

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 9, 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 Lowell Williams. Councilmember Rose was excused.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Supt. Woody Andersen, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, City Attorney Penny Stanford, Officers Luke Davis and Donald Powell, concerned citizens and newsmedia.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Supt. Andersen led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**POLICY ON TAKING HOME POLICE VEHICLES:** The City Attorney was consulted for her opinion about the policy of officers not living in the city limits not being allowed to take their vehicles home when not on duty. Stanford explained that the city can legally draw a distinction between officers living or not living in city limits, however, it's another question about the fairness of it. She explained that ICRMP would cover officer's personal vehicles if they responded, but the officers have found out that their own personal insurance carriers would drop them if it was discovered they were responding in their own vehicles. The council discussed the risks of losing their coverage and talked about how often that may happen. Stanford stated it was a policy decision when it was made based on dollars and cents and aimed at one officer moving out of town driving his vehicle on an unimproved road. She feels the gas costs are negligible. It was originally done to save on costs because the budget was tight, and she questions whether this is the place to worry about costs.

Councilmember Merrill stated with the citizens she had talked to there was a fifty-fifty split about whether it should be allowed or not. Councilmember Fransen expressed concerns about the personal use of the vehicles. He also commented on a letter received from Officer Don Powell's letter the Mayor and Council received against the policy, and how he felt it opened his eyes about the officer's situation. He's not against allowing them to take them home, but he feels adamant about not using the vehicles for any personal use at all. Merrill and Fransen both asked for more time to talk with citizens and Chief Fullmer and to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting.

**UTILITIES FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BUILDING:** The Mayor explained that ECIPDA is asked for the city to provide water, sewer and garbage for about six months for the building until their cash flow is enough from tenants to support payment of the utilities. The Council briefly discussed how long that might take and the costs of the utilities. Mayor Beck suggested reviewing it on a month to month basis as tenants move in to see if enough revenue is finally generated. A motion to provide utilities on a month to month basis for the building made by Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**JUNK YARDS:** Councilmember Koon addressed the Mayor and Council about the appearance the city is giving by allowing junk yards. She feels if the city is going to invest in a transportation museum and inviting people into the community, and wanted to talk with the

council about taking a stand on the issue. She explained that the State would clean up areas within so many feet of the state highway. Mayor Beck stated he felt like they had been making progress with vehicles around town, as well as getting some successful responses from citizens dealing with them on a case by case basis as written complaints are turned into the city. Koon and the Council discussed several areas that don't have a nice appearance for people who would be coming into town to a transportation museum.

**PRIOR YEAR BUILDING PURCHASE TRANSFER FROM UTILITY FUND:** Mayor Beck explained that a formal motion to transfer the utility funds share for the purchase of the new city building needed to be done. The amount to be transfer would be about \$55,000, and Mayor Beck explained how that figure was calculated based on the square footage of the city offices and the percentage attributed to the utility fund. A motion to make the transfer was made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER ISSUES:** Mayor Beck read a letter the city received from EPA on. The letter was received on Monday, two days prior to the meeting. Schiess & Associates and DEQ have been notified. A meeting was held Tuesday with David Schiess, City Attorney Stanford, Mayor Beck and City Clerk-Treasurer Stoddard. Schiess spent some time on the list of possible violations included with the letter and discussed the possibility of reviewing the results and DMR for any errors which may eliminate some of the data. Stanford has contacted EPA who also suggested a review of the testing results for errors, then at a later date a meeting could be set up. Stanford reported in speaking with Ms. Hamamoto of the EPA she told Stanford she is limited by EPA's penalty in dealing with these situations. Schiess also spoke with several attorneys who have dealt with EPA in the past for other cities, and their advice was to respond quickly and be cooperative.

**MINUTES:** Minutes were presented from the January 12, 2005, meeting. No corrections were noted. Motion to approve the minutes made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**BILLS:** Bills were presented for approval for payment. After brief discussion motion to pay the bills made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTIONS:** Because the City has received state grant monies the city is required to be compliant with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act as well as ADA. The ADA compliance committee has met and completed a review of the city building and public parks. The following resolutions were reviewed by the Council and approved as follows:

Grievance Procedures Resolution - a motion to pass made by Edlefsen, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried

Non-Discrimination Policy – a motion to adopt made by Edlefsen, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, carried.

Fair Housing Resolution - a motion to adopt made by Edlefsen, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, carried.

Anti-displacement Policy – a motion to adopt made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, carried.

**MAYOR BECK'S STATE OF CITY ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL:** The Mayor discussed the current state of city as well as this year's past events and ongoing projects. Some

items discussed were the completion of the EDA building, new parking lots, sewer project construction and extension of sewer and water line to parts of the city, a new subdivision and new homes going up, work being done on the city's comprehensive plan, as well as starting work in the future on zoning then following that with the subdivision ordinance.

He also talked about things the city is looking needing in the future such as completing the update to the personnel policy, finishing the new roof on the city building, a new roof on the Search and Rescue building, to finish updating the personnel policy, and a review of all the city's ordinances by section for any necessary changes or updates. He also reported the transportation study is underway, updating of equipment in street department with the purchase of a truck and loader, the need to discuss dams on the ends of grader to keep snow from driveways, and the need for a new officer in next budget year.

He reported on his recent AIC drug and alcohol task force meeting, discussed with the council the need for a new entrance to the police department, plans to finish skatepark this summer and pave the parking lot, the water study that soon be presented, progressing of plans on phase II of the wastewater project and an update to the council on wastewater project financing. He commented that the city is moving along and he is proud of the council's accomplishments.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Councilmember Koon reported on airport projects that may be on line for the future for a glide slope and seal coat on the runway.

Councilmember Edlefsen reported the Greenway Committee held a meeting recently and discussed fundraising and a ribbon cutting around May 1<sup>st</sup>. Their meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Councilmember Williams gave a personal update on his recent health issues. He also reviewed and discussed with the council the sewer financial statements they were presented with.

Mayor Beck discussed rates for Parker and JCC and reported that the review with Schiess & Associates is complete. They have arrived at fees to charge Parker and JCC for their share of applicable operation and maintenance costs as well as the treatment plant upgrade. Both entities have been alerted to this review and increase in fees.

There being no further business to come before the council the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Bill Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer