

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Supt. of Public Works Woody Andersen, City Deputy Treasurer Heather Parker, Stony Tucker and Adam Johnson from PSI Waste, Blain Nite from Williams Engineering, Citizens Lexie Loveland, Clark Moon, Larry Bennett, Richard Garner, the local Boy Scouts and newsmedia.

PRESENTATION FOR NAMING OF SKATEPARK: Mayor Beck presented first-grader Lexie Loveland with two certificates – one in recognition for her suggestion of “Skater’s Heaven” as the new Skatepark name, and the other a gift certificate to Big J’s. Her name suggestion inspired the Parks and Recreation Committee to name the park “Skater’s Haven”.

PSI WASTE – GARBAGE OPTIONS PRESENTATION: Stony Tucker and Adam Johnson presented to the City Council the option of a new garbage service for the City. PSI Waste services Ashton, Sugar City, Lewisville, Downy and others. Mr. Tucker stated instead of having the multiple pickup days throughout town they could get it done in one day, using 95 gallon containers, for a lot less money. This would eliminate the need of multiple garbage containers cluttering up our yards and alleys and free up funds for other things. The containers would be included in service, and should community members have more garbage than will fit in one container, they can pile it up alongside and the PSI employee will reload it into the container to dump in the truck. Mr. Tucker stated the company would even be willing to buy the City out of their current equipment if needed.

Mayor Beck stated there would be concerns to look into before such an arrangement could be considered, mainly the City’s sanitation crew. Councilmember Rose stated something could be worked out and employees could be moved to other departments if need be.

Mayor Beck asked Mr. Tucker to meet with City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, and also Public Works Superintendent Woody Andersen, to develop a proposal and then present it to the Council with all the figures in place.

WILLIAM’S ENGINEERING PRESENTATION: Blaine Nite gave a presentation on the various services Williams Engineering offers. Williams Engineering is a full service engineering firm that was established in 1992 and that has completed various small town projects such as the sewer system in Shelley, the Ammon truck stop, and the sewer master plan for Blackfoot. The main areas of the business are storm water floodplain management, wastewater engineering, water systems, transportation, and irrigation systems.

MODEL AIRPLANES: Councilmember Shawn Fransen reported on the opinions of the Parks & Recreation Committee on the idea of putting a Model Airplane runway on the gravel pit property that is being given to the City. Fransen reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee thinks it is a great idea. It will bring people into the community. The Committee did have a concern over the flying restrictions. There must be 1000 feet of open space with no structures that could block the flyer’s view of his plane. Discussion followed. Mayor Beck stated they would need to check with City Attorney Penny Stanford about the legalities of the issue before they moved further on it.

GEISLER ANNEXATION REQUEST: Mayor Beck presented to the Council Wade Giesler's request to be annexed into the city and placed on city utilities. Planning and Zoning would like to annex Larry Bennett's property along with Geisler's. The Mayor stated that Bennett has given implied consent due to the fact he is on city services. Councilmember Edlefsen made a motion to declare it a category A annexation and refer it to Planning & Zoning. Councilmember Fransen seconded it. Unanimous Approval.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PRESENTATION: Mayor Beck asked the Council who they would like to go make the presentation on behalf of the city. Councilmember Rose made the motion to put the Mayor in charge of the presentation. Councilmember Merrill seconded it. Unanimous approval. Mayor Beck stated he will be taking Terry Butikofer from E.C.I.P.D.A. and David Schiess from Schiess and Associates.

AIRPORT APPOINTMENTS AND HANGER RENT INCREASE: Mayor Beck reappointed the Airport Board members that had been submitted by Councilmember Cathy Koon. Those appointed for three-year terms are: Neil Thueson, Joe Thueson, Weldon Reynolds and City Attorney Penny Stanford. Those appointed for two-year terms were Dee Young, Herb Parker and Neil Shupe. Councilmember Koon reported that the Airport Board voted to increase Hanger rental fees from \$75 to \$150 a year plus .05 per square foot. They hoped to have this effective by June or July. Councilmember Merrill made a motion to hold the public hearing at the start of the next meeting. Councilmember Rose seconded it. Unanimous approval.

Mayor Beck reported that an airport manager had been hired. He will still pay his hanger rent and the City will be paying him \$100 a month. He has an itemized list of his responsibilities and must submit a monthly report detailing all he has done. Discussion Followed.

FAIR HOUSING MONTH PROCLAMATION: Mayor Beck read the Fair Housing Month Proclamation and signed his name to it, declaring it official. He stated that he hoped the City Council and other City Employees would watch and make sure there are not discriminations taking place with housing in St. Anthony.

PARKS AND RECREATION MEMBER APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION: Councilmember Shawn Fransen proposed an adjustment to the resolution allowing for a total of 8 members; with 2 of them being from the impact zone. Councilmember Edlefsen stated it was a good idea. Mayor Beck agreed and said he would confer with the person living in the impact zone that would like to be on the board. Councilmember Rose moved to adjust the resolution to allow for 8 members. Councilmember Merrill seconded it. Unanimous Approval.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Beck reported that the lift stations are currently being installed and the building at the lagoons is progressing along. He stated they are pouring the channels for the sewer to pass through. The fence is completely done and they are using the other road now. He reported that the EPA was favorably impressed with what we have accomplished so far. We have put out \$123,000 in interim work and engineering to cut down on the violations. EPA should have a proposal for us at our next meeting.

Councilmember Williams reported that he was uncomfortable with the EPA fine. He stated that when we found out we were in violation we did a lot of work and progressed rapidly. He said he doesn't see how they can fine us during the interim period with all the constraints.

Mayor Beck responded that we need to be positive and work with the EPA. He stated the City has really made an effort and that when we found out about the problem we acknowledged it and started working to fix it. He stated that consideration will be heavily taken into account.

Williams also reported on the handout the Councilmembers has received. He had it prepared so that the Council would know exactly where funds are and how they are being used.

Councilmember Merrill reported that from March – December of 2004 137 dogs had been picked up by the City Animal Control Officer. Out of the 137, 48 had been released to owners, 44 had been adopted out and 45 had been destroyed. She reported that last quarter there was an average of 350 incidences reported by the Police Department.

Councilmember Rose requested a copy of the up-to-date budget for all departments. Mayor stated he has been watching the budget and that doing just what we need to we will be \$50,000 in the black with general funds and \$7,000 in the black with the street budget.

Councilmember Edlefsen reported that she had counted the signatures at the Greenway and from July 2, 2004 through January 1, 2005 there were 200 names and when she checked just last week there were 500. She stated they were starting to have some problems; mainly with dogs and graffiti, that the committee are looking at.

Councilmember Fransen reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee would like to celebrate Earth Day, April 26th, by cleaning up the Greenway and also getting people involved in recycling. He stated that the Parks & Rec Committee was in favor of the drip system. Mayor Beck authorized him to get things started. Fransen also reported that the Parks & Recreation committee had decided to hold Arbor Day on April 29th this year.

Mayor Beck also reported that the Relay for Life had their first meeting and he is going to be a team leader and put a challenge out to all the other Mayors in our area. Mayor Beck also announced he was holding a *Walk with the Mayor* every Wednesday and Friday at 6:00 a.m. and Saturday at 8:00a.m. starting April 6th.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Attest:

Bill Beck, Mayor

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk