

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 8, 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 new Councilmember Bill Butterfield.

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, Woody Andersen, Supt. of Public Works, City Attorney Penny Stanford, Rod and Sally Nichols, Pat McCoy, Fremont County Treasurer, concerned citizens, and newsmedia.

Mayor Beck discussed with the council the resignation and recent death of Councilmember Williams. The Mayor added to the agenda an appointment of a new councilmember.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Beck had city resident Rod Nichols lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS FOR JUNE: Mayor Beck presented an award to City residents Rod and Sally Nichols for the residential beautification award for June. Beck also announced that Family Dollar had been given the June award for the business. No one was able to be present from Family Dollar. Someone from the City Office will deliver the award to the store.

TETON HIGHWAY ANNEXATION: Mayor Beck explained to citizens present the Idaho Code regarding annexation and recent changes to code. He described the three different categories of annexation, and said the annexation being discussed tonight is a Category A which is requested annexation or implied consent or enclave. Annexation has been requested by a property owner, but the property is not contiguous to the city. Implied consent is a legal term meaning property owners are hooked into one or more city services. Enclave means property that becomes completely enclosed by city. The Mayor explained various reasons and benefits of annexation.

Bob Reiley commented that the idea of protecting the city wells is fine, but feels the developments in the area being discussed would not affect the water. He is also concerned with zoning of the area and how it could protect against a number of things. He would also like to know how far back the line would go for the annexation. He stated he was not exactly opposed to annexation, but would like to work with the city and get involved so zoning could be used for property owners protection.

Concerns were also raised about how snow removal would be conducted and how or if City utility services would be extended and offered, and if they would be required to hook into sewer service which currently aren't available. Mayor Beck explained there are many issues to resolve before the city proceeds: costs to extend services need to be determined, how much area will be annexed still is in question, and decision about whether the city will require hook-up to sewer services when they become available. City Attorney Stanford stated that the zoning would

continue with the present use no matter who owns property. As long as whoever buys property continues with the same use, they still have the same rights. Zoning would be affected only if the use changes. Reiley commented that an advantage to annexation is the ease of dividing property into smaller lots compared to the county.

Other issues were discussed including the possibility of annexing the airport, provisions made for people on fixed incomes if required to hook up to services, property tax increases, current rates for city sewer services, and the affect of allowing agricultural land into the city limits.

Mayor Beck thanked citizens for attending the meeting. The city will continue discussing the possibility of annexation the area in future meetings.

COUNCILMEMBER APPOINTMENT: Mayor Beck discussed former Councilmember William's contributions to the city. One minute of silence was observed in his memory. Beck then announced the nomination of Bill Butterfield as replacement for William's council seat. A motion to accept the appointment made by Rose, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Butterfield. The Mayor made changes to the Council assignments. Councilmember Merrill will now be assigned to the water and sewer department, and Butterfield will be assigned to police and animal control. Councilmember Fransen will now serve on the finance committee.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – CATHOLIC CHURCH: Darlene Woodcock a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church explained that the Church recently purchased property adjacent to the church (a home and two lots) to help alleviate some of their parking problems. They would like to have some assistance with city equipment to help clear off the property so it could be turn into parking. Mayor asked for the city attorney's legal opinion. Stanford stated she didn't see a problem. Woodcock commented the Church needs better parking for safety reasons. Supt. Andersen mentioned that they would have to work with the county and landfill and church to remove the materials and work out what they would be allowed to take to the landfill. A motion to assist the Church made by Rose, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. The Mayor directed Woodcock to work with Supt. Andersen to make all necessary arrangements. Woodcock then asked about the city's plan to redo that street. The transportation plan was discussed, and Supt. Andersen suggested the curb on the Church's street could be taken back to make the street wider. This would give them ten more feet. A motion to allow the street to be widened made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LEASE: Melissa Hinkley of 304 West Main asked the City Council to lease property to her to enclose the property around her home. They are looking to adopt and a fence is a pre-requisite for the adoption. Much of what they thought was their property actually belongs to the city. They need to lease a 15' by 125' portion for the fence and some parking. It would not interfere with any current use of the street. City Attorney Stanford drew up a standard lease agreement for five years for \$10.00 and a motion to approve the lease was made by Rose, 2nd, Councilmember Koon abstained due to a conflict, all others in favor, motion carried.

CITY WEBSITE: Will Rhea the City's website designer and web master presented to the council some papers showing what the website looks like. He had bid on doing the site with the previous mayor and council about eight years ago. He work closely with the city staff and gets favorable comments about the city's website. He discussed with the council his desire to continuing doing the website work and the advantages of that. Councilmember Koon pointed out there is no written contract and a motion was made by Koon to have a contract drawn up for the council to review, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Rhea will work with the city attorney on a contract that can be brought before the council

SURPLUS DECLARATION: Mayor Beck read a list of surplus items. A motion to approve the list and declare the items surplus made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. A surplus sale will be held. Council agreed to ask \$10,000 on turbine and if there are no bids it could be listed for sale on E-bay.

2ND JUNE MEETING CANCELLATION: Motion to cancel 2nd June meeting due to lack of business made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor.

NUISANCE ORDINANCE: Councilmember Merrill reported she has had several phone calls relating to nuisance properties in the city. Mayor Beck suggested he, Chief Fullmer, City Clerk Stoddard, and the City Attorney meet to review the city's current ordinance, state code and other cities ordinances, and then bring that information to the council for decisions on how the city should proceed.

WASTEWATER PROJECT FINANCING: Mayor Beck asked the minutes show the results of financial and grant efforts for the wastewater project. The City was successful in obtaining \$700,000 grant from USDA along with a \$2,000,000 loan. A grant for \$500,000 was also awarded from the Idaho Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant program.

MAYOR SALARY ORDINANCE: Mayor Beck read for a 1st reading the proposed Mayor salary ordinance raising the wage from \$400 per month to \$800 per month. Motion to approve 1st reading made by Edlefsen, 2nd, voice vote all yes, Fransen no, motion carried by majority. Ordinance passes 1st reading. The 2nd reading will be on the July agenda.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING DEQ ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PHASE II OF WASTEWATER PROJECT: Mayor Beck presented and explained to the council the need to adopt the resolution of these findings for phase II of the project. The findings were previously adopted for phase I. Mayor Beck read the resolution. Motion to approve made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES: No changes noted. Motion to approve minutes from the May 11, 2005 meeting made by Edlefsen, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

BILLS: After questions were answered a motion to pay the bills was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

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MAYOR BECK

The Mayor discussed with the council the upcoming AIC conference in Idaho Falls, local youth attendance for the conference and local catering of a conference meal. The Transportation Museum Grant was not approved and will be spruced up and re-submitted in the next grant cycle.

CATHY KOON

Koon reported the possibility of getting a grant for sealing the runway was looking good. Koon asked if reports had been received yet from the airport manager. The City Clerk reported they had not. She also commented Buckley still had equipment being stored at the airport that needed to be moved.

COUNCILMEMBER ROSE

Rose asked that budget report be given out so work can begin on the budgets.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL

Merrill commented she has enjoyed working with the police department and is looking forward to her new assignment. She reported that the liner had been installed in the lagoons.

COUNCILMEMBER EDLEFSEN

Edlefsen asked if the city office had heard from Steve Huber about his proposal to write the comprehensive plan. The City Clerk reported they had not, but she would follow up with him.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANSEN

Fransen reported he had names from the Parks and Recreation Board for new members. He discussed Boys Town Park and the possibility of some trimming and clean up in the overgrown park. He told the council about the Rotary Club's plan for the Keefer Park Shelter and showed a drawing of the structure. It will be a 40 feet by 60 feet shelter in the same location, but raised 6 inches from where it is now. The estimated cost is \$18,000-\$19,000. It will have electricity and lighting. Motion to approve the plan made by Rose, 2nd, Fransen, Rose, and Butterfield in favor, Edlefsen, Merrill and Koon opposed, Mayor voted in favor, motion carried. Fransen recommended if there are any surplus city funds at the end of the fiscal year that the council looking at donated further funds to the shelter.

SUPT. ANDERSEN

Andersen discussed with the council the possibility of moving the old shelter from Keefer Park to Litton Park. He also discussed details of fencing at the airport and what kind of fence and who would be paying for materials. The Mayor stated he would need to talk with Neil Shupe and get back to Andersen.

There being no further business to come before the council the meeting was adjourned at 10:40

p.m.

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer