

**MINUTES
CITY OF SAINT PAUL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 19, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mercurief called the meeting to order at 1:06PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Council members present were Joseph Kozloff, Heidi Mercurief, Ray Melovidov, Daniel Porath, and April Kushin. Jason Bourdukofsky arrived at 1:10.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CM Porath MOVED to approve the agenda. Second by CM Mercurief. There were no comments or questions. Motion to approve was CARRIED by a Voice Vote with 6 Ayes.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CM Melovidov MOVED to approve City Council minutes for November 26, 2024. Second by CM Kushin. There were no comments or questions. Motion to approve was CARRIED by a Voice Vote with 7 Ayes.

V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There was no one to address the Council.

VI. REPORTS

A. Mayor Mercurief attended AML meeting in Anchorage and presented on Saint Paul with Joe during the Safer Streets for All session.

B. City Manager Zavadil provided a summary of his written report. Aviation – the glide slope is out again. If RAVN files to discontinue services to Saint Paul, DOT will require them to fly and reopen EAS bids. The runway would need Part 139 certification if we wanted to request bigger planes. Saint Paul Fuels is waiting on a part to fuel RAVN planes. Runway maintenance issues have caused flights to be cancelled. The DOT commissioner has been contacted, and the situation is being monitored. Two grant funded positions are being announced, a project manager and an accounting/grants specialist. The agreement for the small boat harbor utility project should be ready tomorrow to be sent to TDX for review. The USDA RUS loan is approved. More supplies have arrived for the airport feeder project, it should start around May. Work on the new landfill will start back up next year. KUNA reviewed UPS bulk fuel design. Bid docs to go out next month. Village safe water – bid docs are out and are due January 8th. Construction to start in 2025. KUNA will come out to hold a public meeting on Safer Streets for All. Healthy foods grant – met to discuss modification to the budget, work on a feasibility study business plan for a community green house. KUNA will be out to visit homes for the lead service line inventory. Supplemental safer street for all – drainage study, met briefly with their staff to discuss Saint George pulling out. The funding will still go through to do the work. Insurance repairs – TBI completed overhead door on fire station, siding on public works was repaired, harbor office roof, city shingles, siding on motor pool. VPSO – Monday interview with a candidate – hope to forward 911 calls to trooper dispatch. Public works – fixing things as they come up. Roads have been graded. Motor pool – large sander truck needs repairs, parts ordered, water/wastewater truck has an oil leak, so Monty is using the red truck. A few customer work orders have been completed. City equipment takes priority. Fuel rates will be ready for the January meeting. Electric utility – will have a schedule for upgrades. Water samples collected for November and December and the reports look good. John

Rukovishnikoff will be out next month with leak detection equipment. The EPA grant paid for a refuse truck, and it should be here in February.

C. City Clerk Wegeleben provided a written report and was available for questions.

D. Finance Director Mandregan provided a written report.

E. Grants/Projects Specialist Sterbenz provided a written report and gave an overview. Of the 39 grant applications submitted this year, 36% were awarded, 44% denied and waiting to hear on 20%.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 24-05 For the establishment and adoption of the budget of the CSP for FY2025
CM Porath MOVED to approve. Second by CM Melovidov.

Budget updated to reflect an additional employee wanting health insurance.

Motion CARRIED by Roll Call Vote with 7 Ayes.

B. Resolution 24-15 Authorizing a COLA for CSP employees employed in CY2025

CM Porath MOVED to approve. Second by CM Merculief.

2.5% COLA for employees in 2025.

Motion CARRIED by Roll Call Vote with 7 Ayes.

C. Resolution 24-16 Revising the CSP wage and salary scale

CM Melovidov MOVED to approve. Second by CM Bourdukofsky.

Motion CARRIED by Roll Call Vote with 7 Ayes.

D. Resolution 24-17 Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Unalaska and the City of Saint Paul for the purpose of joint administration of taxation for the 2024-2025 Bering Sea snow crab landings.

CM Porath MOVED to approve. Second by CM Merculief.

This resolution would allow Unalaska to accept taxes on behalf of Saint Paul. It has been reviewed by CSP legal. Waiting to hear back from Unalaska on accepting changes.

Motion CARRIED by Roll Call Vote with 7 Ayes.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session held.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATES/TIMES/AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regular Council meeting is January 16 at 9AM.

X. ADJOURNMENT

CM Porath MOVED to adjourn. Second by CM Merculief. There were no comments or questions.

Motion was CARRIED by Voice Vote with 7 Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 2:52PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED:

Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk

Date