-			
GRAND TOTAL	\$	10,704,340.98			

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City Council Meeting Date: Monday, Feb 3rd

Requested Agenda Item: (Bran) St. Paul Bike Ride Across Nebraska June 1 to June 7, 2025

Please state your Agenda Item (please be specific, providing documentation if available):

looking to Rent Pool for a discount or free For 1 hour on June 4th (After hours)

marking Road for Bike path
Shower trailer - Farnum + Jackson

What action do you want the City Council to take? Approve this Item

Will this project/item require City funding? YES NO If so, how much? _____

Name (please print): Jordan Robinson / Katie Mathews

Name (signature): [Signature]

Address: 619 Howard Ave

Phone Number: 308 754 5558

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___ Added to City Council Agenda. Date of City Council meeting: _____
___ Referred to City Council Committee for Recommendation

City Council Action Taken: _____

City Funds Authorized: _____



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Chris Wiehl, BRAN President –

Phone: (402) 344-4120



bicyclerideacrossnebraska@gmail.com

Lee Lazure, BRAN Vice-President – Phone: (402) 689-7954

llazure@hotmail.com

Cyclists Gear Up for the 43rd Annual Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska

“Journey to the Center of Nebraska” Combines Adventure, Community, and a Challenge

Omaha, NE—Cyclists nationwide are invited to experience the heart of Nebraska like never before during the 43rd annual Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska (BRAN), scheduled for June 1–7, 2025. Aptly themed “Journey to the

Center of Nebraska,” this week-long cycling adventure offers a unique opportunity to explore the state’s breathtaking landscapes, vibrant small towns, and rich cultural history while supporting a meaningful cause.

Why BRAN is More Than Just a Ride

BRAN has earned its reputation as one of the Midwest’s premier cycling events, blending non-competitive cycling with community engagement. Riders will traverse Nebraska’s picturesque heartland, stopping in welcoming towns that showcase the state’s unique charm. Highlights of the 2025 route include scenic rides along Lake McConaughy, visits to historic sites like the Pony Express Station, and an exploration of the majestic Sandhills.

“We who live here know Nebraska is so much more than a ‘flyover state’—a hidden gem waiting to be explored,” said Chris Wiehl, BRAN President. “BRAN is about discovering the beauty of our landscapes, the warmth of our communities, and the unforgettable experiences that make people fall in love with Nebraska.”

Participants can choose from 3-day, 4-day, or 7-day options, with packages tailored to fit their needs. The entire tour offers nightly tent camping space, baggage handling, hot showers, and other amenities, ensuring riders can focus on the journey and camaraderie with fellow cyclists.

A Ride with Impact

Beyond the personal challenge and adventure, BRAN riders contribute to the future of Nebraska’s youth. Each registration supports scholarships for students attending trade schools, colleges, and universities.

Host Communities Ready to Welcome Riders

BRAN’s route benefits host communities economically and socially, as cyclists spend money on food, lodging, and local goods. For small towns, the event showcases their hospitality and unique attractions, fostering a spirit of pride and connection.

Don't Miss Out—Register Now!

Cyclists are encouraged to register early for this extraordinary journey. Space is limited, and the countdown to June has begun. Secure your spot today and ensure your vacation time is set for a summer adventure you'll never forget. Ridership limited. Register by April to avoid price increase. Student discounts available.

Event Details

- Dates: June 1–7, 2025
- Route Highlights: Oshkosh to Fremont, featuring stops in Sutherland, Gothenburg, Broken Bow, St. Paul, Central City, and David City
- Registration: **Now open at [bran-inc.org](https://www.bran-inc.org)**

For media inquiries or interviews, please contact:

Chris Wiehl, BRAN President & Tour Director: (402) 344-4120

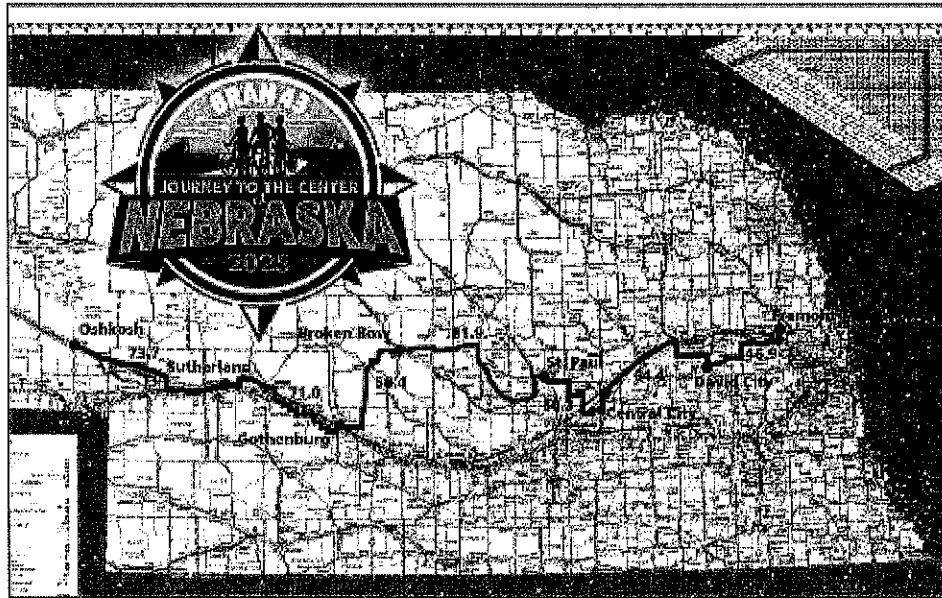
Lee Lazure, BRAN Vice-President: (402) 689-7954

About BRAN

The Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska (BRAN) is a non-profit cycling tour that showcases Nebraska's natural beauty, fosters community connections, and supports higher education through scholarships. Since its inception, BRAN has brought together cyclists from all walks of life to celebrate the spirit of adventure and the joy of giving back.

Editor's Note:

High-resolution images and interviews with BRAN organizers and past participants are available upon request.



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

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Paul, Nebraska was held at City Hall in said City on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 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 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 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 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 City of St. Paul was awarded an \$875,000 grant through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Rural Community Recovery Program (RCRP) #23-RCP-033 for park improvements. One of the grant projects will be to remove the existing tennis/pickle ball courts and to construct three (3) new tennis/pickle ball courts, including fencing, benches and lighting. The work will begin after the high school tennis season ends in May of 2025. Council member Woodgate moved to proceed with a Request for Proposals (RFP) for final design plans, specifications, bidding, and project/construction management of the 3-court tennis/pickle ball court construction. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. A committee has been

established to review the bids and to make a recommendation to the City Council for project completion.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve using general reserves to pay for the Rural Community Recovery Program (RCRP) disbursements. Funds will be returned to the General reserve fund when the NE Department of Economic Development reimburses the City. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate vote aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0. The City will open a checking account for all transactions regarding the grant project. Matching funds of \$25,000 recently received from the St. Paul Public School will be used to open the bank account.

Council member Peters moved to approve JEO Consulting Group Change Order Number 1 (Bierman Contracting Inc.) regarding the St. Paul Fire Station at 4th and Kendall Streets, St. Paul, NE. The Contract is changed as follows: (1) Storm Sewer Updates Deduction - \$5,000; (2) Street Paving Change Addition - \$1,810; and (3) Storage Room Deck Addition - \$5,791. The change order is a total amount of \$2,601. Council member Kowalski seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Woodgate moved to approve the Bierman Contracting, Inc. Fire Station Construction Pay Request #7 in the amount of \$242,875.10 regarding the general conditions, concrete foundations and flatwork, and Pre-Engineered Metal Building (PEMB) erection. City Clerk Beck will transfer \$242,875.10 from the Fire Station Construction NPAIT account and deposit it to the Fire Station Construction Checking account to absorb the pay request. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding a request to allow Police Officer Matthew Sample to take training courses to become a certified Firearms Instructor and Patrol Rifle Instructor. Council member Woodgate made a motion to deny such request for the reason that other instructors were available in the area. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Woodgate and Peters voted aye; Council members Kowalski and Wilson voted nay. Mayor Feeken voted aye as the tie breaker vote. Motion carried 3/2.

Council member Kowalski moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items: (1) Treasurer's Report December 2024; (2) Minutes of January 6, 2025 (regular) and January 9, 2025 (special); (3) Zoning Minutes January 13, 2025; and (4) Disbursements January 21, 2025. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Disbursements January 21, 2025

Amazon Capital Services (books)	205.54
AT&T Mobility (service)	443.55
Aurora Coop (fuel)	1220.70
Automatic Systems (service)	307.50

Black Hills Energy (natural gas)	2488.84
Bryan Jensen Clothing (supplies)	311.70
Cengage Learning (book)	32.79
Charter/Spectrum (service)	204.96
Christensen Insurance (bond)	1801.59
City Consumer Deposit (Porter) (rental deposit)	250.00
City Lights (utilities)	9596.46
Clearly (telephone)	198.27
CopyCat Printing (supplies)	132.50
Core & Main (supplies)	422.66
Custer County Recycling (service)	17.60
Dick's Repair (service)	116.94
Filter Care (service)	74.00
First Concord Benefits (fees)	112.00
Fousek, Kris (uniforms)	199.28
Hamilton Information (service)	1568.50
Hawkins Inc. (service)	604.91
Heartland Disposal (service)	5851.17
Homestead Bank (fees & rent)	38.80
Howard County Register of Deeds (fees)	70.00
Howard Greeley RPPD (utilities)	159324.90
Interstate All Battery Center (supplies)	351.50
Jim's Champlin (fuel)	2281.65
John Deere Financial (supplies)	668.57
LCL Truck Equipment (supplies)	1309.12
Mid-Nebraska Disposal (service)	4875.23
MR Cleaning (service)	652.70
NE Dept of Energy & Envir (license)	300.00
NE Dept of Revenue (Sales & Use Tax Dec 2023) tax	15592.42
Olsson (engineering)	750.00
One Call Concepts (service)	16.68
Open Caret (service)	200.00
Parts Bin (supplies)	527.97
PCAN Treasurer (dues)	120.00
Phonograph Herald (publish)	624.47
PIP Marketing (supplies)	1392.46
Quick Med Claims (service)	2128.53
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	29.88
Sample, Matt (reimb)	24.60
Schaper & White (service)	364.58
Servi-Tech (lab)	168.00
Smith Welding (service)	97.24
South Central EMS (repair)	585.00

St. Paul Public School (service)	2250.00
St. Paul Veterinary Clinic (fee)	75.00
Sun Auto Tire & Service (service)	35.00
Triple T Disposal (service)	287.00
U S Postal Service (postage)	525.00
Wells Plumbing (repair)	160.50
Wesco Distribution (supplies)	522.23
Wise Heavy Equipment (supplies)	70.17

Non-General Disbursements

Sales Tax M. Mkt Transfer to Sales Tax Checking (Trfr)	75000.00
Police Savings: Grady Robinson Helmet (helmet)	100.00
Reimbursement from SRT Donation	
Light ICS #103217 to Light 100027: RE: F350 (equip)	33170.44
Ford Truck Equipment	
Keno: NE Dept of Revenue - Qrtrly tax rpt (fee)	5566.00

Council member Wilson moved to approve Mayor Feeken’s appointment of Council member Woodgate as the President of the Elmwood Cemetery Foundation. Mayor Feeken previously appointed himself to replace former Mayor Bergman. Council member Peters seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Council member Woodgate made a motion to authorize City Clerk Connie Jo Beck, Mayor Feeken, and Council members Kowalski and Wilson to attend the NE League of Municipalities Midwinter Conference on February 24 -25, 2025 at the Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, NE. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Council members Kowalski, Peters, Wilson & Woodgate voted aye, nays none. Motion carried 4/0.

Utilities Superintendent Helzer updates:

- (1) The demolition of two houses has been rescheduled for next week. Scott Reynolds Construction had a truck break down so the project was rescheduled.
- (2) The City realized a savings of approximately \$30,000 for 2024 from the solar farm east of town.
- (3) A summary was provided on the revenue received as a result of late fees, disconnect letter fees and reconnection fees on city utilities.
- (4) A stand-alone drop box has been ordered to replace the drive-through window for utility payments.

Chief of Police Howard updates:

- (1) The 2016 Ford Explorer required a fuel injector repair.
- (2) A representative from Street Cop Training has asked the St. Paul Police Department to host a Report Writing class for law enforcement officers this spring at the Civic Center. It is anticipated that 50 officers would participate. Street Cop Training will provide all

material, and advertise the class. If the City hosts the event, the City officers will not be charged to attend.

- (3) The Police Department and the Sheriff's office held a Stop the Bleed event at Brookfield Park. The event was video recorded. All employees either attended the live event, or will be required to watch the video.
- (4) The Sheriff's Office, the Police Department and the Emergency Management Director will discuss Active Shooter training at Brookfield Park. The training could also involve the school in order to do a community-wide training event.
- (5) An officer will be attending training in LaVista next week.

Mayor Mike Feeken updates:

- (1) The St. Paul Fire Station Progress special meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.;
- (2) The St. Paul Housing Authority Audit is available for viewing at the City Office.

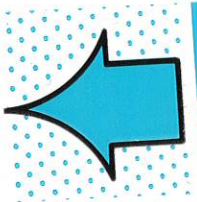
The second (2nd) City Council meeting in February 2025 will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, due to the President's Day holiday.

Mayor Feeken adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Date

Mike Feeken, Mayor

Laura Berthelsen, Deputy City Clerk



February 3, 2025 Disbursements

Gross Wages - January	155501.21
Ace Hardware (supplies)	19.58
Aqua-Aerobic Systems (supplies)	480.07
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE (insurance)	17738.97
Bomgaars (supplies)	1007.98
Central District Health Dept (lab)	156.00
Charter/Spectrum (service)	239.96
City Health Deductible Savings (insurance)	5082.00
City of St. Paul 125 Plan (insurance)	90.00
Core & Main (supplies)	749.79
Custer County Recycling (Service)	27.40
Dutton Lainson (supplies)	510.28
Eakes Office Solutions (contract)	446.95
Ecolab (service)	145.81
Elan Financial Services (fees, postage, supplies, education, car wash)	5614.22
Hawkins Inc (chemicals)	427.03
Heartland Disposal (service)	163.35
Howard Co. Register of Deeds (fee)	66.00
Howard Co. Treasurer (Dispatch Fee)	3334.89
Hydro Optimization (service)	532.50
JK Energy Consulting (service)	462.50
LARM (insurance)	2647.67
LCL Truck Equipment (supplies)	354.43
League of NE Municipalities (education)	1580.00
Madison Nat'l Life (insurance)	198.36
Menards (supplies)	270.56
Merchant Job Training (education)	550.00
Municipal Supply (supplies)	582.30
Mutual of Omaha (insurance)	127.08
NE Public Health Environment (lab)	148.00
Parts Bin (supplies)	93.65
Petty Cash (car wash, meal)	36.05
S E Smith & Sons (supplies)	15.48
State of NE Central Svcs (telephone)	4.10
Utilities Section of LONM (education)	250.00
Vogel Auto Repair (repair)	1695.88
Wesco (supplies)	633.89

Non-General Disbursements

Sales Tax: St. Paul Dev Corp - Mid Loup River eng fees	3959.40
City of St. Paul: Transfer Out of Dept M. Mkt (transfer) (Light/Water/Sewer) RE Utility Bill Drop Box	3046.20
Fire Station Construction: Bierman Contracting (improve) Pay Request #7	242875.10
Npait: Fire Station Construction Transfer of Funds (transfer) to Pay Bierman Contracting Pay Request #7	242875.10

Sales Tax: Street: Mtr Veh Tax: November 2024 Proceeds (Mtr Veh Tax)	4935.97
Sales Tax: Fire Station: November 2024 Proceeds (Fire Station)	18631.04
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure: November 2024 Proceeds (25% Infrast)	9315.52
Fire Station Construction: JEO Consulting: Engineer Fee (Eng Fee)	2354.25
Sales Tax: 25% Infrastructure: RVW - GIS mapping	800.00

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11100 CHECKING					
71896	02/03/25	ACE HARDWARE & GARDEN CENTER			
E 34-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$8.59	623377/1	Cem - parts for generator for ground thawing
E 34-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$11.81	623379/1	Cem - parts for generator for ground thawing
E 34-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$10.99	623381/1	Cem - parts for generator for ground thawing
E 34-20-270		UTILITY R & M	(\$11.81)	K23380/1	Cem - parts for generator for ground thawing
		Total	\$19.58		
71897	02/03/25	AQUA-AEROBIC SYSTEMS INC			
E 03-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$480.07	1045302	Swr - membrane diffuser tube assembly for WWTP
		Total	\$480.07		
71898	02/03/25	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NE			
E 02-10-130		INSURANCE	\$4,486.74	4481779	Wtr - health insurance
E 10-10-130		INSURANCE	\$3,030.78	4481779	Gen - health insurance
E 01-10-130		INSURANCE	\$2,436.51	4481779	Lgts - health insurance
E 42-10-130		INSURANCE	\$1,723.38	4481779	Park - health insurance
E 32-10-130		INSURANCE	\$1,723.38	4481779	Pol - health insurance
E 21-10-130		INSURANCE	\$1,396.54	4481779	Strs - health insurance
E 03-10-130		INSURANCE	\$2,941.64	4481779	Swr - health insurance
		Total	\$17,738.97		
71899	02/03/25	BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC			
E 02-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$10.68	43096725	Wtr - mouse traps for Well #9
E 01-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$18.69	43096733	Lgts - string line level, gloves
E 01-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$14.97	43096761	Lgts - paper towels for City office
E 02-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$14.96	43096761	Wtr - paper towels for City office
E 42-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$16.94	43096775	Park - lap links, chains, electrical tape, duct tape
E 42-20-272		TOOLS	\$19.99	43096775	Park - pliers
E 03-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$24.99	43096816	Swr - extension cord for air diffuser motors at WWTP
E 34-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$7.99	43096997	Cem - glue for fence caps
E 01-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$19.22	43097082	Lgts - concrete mix for Middle Loup River Sub
E 21-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$8.69	43097108	Strs - Goof Off adhesive remover
E 42-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$24.32	43097289	Park - wire clips, stainless steel cables
E 01-20-272		TOOLS	\$57.47	43097757	Lgts - parts for lifting & setting pads
E 02-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$47.03	43097776	Wtr - shop towels, paper towels, toilet paper, cleaners for WTP
E 03-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$16.99	43097800	Swr - pail
E 31-20-520		BLDG/ R & M	\$3.00	43098937	Fire - fasteners for north overhead door
E 21-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$2.56	43099050	Strs - nuts/bolts, fasteners for snow blower controller
E 32-20-520		BLDG/ R & M	\$3.60	43099613	Pol - fasteners for evidence room door handle
E 32-20-520		BLDG/ R & M	\$1.70	43099639	Pol - fasteners for evidence room door handle
E 02-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$23.51	43099728	Wtr - parts for toilet repairs at City office
E 02-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$27.80	43099744	Wtr - parts for toilet repairs at City office
E 02-20-272		TOOLS	\$40.65	43099744	Wtr - adjustable wrench
E 21-20-272		TOOLS	\$17.99	43099937	Strs - welding wire
E 21-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$68.99	43100765	Strs - coupling for snow blower controller
E 03-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$2.79	43100961	Swr - safety snap

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E 42-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$49.48	43101718	Park - sprayer tip, check valve strainer
E 21-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$31.99	43101747	Strs - diesel additive for snow blower
E 42-20-272		TOOLS	\$19.98	43102917	Park - marine weld epoxy, snow pusher
E 01-20-271		VEHICLE R & M	\$15.37	43103105	Lgts - #40W vehicle cleaners, WD-40
E 02-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$22.45	43103108	Wtr - cable ties
E 42-20-272		TOOLS	\$31.85	43103342	Park - drill bits, fasteners
E 42-20-272		TOOLS	(\$5.99)	43103367	Park - return fasteners
E 42-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$20.37	43103368	Park - bearings for chalker
E 21-20-271		VEHICLE R & M	\$15.16	43103383	Strs - #18 corner brace
E 01-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$2.88	43103442	Lgts - photo hanger for shop
E 03-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$38.97	43103480	Swr - gloves, pail
E 21-20-271		VEHICLE R & M	\$44.99	43103603	Strs - #4 plow jack
E 01-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$28.87	43104579	Lgts - deck screws for shop
E 01-20-272		TOOLS	\$32.08	43104579	Lgts - level, hex extension
E 21-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$5.96	43104695	Strs - fasteners
E 21-20-272		TOOLS	\$3.99	43104902	Strs - jig saw blade
E 01-20-272		TOOLS	\$111.26	43105117	Lgts - drill bits
E 01-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$28.85	43105117	Lgts - terminals, heat shrink tubing
E 01-20-272		TOOLS	(\$55.63)	43105119	Lgts - drill bit returns
E 42-20-520		BLDG/ R & M	\$84.54	43105185	Park - fence wire, chain, hooks for batting cage netting
E 02-20-270		UTILITY R & M	(\$14.96)	43909744	Wtr - return parts - toilet repair at City office
Total			\$1,007.98		
71900	02/03/25	CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT			
E 02-20-232		LAB SAMPLE	\$156.00	26361	Wtr - coliform samples
Total			\$156.00		
71901	02/03/25	CHARTER/SPECTRUM			
E 10-20-220		COMMUNICATION	\$109.98	17621670101	Gen - internet service at City office
E 31-20-220		COMMUNICATION	\$129.98	17621670101	Fire - internet service
Total			\$239.96		
71902	02/03/25	CITY HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE SAVINGS			
E 42-10-130		INSURANCE	\$363.00		Park - health reimbursement
E 03-10-130		INSURANCE	\$1,089.00		Swr - health reimbursement
E 01-10-130		INSURANCE	\$726.00		Lgts - health reimbursement
E 21-10-130		INSURANCE	\$726.00		Strs - health reimbursement
E 02-10-130		INSURANCE	\$1,089.00		Wtr - health reimbursement
E 10-10-130		INSURANCE	\$726.00		Gen - health reimbursement
E 32-10-130		INSURANCE	\$363.00		Po! - health reimbursement
Total			\$5,082.00		
71903	02/03/25	CITY OF ST PAUL 125 PLAN			
E 02-10-130		INSURANCE	\$30.00		Wtr - life insurance
E 03-10-130		INSURANCE	\$10.00		Swr - life insurance
E 21-10-130		INSURANCE	\$20.00		Strs - life insurance
E 10-10-130		INSURANCE	\$20.00		Gen - life insurance
E 42-10-130		INSURANCE	\$10.00		Park - life insurance
Total			\$90.00		

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71904	02/03/25	CORE & MAIN			
E 02-20-269		Water Meters	\$749.79	V959633	Wtr - new register for Courthouse water meter
		Total	\$749.79		
71905	02/03/25	CUSTER COUNTY RECYCLING			
E 04-20-325		Recycle Delivery	\$27.40	686	Lndfl - recycling trailer
		Total	\$27.40		
71906	02/03/25	DUTTON-LAINSON CO.			
E 21-20-281		Street Lights Repair & Mai	\$458.64	908116-1	Strs - replacement lights for Howard Avenue - Downtown
E 01-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$51.64	908121-1	Lgts - squeeze connectors
		Total	\$510.28		
71907	02/03/25	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS			
E 01-20-520		BLDG/ R & M	\$112.98	INV620812	Lgts - copier contract (10/25/24 to 1/24/25)
E 02-20-520		BLDG/ R & M	\$112.98	INV620812	Wtr - copier contract (10/25/24 to 1/24/25)
E 03-20-520		BLDG/ R & M	\$112.98	INV620812	Swr - copier contract (10/25/24 to 1/24/25)
E 32-20-520		BLDG/ R & M	\$108.01	INV620813	Pol - copier contract (10/25/24 to 1/24/25)
		Total	\$446.95		
71908	02/03/25	ECOLAB			
E 10-20-520		BLDG/ R & M	\$52.49	7195437	Gen - pest management at City office
E 02-20-520		BLDG/ R & M	\$46.66	7195438	Wtr - pest management at WTP
E 03-20-520		BLDG/ R & M	\$46.66	7195449	Swr - pest management at WWTP
		Total	\$145.81		
71909	02/03/25	ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES			
E 10-20-310		OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$72.15	0659	Gen - cash register receipt rolls, copy paper, large envelopes, binder clips
E 03-20-310		OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$25.66	0659	Swr - microscope slides
E 01-50-550		IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,015.40	1812	Lgts - utility payment drop box
E 02-50-550		IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,015.40	1812	Wtr - utility payment drop box
E 03-50-550		IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,015.40	1812	Swr - utility payment drop box
E 36-20-210		PROF&SCHOOLS	\$260.00	3039	EMS - NEMSA registration for Nicholas Meyer
E 02-20-313		POSTAGE	\$365.00	3496	Wtr - postage for water surveys
E 34-20-316		Niche Engraving	\$18.15	3561	Cem - postage for Szatko niche engraving
E 36-20-210		PROF&SCHOOLS	\$260.00	4162	EMS - NEMSA registration for Deb Meyer
E 32-20-271		VEHICLE R & M	\$5.00	6027	Pol - #97 car wash
E 36-20-210		PROF&SCHOOLS	\$260.00	6116	EMS - NEMSA registration for Lisa Woodgate
E 36-20-210		PROF&SCHOOLS	\$260.00	7030	EMS - NEMSA registration for Connie Jo Beck
E 03-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$329.34	7260	Swr - lab equipment
E 36-20-210		PROF&SCHOOLS	\$260.00	7497	EMS - NEMSA registration for Nathan Meyer
E 01-20-266		DocuSend Fee	\$25.00	7892	Lgts - fee to email utility bills
E 36-20-210		PROF&SCHOOLS	\$260.00	9655	EMS - NEMSA registration for Kari Pierson
E 36-20-320		MERCH & SUPPLY	\$167.72	9892	EMS - O2 connectors, elastic bandages, wraps, oxygen masks, AED pads
		Total	\$5,614.22		
71910	02/03/25	HAWKINS INC			
E 02-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$52.03	6959363	Wtr - connectors for chlorine lines

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E 03-20-274		CHEMICALS	\$375.00	6966322	Swr - chlorine
		Total	\$427.03		
71911	02/03/25	HEARTLAND DISPOSAL INC			
E 31-20-520		BLDG/ R & M	\$56.33	230688	Fire - sanitation disposal
E 04-20-521		GROUNDS / R & M	\$56.33	230688	Lndfl - sanitation disposal at City office
E 21-20-520		BLDG/ R & M	\$50.69	230688	Strs - sanitation disposal at the North yards
		Total	\$163.35		
71912	02/03/25	HOWARD CO REGISTER OF DEEDS			
E 10-20-216		RECORDING FEE	\$66.00		Gen - record Declaration of Covenants on park property (required for NDED grant)
		Total	\$66.00		
71913	02/03/25	HOWARD COUNTY TREASURER (CCCC)			
E 32-20-214		DISPATCHER	\$3,334.89		Pol - dispatcher pay
		Total	\$3,334.89		
71914	02/03/25	HYDRO OPTIMIZATION & AUTOMATIO			
E 02-20-211		ADM. & DUES	\$266.25	12476	Wtr - 2025 annual fee for ScreenConnect web hosting
E 03-20-211		ADM. & DUES	\$266.25	12476	Swr - 2025 annual fee for ScreenConnect web hosting
		Total	\$532.50		
71915	02/03/25	JK ENERGY CONSULTING LLC			
E 01-20-210		PROF&SCHOOLS	\$462.50	2262	Lgts - rate study services
		Total	\$462.50		
71916	02/03/25	LARM			
E 10-20-250		CITY INSURANCE	\$23.19	112252	Gen - work comp audit adjustment
E 02-20-250		CITY INSURANCE	(\$39.77)	112252	Wtr - work comp audit adjustment
E 01-20-250		CITY INSURANCE	(\$449.95)	112252	Lgts - work comp audit adjustment
E 03-20-250		CITY INSURANCE	\$742.86	112252	Swr - work comp audit adjustment
E 34-20-250		CITY INSURANCE	\$89.49	112252	Cem - work comp audit adjustment
E 32-20-250		CITY INSURANCE	\$1,942.28	112252	Pol - work comp audit adjustment
E 21-20-250		CITY INSURANCE	\$648.99	112252	Strs - work comp audit adjustment
E 41-20-250		CITY INSURANCE	(\$85.06)	112252	Pool - work comp audit adjustment
E 42-20-250		CITY INSURANCE	(\$224.36)	112252	Park - work comp audit adjustment
		Total	\$2,647.67		
71917	02/03/25	LCL TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC.			
E 21-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$354.43	INV1010735	Strs - vibrator motor for salt spreader
		Total	\$354.43		
71918	02/03/25	LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALIT			
E 10-20-210		PROF&SCHOOLS	\$395.00		Gen - Registration for Midwinter Conference - Mike Feeken
E 10-20-210		PROF&SCHOOLS	\$395.00		Gen - Registration for Midwinter Conference - Connie Jo Beck
E 10-20-210		PROF&SCHOOLS	\$395.00		Gen - Registration for Midwinter Conference - Mark Wilson

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E 10-20-210		PROF&SCHOOLS	\$395.00		Gen - Registration for Midwinter Conference - Katie Kowalski
Total			\$1,580.00		
71919	02/03/25	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE			
E 42-10-130		INSURANCE	\$11.02	1673886	Park - life insurance
E 03-10-130		INSURANCE	\$33.06	1673886	Swr - life insurance
E 01-10-130		INSURANCE	\$33.06	1673886	Lgts - life insurance
E 21-10-130		INSURANCE	\$22.04	1673886	Strs - life insurance
E 02-10-130		INSURANCE	\$33.06	1673886	Wtr - life insurance
E 10-10-130		INSURANCE	\$22.04	1673886	Gen - life insurance
E 32-10-130		INSURANCE	\$44.08	1673886	Pol - life insurance
Total			\$198.36		
71920	02/03/25	MENARDS, INC			
E 34-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$3.26	98277	Cem - parts for generator for ground thawing
E 03-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$267.30	98283	Swr - heat cable and cords for auger and actuators
Total			\$270.56		
71921	02/03/25	MERCHANT JT&S, INC			
E 01-20-210		PROF&SCHOOLS	\$550.00	10287	Lgts - Apprentice - Year 1, Book 2 tuition for Jarod Greenough
Total			\$550.00		
71922	02/03/25	MUNICIPAL SUPPLY IN OF NE			
E 03-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$582.30	932398-IN	Swr - 12" ball plug, Ferncos
Total			\$582.30		
71923	02/03/25	MUTUAL OF OMAHA			
E 42-10-130		INSURANCE	\$7.20	1831979576	Park - life insurance
E 03-10-130		INSURANCE	\$21.60	1831979576	Swr - life insurance
E 01-10-130		INSURANCE	\$21.60	1831979576	Lgts - life insurance
E 21-10-130		INSURANCE	\$14.40	1831979576	Strs - life insurance
E 02-10-130		INSURANCE	\$21.60	1831979576	Wtr - life insurance
E 10-10-130		INSURANCE	\$14.40	1831979576	Gen - life insurance
E 32-10-130		INSURANCE	\$26.28	1831979576	Pol - life insurance
Total			\$127.08		
71924	02/03/25	NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRON			
E 02-20-232		LAB SAMPLE	\$148.00	586669	Wtr - water samples
Total			\$148.00		
71925	02/03/25	PARTS BIN, INC.			
E 42-20-231		CITY GAS & OIL	\$3.49	42143	Park - #11 oil
E 42-20-270		UTILITY R & M	\$43.47	42652	Park - bearing for chalker
E 02-20-271		VEHICLE R & M	\$24.87	42923	Wtr - #93 wiper blades
E 03-20-271		VEHICLE R & M	\$21.82	42923	Swr - #93 wiper blades
Total			\$93.65		
71926	02/03/25	PETTY CASH, CITY OF ST PAUL			
E 32-20-210		PROF&SCHOOLS	\$12.05		Pol - meal during transport to Omaha
E 32-20-271		VEHICLE R & M	\$11.00		Pol - #94 car wash

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E 32-20-271		VEHICLE R & M		\$13.00	Pol - #94 car wash
		Total		\$36.05	
71927	02/03/25	S E SMITH AND SONS			
E 42-20-270		UTILITY R & M		\$3.87	673506 Park - U-bolt for teeter totter
E 42-20-270		UTILITY R & M		\$11.61	673559 Park - eye lags for batting cage netting
		Total		\$15.48	
71928	02/03/25	STATE OF NEBRASKA CENTRAL SERV			
E 42-20-220		COMMUNICATION		\$2.05	1464102 Park - phone service
E 41-20-220		COMMUNICATION		\$2.05	1464102 Pool - phone service
		Total		\$4.10	
71929	02/03/25	UTILITIES SECTION OF THE LEAGU			
E 01-20-210		PROF&SCHOOLS		\$250.00	Lgts - Registration for Meter Conference for Jarod Greenough
		Total		\$250.00	
71930	02/03/25	VOGEL AUTO REPAIR, LLC			
E 03-20-271		VEHICLE R & M		\$1,695.88	14092 Swr - #8A replace DEF pump and sender
		Total		\$1,695.88	
71931	02/03/25	WESCO DISTRIBUTION, INC.			
E 01-20-270		UTILITY R & M		\$633.89	505336 Lgts - 2" PVC 90 degree sweeps - 24" and 36"
		Total		\$633.89	
		11100		\$46,482.73	

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Fund Summary

11100 CHECKING

01 LIGHTS			\$6,142.66		
02 WATER			\$8,729.73		
03 SEWER			\$10,140.56		
04 LANDFILL			\$83.73		
10 GENERAL			\$5,717.03		
21 STREETS			\$3,892.05		
31 FIREMEN			\$189.31		
32 POLICE			\$7,588.27		
34 CEMETERY			\$138.47		
36 AMBULANCE			\$1,727.72		
41 POOL			(\$83.01)		
42 PARK			\$2,216.21		
			<u>\$46,482.73</u>		

MIKE FEEKEN, MAYOR

REGISTRATION

2025 Nebraska Meter Conference

February 18-19

Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska

Name and Title:

Jarod Greenough,

Lineman

Municipality: City of St. Paul

Phone: (308)754-4483

Billing Address, City and Zip:

704 6th Street

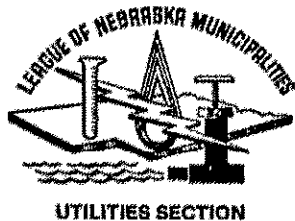
St. Paul, NE 68873

XXX (Members) Check for \$250 per person enclosed with registration

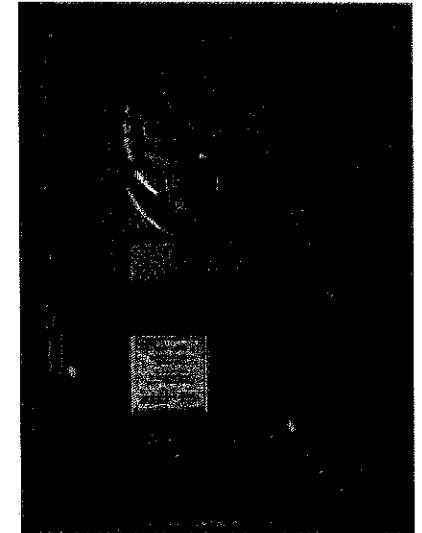
 (Non-Members) Check for \$355 per person enclosed with registration

XXX Bill me later at the above address
(League and Utilities members only.)

Mail registration and payment by Feb. 11, 2025 to Utilities Section, League of Nebraska Municipalities, 206 S 13th Street STE 800, Lincoln, NE 68508 or FAX 402-476-7052.



2025 Nebraska Meter Conference



February 18-19, 2025

**Holiday Inn
Kearney, Nebraska**

Co-Sponsored by the Utilities Section
of the League of Nebraska Municipalities
and the Nebraska Rural Electric Association

2025 Nebraska Meter Conference

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025

8:30-9 am	Registration <i>(coffee and rolls)</i>
9-10 am Room E & F	Basic Lineman Metering 101 <i>Jim Meyer, WESCO</i>
10-10:15 am Prefunction Area	Break <i>(coffee and rolls)</i>
10:15-10:45 am Room E & F	Hands-On Metering <i>Jim Meyer, WESCO</i> <i>Chris Kelmel, Anixter</i>
10:45 am-Noon Room E & F	Concurrent Sessions: Reactive Metering <i>Will Elliott, Hubbell</i>
Room D	AMI Vs. AMR and Integrating Information to the User <i>Shawn Lehmkuhler, Dutton-Lainson</i>
Noon-1 pm Ballroom 2	Lunch
1-2 pm Room E & F	Concurrent Sessions: Meter Shop Automation and Data Management <i>Malcolm Halliday, Radian Research, Inc.</i>
Room D	Instrument Transformers <i>Frank Lopez, GE Vernova</i>
2-2:15 pm Prefunction Area	Break
2:15-3:15 pm Room E & F	Concurrent Sessions: Meter Security <i>Ricardo Velarde, DeWalch Technologies</i>
Room D	Instrument Transformers (Cont.) <i>Frank Lopez, GE Vernova</i>

2025 Nebraska Meter Conference

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025

8:30-10 am Room E & F	ACLARA Meter Mate Software <i>Will Elliott, ACLARA Technologies/Hubbell</i>
10-10:15 am Prefunction Area	Break <i>(coffee and rolls)</i>
10:15-11 am Room E & F	Concurrent Sessions: Totalization <i>Will Elliott, ACLARA Technologies/Hubbell</i>
Room D	High Accuracy / Extended Range Current Transformers <i>Hope Bidlack & Mark Harvey, Primus Marketing</i>
11 am-Noon Room E & F	Concurrent Sessions: Testing of Services and Theft of Service <i>Chris Kelmel, Anixter</i>
Room D	Basic Metering Plus Advanced and Time of Use Metering <i>John Vandenberg, Border States</i> <i>Dave Kunze, Border States</i>
	Survey and Evaluation
Noon	Adjourn (Drive Safely)
Exhibitor tables and materials will be available in the Ballroom where lunch is held.	
Please visit them and thank them for their continued support of these important events!	

2025 Nebraska Meter Conference

About the school

The Nebraska Meter Conference is sponsored annually by the League of Nebraska Municipalities Utilities Section in cooperation with the Nebraska Rural Electric Association. This year's conference features major manufacturers and local area electrical representatives.

The school will consist of concurrent sessions for 1 1/2 days. The presentations will highlight software technologies, installation procedures, safety practices, billing and related smart metering capabilities. Both days will feature meter manufacturers and regional company electric representatives to provide a wellrounded educational school no matter what electric meter or software package your municipality or rural public power district uses.

Who should attend

The Nebraska Meter Conference is for all electric, water and gas meter technicians or line-worker/technicians who are dedicated to the metering industry and would like to further their knowledge in order to keep in stride with the rapidly changing technology that is challenging both apprentice and expert technicians.

Registration and Fees

Participants are encouraged to preregister by no later than Feb. 11, 2025. Registration also will be available at the door on Feb. 18 between 8:30 and 9 am. The classes will be held from 9 am-3:15 pm on Tuesday and 8:30 am -12 pm on Wednesday. Cost for Utilities Section members to attend this 1 1/2 day course is \$250 and \$355 for non-members. This includes one lunch and all learning materials.

Accommodations

For hotel reservations, contact the Kearney Holiday Inn 1-308-237-5971 and tell them you are attending the Nebraska Meter Conference. The conference standard room rate is \$124.95 (may get a lower government rate). Reserve by January 21 to guarantee this rate.



ACE – NEBRASKA CHOICE GAS

SELECTION PERIOD

Dated: January 29, 2025

Note: City of St. Paul has always gone with ACE Gas, due to getting a money kick-back each year. City has never gone with any other gas supplier since the inception of Choice Gas!

- 2024 (2023 Year) - \$4,434 to Light Fund
- 2023 (2022 Year) - \$2,442 to General Fund
- 2022 (2021 Year) - \$1,580 to General Fund
- 2021 (2020 Year) - \$4,702 to Park Fund per Mayor Bergman
- 2020 (2019 Year) - \$5,033 to Park Fund per Mayor Bergman
- 2019 (2018 Year) - \$3,172 to General Fund

Total: \$21,363.00

Connie Beck

From: Liana Wroblewski
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 8:31 AM
To: Mike Feeken; Connie Beck
Subject: FW: ACE 2025 Community Opportunities Menu

Importance: High

*City of St Paul
Promote ACE*

Mike & Connie – these are the things I do to promote ACE.....

- I have an ACE stamp to stamp the back of the utility bills prior to.
- There is a handout on the counter explaining and promoting ACE for those that come in the office.
- I also put the handout in envelopes to those customers that have more than 2 utility bills.
- ACE provides ink pens to handout and I put them in Welcome Packets too.
- I hang posters that ACE provides in our windows.
- Information is put in the Phonograph Herald.
- Laura puts the information on our website and Facebook.

I just ordered the above supplies I needed to do the promoting.

Liana Wroblewski
City of St. Paul, NE
Utility Billing Clerk
308-754-4483

From: Connie Beck <cjbeck@cityofstpaulne.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 6:57 AM
To: Liana Wroblewski <lwroblewski@cityofstpaulne.org>
Subject: FW: ACE 2025 Community Opportunities Menu
Importance: High

From: Mike Feeken <mfeeken@cityofstpaulne.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 1:31 PM
To: Connie Beck <cjbeck@cityofstpaulne.org>
Subject: RE: ACE 2025 Community Opportunities Menu

That's great. Thank you. ACE will be making it more of a topic that all municipal buildings/accounts be with ACE. That made me wonder about the library, senior center, fire hall, etc.

The distribution rate of the kick back for the member communities will now be at 90% instead of the current 45% so we will want to make sure that we're doing what we can to encourage ACE usage.

**CITY OF SAINT PAUL
704 6TH STREET
SAINT PAUL, NEBRASKA 68873**

**NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF
SPECIAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, NEBRASKA, WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 704 6TH STREET, ST. PAUL, NEBRASKA 68873. THIS MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. AN AGENDA FOR SUCH MEETING IS KEPT CONTINUALLY CURRENT AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AT THE CITY UTILITIES OFFICE. THE PURPOSE IS REGARDING THE ST. PAUL FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS MEETING. POSTED THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025.


**CONNIE JO BECK
CITY CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER**

Post in four (4) public places:

- City Utility Office
- US Post Office
- Citizens Bank & Trust
- Howard County Court House (lower level)