

## Minutes of the St Paul Town Council Meeting

Held January 8, 2024 in Civic Center

The meeting was called to order by Mike Clark at 7:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Council Members Mike Clark, Joshua Sangl & Logan Wilder were present. Mike welcomed the public and opened the meeting. Also present and reporting on behalf of the town; Town Marshall, Josh Kuntz, Volunteer Fire Department, Dan Pennington, Gym & Civic Center rentals, Richard Rampley & Clerk Treasurer, Alyssa Hall. Jerome Buening water/sewage was not present.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**Town Marshall**, Josh Kuntz reported he had 4 calls for service, 1 vehicle lock-out, 1 title check, assisted Decatur County Sheriff's Department once, and assisted DCS once. 80 hours total, 4 of those hours in training & 12-15 hours in remodeling.

Joey Had 25 ½ hours with four of them being in training.

Josh K. Requested a stop sign at Harrison & Webster, Clerk/Treasurer to confirm budget line item.

He also mentioned that he has spent out of pocket around \$3k in departmental funds fixing up the Police Department.

**Volunteer Fire Department**, Dan Pennington reported 192 calls last year, 3 hours of training. Reported the new station is up and running.

Fire department mentioned they have a generator on order for power outage emergencies, they can supply a warm, lighted facility due to an outage.

**Gym/Civic Center Rental**, Richard Rampley reported 22 gym rentals in December, 2 civic center rentals. 8 January rentals so far and 22 on the schedule.

He also reported that the water heater in civic center needs to be replaced, the quote to replace it at Tops was approximately \$500. Council agreed to replace it. C/T to confirm the budget line item for claim.

**Clerk Treasurer** advised that she had no reports as of yet and clarified the water billing issues.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The first item of new Business was the motion to vote for Erin White to replace Leon Harris (retired town employee) to operate the town trash site. Discussed wages for that position would be \$15.00 per hour. The motion was put to vote and carried by Josh, Logan & Mike.

A resident also asked about the burn pile, Mike Clark said he would be happy to open it as needed.

Council voted to hire a new Town Employee. Job description to be determined and posted.

Mike Clark reported we need to put a spending resolution in place for all expenditures made by Clerk/Treasurer on amounts exceeding \$300. Council Member Logan Wilder mentioned that there is already an ordinance in place and to contact our town attorney before making any motions to find out the dollar amount on the claim's approval. No decisions were made on this matter.

D&S Water Systems was supposed to be present at tonight's board meeting to discuss the proposal for the water systems, Les was not present. Josh Sangl said he would also reach out to Les.

A resident asked if we have spoken to any other companies that can help us with our water systems after Jerome's retirement, Josh Sangl replied he had reached out and was willing to keep researching.

Council members agreed to post the Water Superintendent position to look for qualified candidates.

Council voted to move Jerome from salary position as Water Superintendent to contract consultant due to retiring in December 2023. His proposal was accepted. Council agreed to keep Jerome on as a consultant until no longer needed. Council approved invoice submitted by Jerome for services in the amount of \$1,428.76. Plan to do another reading on this topic next Board Meeting.

Election of Council President. Mike Clark called for nominations. Mike Clark nominated himself for Council President. Joshua Sangl nominated himself for Council President. Logan Wilder nominated Josh Sangl for Council President. The motion was made Joshua Sangl for Council President.

Council asked Clerk/Treasurer to post meeting minutes on social media platforms.

Open Discussion about Gleaners, residents concerned for road closings and inconveniences. Council decided to leave Gleaners in same location for now.

A resident asked the Council their position concerning late fees on water bills due to delays in billing. Council unanimously agreed to wave all late fees until their April 30, 2024, bill.

Open discussion about eclipse festival.

Mason Henderson reminded residents of the \$6 chili dinner at the fire station to discuss the upcoming festival scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Logan Wilder made a motion with all the new changes and a lot more on the agenda to add a second monthly board meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays starting February 2024. Joshua Sangl seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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