

**CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 23, 2005
420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO 83445**

PRESENT: Councilmembers Garth Rose, Cathy Koon, Lowell Williams, Darby Merrill, and Joyce Edlefsen. Councilmember Fransen was absent. Mayor Beck was excused and Council President Rose conducted the meeting.

ALSO PRESENT: Supt. of Public Works Woody Andersen, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, Scott Bond of Rudd & Company, and concerned citizens.

2004 AUDIT REPORT: Scott Bond, auditor from Rudd & Company, presented the 2004 audit to the council. He summarized some of the new GASB requirements that are now part of the report. His firm is issuing an unqualified opinion for our audit, as well as a related opinion about internal controls and single audits for federal grant monies. Bond reviewed the financial highlights section and new statements required by GASB 34 which are supposed help make governmental entities appear more like a business. He discussed with the council the deficit in the general fund: it is disclosed in the audit report, but fortunately is a manageable deficit which he hopes to see made up this next fiscal year. He also talked about the deficit in the EDA Grant fund. There are some timing issues affecting that with some funds still to be received, but he advised the council to keep an eye on it because they may need to come up with additional funds for that project. He went over the revenue and expenditure statements, as well as a separate balance sheet item done to show segregation within the utility funds. He also discussed briefly non-major funds, and the single audit that was done to ensure compliance with federal guidelines for the various federal money received through grants.

The City Clerk informed the council of two inactive funds on the financial statements that needed to be closed out. Funds to be closed out are the wastewater study fund deficit of \$1,906 closed out to the utility fund, and the South Yellowstone Hwy Project fund balance of \$132 to go into the street fund. A motion to close out the funds and approve the 2004 audit made by Williams, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

ALLRED ZONE CHANGE REQUEST: The Planning and Zoning Commission held a hearing and recommends to the council the approval of a zone change request by the Allreds. They are asking for a zone change in the impact zone from residential to commercial to allow for placement of a sign. Motion to approve based on Planning and Zonings recommendation made by Edlefsen, 2nd, Koon opposed, all others in favor, motion carried.

WATER PICKUP PURCHASE: City Clerk Stoddard reviewed bids obtained for a new pickup truck for the water department. The new one will replace the old 1978 one that is currently being used. Bids were gotten from local dealers and off the state bid awards. The lowest price was obtained off a state bid award with a dealer out of Missoula. A motion to accept and purchase the truck from the Missoula dealer with water reserve funds made by Edlefsen, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

CATERING PERMIT: A catering permit to the Star Bar for the Mule Deer Foundation Banquet to be held April 2, 2005 at the H&H Builder Building was presented to the council for approval. A motion to grant the permit made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

AIRPORT GRANT APPLICATION: The Airport Grant Application was discussed. The city will be asked for funds to do a slurry seal on the runway and taxi ways. Estimated costs are \$70,000 with the city's share being about \$17,000. Motion made by Koon to authorize the Mayor the application when it is complete, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

GIRL SCOUT WEEK PROCLAMATION: Councilmember Edlefsen read the Proclamation. March 6th – 12th will be Girl Scout week in the City of St. Anthony. Council directed the city clerk to put notice on the city marquee.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION: Arbor Day Proclamation was read by Merrill which proclaims April 29th Arbor Day in the City of St. Anthony. City Clerk reported the Parks and Rec Committee have met to discussed plans for the celebration that day.

SURPLUS DECLARATION: With the purchase of the new sewer jetter truck, the city would like to surplus the old truck. There has been some interest expressed in purchasing the old truck. Supt. Andersen discussed with the Council the minimum bid for the truck. It will be declared surplus at this time, but may be needed for a time, so will not be put out for bid until a later date. Motion to surplus the truck for \$8,000 made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Council President Rose discussed with the council that they think about dedicating the funds from the surplus sale towards additional storage at the city shop. With the purchase of the new, larger truck the shop is getting cramped for space, and the new truck has to have heated storage.

TAKING HOME POLICE VEHICLES: Councilmember Merrill reported she had spoken with 30-40 people, with ½ being in favor and ½ not. Some felt the police response time would be better; some supported the current city policy of not allowing officers living outside city limits to take a vehicle home. At this time she is not inclined to change her position and feels the policy should stand. Council agreed no changes would be made to the policy.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Councilmember Edlefsen reported on the recent meeting with Nancy Taylor of JUB on the comprehensive plan. It was a good meeting and work on the plan is progressing. Taylor may come again sometime in April. She is also expecting a proposal from Steve Huber to write up the plan with Nancy's help.

Councilmember Merrill reported animal control is picking up a lot of animals. She asked if something could be put in the newsletter about the leash law in city limits and encouraging people to abide by it.

Councilmember Rose commented a meeting still had not been scheduled yet to review and

critique the Trost Fire. He hopes that will get scheduled sometime in the near future.

Councilmember Koon reported on the recent airport board meeting. They are looking into reviewing the current hanger rent fees, proceeding with getting a new lease for an airport manager, as well as other items. She also made a suggestion that as part of the Adopt a Highway program the Greenway Committee participates they can request to plant wildflowers on the on and off ramps of the freeway and get the seeds for free. Councilmember Rose asked that she bring that up at the next Greenway Committee meeting. Koon also commented that she feels that along with the Transportation Study that is underway there is a need to look at doing LIDs in the city to do curb and gutter along the south side of town.

Councilmember Williams discussed the sewer financial statement that was passed out. It is a management tool and for the council's own information. Williams also talked about the need for the Mayor to be a member of the Rotary and whether the city should pay for his dues. This was briefly discussed with several councilmembers expressing they would be uncomfortable with paying the dues. Williams concluded with a brief report on the wastewater project.

Councilmember Rose brought up parking problems on West 1st North. He said he would discuss the problem with Chief Fullmer and decide what enforcement actions may need to be taken.

There being no further business to come before the council the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Bill Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer