

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 12, 2005**  
**CITY OF ST. ANTHONY**  
**420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bill Beck, Councilmembers Joyce Edlefsen, Shawn Fransen, Cathy Koon, Darby Merrill, and Garth Rose. Councilmember Lowell Williams was excused.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Transportation Museum Committee members Tom Howell, Bob Bauer, and Harry Halker, Police Chief Bryan Fullmer, Police officers Bud Holjeson, Luke Davis, Don Powell and wife, Elva Powell, Supt. of Public Works Woody Andersen, Deputy Treasurer Heather Parker, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, Chamber President Linda Bates, Ted Hendricks of ECIPDA, concerned citizens and newsmedia.

The Pledge of Allegiance was give by Ted Hendricks.

**DEPUTY TREASURER – OATH OF OFFICE:** The Mayor presented city employee Heather Parker to be appointed to the position of Deputy Treasurer, as she is assisting the City Clerk-Treasurer with many of the Treasurer Duties. A motion to appoint was made by Edlefsen, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. City Clerk-Treasurer Stoddard administered the Oath of Office to Parker.

**TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM GRANT APPLICATION:** Mayor Beck explained to the council that a resolution of the council was needed to apply for the grant for the transportation museum. 1 to 1.2 million will be needed for the project, and ITD has suggested applying for two consecutive years for just under \$500,000 each. In order to apply a commitment needs to be shown that someone will be responsible for operation and maintenance of the facility. The resolution states the City would sponsor and be responsible for that building. The Mayor discussed the committee meeting that was held the night before, and that he had explained to the committee that the City would not have funds to pay the expenses of that facility. They believe that \$50,000-\$60,000 a year will come in as income based on the Ashton Visitor Center and Flood Museum in Rexburg bring in, but that will not cover all the operation costs. Other money will need to be obtained so the load doesn't fall back on the City of St. Anthony. But at this time the City has to commit in order to apply for the grant. The Mayor explained that later on the council will again have to accept the grant if it is awarded. The Mayor read the resolution. Councilmember Koon commented on assumptions that she would vote against the museum. She clarified some of her feelings in favor of a museum and made a motion to adopt the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMPLAINT ABOUT STREETS – CHARLIE HARRIS:** Mr. Harris discussed with the council various problems with the condition of the street in front of his property, as well as concerns with how the snow is being plowed around his property. Mayor Beck explained he has talked with Harris in the past and explained that he needed to discuss some things with the City Attorney about her concerns. Harris cited other problems with his water line and other items he feels the city needs to fix. Councilmember Koon informed Harris she is the councilmember over streets, and she would come and look at the problems described and meet with the Mayor and Supt. Andersen and get back to him.

**POLICE VEHICLE POLICY FOR NON-RESIDENT EMPLOYEES:** Mayor Beck explained to the council that in 2003 concerns arose about officer living outside the city limits taking vehicles home with them. At that time the Council set a policy that they could not drive the cars home if they live outside the city. The Mayor has had requests to allow the vehicles to be taken home outside the city limits. Officer Luke Davis brought up several issues such as the officers being subject to being called out at any time and safety issues involved with responding in personal vehicles where they would not be recognized as emergency vehicles. He feels it is a liability for the city and also could take more time to respond to a situation. Another concern is the vulnerability of the vehicles sitting outside the city hall with vandalism. He considers the cars to be safer at the officer's homes. Officer Bud Holjeson also feels the officer's personal vehicles are prone to vandalism when parked outside the police department.

Police Chief Fullmer explained that he feels the policy should still be respected and valid. The officer signed employment agreement when they were hired that spelled out that they would not be allowed to take the vehicles home if they chose to live outside the city limits. He feels there are liability issues both ways. He clarified that the vehicles were purchased with saved funds, and he as an obligation to protect the cars and save money for cars as best he can.

Mayor Beck stated that City Attorney Stanford discussed the issue with him and has said what you do for one you do for all. Her concerns were with it being different depending on whether they lived in the city or not. Councilmember Fransen talked with agent Rod Chandler and the city's insurance carrier ICRMP covers officers the minute they go to a call whether they are in a personal vehicle or not. Fransen doesn't think officers should take vehicles home and cited seeing too much personal use. Koon commented that it would be safer, but she stated she supports the chief and says it's the officer's choice by living outside the city limits. Rose also indicated his support for the chief and the policy. Councilmember Edlefsen commented she wouldn't mind hearing the City Attorney comments when she could be present, so it was agreed the item would be left on the agenda for the next council meeting.

**NEZ PERCE AGREEMENT:** The Mayor updated the council on recent developments with the Idaho Legislature and the Nez Perce Agreement. He gave a brief history about water right disputes with the Nez Perce Tribe and Federal Government and other agencies involved. Settlement terms have recently been reached, and the Mayor feels like this is a good agreement. The Federal government has already approved the agreement and it will soon be before the Idaho legislature and the Nez Perce Tribe for their approval. Mayor Beck informed the council he would like to send a letter or resolution to the legislature indicating the City of St. Anthony's support. A motion to approve sending a letter was made by Edlefsen, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**REPRIORITIZATION OF SEWER LINES:** In recent construction of water and sewer lines on North Bridge and the Landfill road concerns arose about those lines being eligible for the project. At first it was believed they would be approved, but in meetings and discussion with DEQ, DEQ has certain priorities that their money can be used for in a project. It was therefore determined that the city would have to cover the water line portion of the costs, and the sewer lines would need a letter

from the council indicating those lines had been reprioritized to be part of the project. The Mayor indicated the water lines would be paid out of the city's utility reserve funds. Mayor Beck read the letter that will be sent to DEQ. A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor then updated the council on sewer project. He told them the bridge had been placed new road leading into the lagoon, and the new 21 inch line is being placed on the Parker road. He briefly reported on financing and recent meetings with the congressional delegation and a representative of the Army Corp of Engineer's about the 595 program and working on trying to obtain some of those funds for replacement of collection lines. The congressional staff has agreed to support and push St. Anthony's application for that money. The City will also be looking into Stagg Grant funds through DEQ.

**2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY MEETING:** A motion to cancel the 2nd January Meeting due to lack of business made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Corrections to the minutes were noted. A motion to approve with corrections made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

**BILLS:** Questions were asked about bills submitted by the Fire Department on a recent spill on Highway 20. Councilmember Rose stated he would check on the bills and report back at the next meeting. A motion to pay with the exception of the specified Fire Department bills made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**TROST FIRE:** The Mayor and Council discussed the recent fire at Trost Feed & Seed. Councilmember Merrill commented that the Fire Department and Police Department had a lot of compliments about how things were handled. Cathy Koon stated the only concern she knew about was the lack of pressure for water. Mayor Beck suggested a meeting to review how things went. Supt. Andersen agreed it would be a good idea, so that it could be discussed which hydrant could supply more water than others. Councilmember Rose publicly commended the fire department for a job well done, and feels it should be a top priority to have the review meeting. The information that comes out of that meeting should be placed in the city's comprehensive plan. The council agreed to send letters of thanks to the fire department as well as the Madison County Fire department for their assistance.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councilmember Koon informed the council that the 116th National Guardsmen would be home in July on leave for 10-30 days. She suggested the city plant yellow flowers and encourage resident to plant yellow flowers also. The Mayor also indicated maybe planting some pink for Breast Cancer Awareness. The City Clerk will discuss with the flower planting crew.

There being no further business to come before the council the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Bill Beck, Mayor

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Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer