

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JULY 13, 2005**  
**CITY OF ST. ANTHONY**  
**420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Attorney Penny Stanford, Police Chief Bryan Fullmer, Supt. of Public Works Woody Andersen, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, Officer Brock Bruegeman, Terri Knox – East Idaho Credit Union, Carla Cooper and family, trailer court owners, concerned citizens, and newsmedia.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Butterfield led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICER:** Brock Bruegeman was introduced to the Council by Mayor Beck as the newest officer on the city's police force.

**BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS:** Mayor Beck presented the July business Beautification Award, to East Idaho Credit Union. Manager Terri Knox was present to accept the award. The residential award was given to Keith and Donna Nave. Keith Nave came later on in the meeting and the award was presented to him at that time.

**GARBAGE COLLECTION – TRIPLE H ENTERPRISES:** Kevin Hathaway, manager of Triple H Enterprises made a presentation to the council about his interest in getting the city's contract for garbage collection should the city decide to contract out for the service. Hathaway presented the council with a letter describing his present services and services he would like to provide the city as a local option. He listed and discussed various reasons for using his company as a local contractor versus a big commercial company. Councilmember Butterfield asked if he had a backup system, and Hathaway stated he would be purchasing two trucks and hiring additional employees so there would be redundancy built into the system. Hathaway stated he would be committed to being there to perform services needed and would take pride in it. Councilmember Edlefsen asked how many employees would be hired. Hathaway responded it would allow him to hire 4 full-time employees.

**IBC SNOW LOAD REQUIREMENTS:** Mayor Beck explained that he had received a letter about the county's decision to enforce the International Building Code snow load requirements of 35 pounds per square foot. This applies currently in the city limits as the city has adopted the code and the county is the city's enforcement agent. This would mean that any mobile homes 2000 and older would not meet the requirements as they are only 30 lbs. Owners of the Kit Circle Trailer Court presented the council with information about what other entities and counties are doing for enforcement. They presented several that allow 30 lbs. The Mayor stated enforcing the 35 pound requirement would force trailer court owners to allow only newer homes into their courts which are larger and more costly and could be cause for a lot of vacancies. If the council is interested in looking at whether a

change should be made the Mayor would like to place on a future agenda. The Council agreed to discuss it at the next Council meeting. The Mayor will inform the county the city will be considering whether making a change or not.

**PARKING ORDINANCE:** The Council discussed the time being given to allow truck or trailer owners to unload their vehicles. Currently the police officers are giving a warning if not move in roughly two hour the vehicles are cited. Several citizens have complained two hours is not sufficient. Fransen noted that it depends on what time of day or night the vehicle is tagged. Other councilmembers commented on the time and it being sufficient and the need for the ordinance to be enforced with the two hour time limit

The Mayor also talked being called recently by a tenant of Ft. Henry Business Center. Some business owners and employees are taking up parking all day along the South side of the building and making it difficult for customers to bring in computers to the building. There is no provision in the new ordinance for two hour parking. Signs have been left up, but there is no ordinance. The Mayor thought possibly the chief could type up a letter to the business owners requesting they and their employee's park in the parking lot East of building to allow parking for customers. It was agreed that will be done and see how it works, if it doesn't the council may have to revise ordinance.

**2006 BUGDET:** The Mayor discussed expected revenues for next year's budget. Department expenditures and salaries and wages were also discussed. Several items regarding personnel will need to be discussed in executive session. The Council also discussed the capital request list and the need for some items to be put in the budget, but there is a lack of funds. The Mayor also reported on the current year budget and its status. There could possibly be funds left over at the end of this fiscal year. The Mayor discussed 5% raises to utility rates with the council which would help fund future projects, especially in the water department with the Water Study about to be completed. Beck would like to see small raises along the way instead of big jumps late on

**SCOTT PARKER VARIANCE REQUEST:** The Council reviewed recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a variance request for Scott Parker at 585 West Targhee for an awning/roof over the front step which would not meet setback requirements. Planning and Zoning recommends approval of the request. A motion was made by Edlefsen based on Planning and Zoning recommendations to approve the variance, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

**ANNEXATION REQUEST BY WADE GEISLER:** Council reviewed Planning and Zoning findings for an annexation request by Wade Geisler which also includes Larry Bennett's neighboring property as he is hooked up to city services. There was some confusion about the conclusions of the Commission in the findings. The council postponed their decision until the next meeting in order to get some corrections to the findings and clarification about the recommendations for the zoning of the annexed property.

**MOSQUITO SPRAYING EQUIPMENT:** The Mayor explained to the Council the City's

1976 mosquito spraying equipment has died. The City needs to either retrofit or buy new equipment. The costs are \$4,500 for a retrofitted machine, or purchase a 10 mph machine for \$6,100 or a 20 mph machine for \$7,700. Council approval is needed to purchase the equipment as it was not an item included in the budget. Benefits and disadvantages of the different options for new equipment were discussed. Supt. Andersen pointed out that they could retro fit and still use the old blower and old engine, but the city could spend up to \$11,000 to keep old machine going should the engine or blower fail. A motion to authorize up to \$7,700 for a new machine made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Beck presented Jim Hunter, Melissa Hinkley, and Lennie Peterson to the Council to be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion to approve made by Edlefsen, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Beck presented Wendall Greenhalgh and Ray Voss to fill two vacancies on the commission. Motion to approve made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**HOOK-UP REQUIREMENTS:** The Mayor discussed with the council the need to establish whether or not the city will require property owners in annexed property to hook up to city utilities when they become available. No policy has been established. City Attorney Stanford stated she had reviewed the ordinance and it says the city can require hook-up with 90 days notice. After discussed the council agreed to give property owners on North Bridge until April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2006 to hook-up, now that they are annexed and city services are available.

**MINUTES:** Minutes for the June 8, 2005, council meeting were presented to the council. No changes were noted and a motion to approve was made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**BILLS:** Bills were presented for council approval. After discussion and questions answered a motion to pay except for an invoice to Rhea Computer Consulting that was held until questions could be answered was made by Edlefsen, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**MAYOR SALARY ORDINANCE:** Mayor Beck read the ordinance for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. A motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Edlefsen and Merrill in favor, Butterfield and Fransen opposed, Beck then opposed, ordinance failed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Beck requested executive session to discuss possible litigation with regards to the EPA Fine, employee issues and possible contract issues. Motion to adjourn to executive session made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor by voice vote. Executive session was held, no decisions were made during executive session.

A motion to postpone the decision regarding garbage privatization to the next meeting made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. A motion to approve non-scheduled raises for four employees made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. A motion to approve paying sick leave to employees

schedule for retirement this and next fiscal year made by Edlefsen, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

## **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### ***MAYOR BECK***

Mayor Beck discussed with the Council the upcoming bid opening for Phase II of the Wastewater project. He also informed the council about needed interim financing again for Phase II with Wells Fargo, and the possibility of extending the Phase I interim financing which would postpone a bond payment again for the city.

The Mayor also discussed whether the council would want to continue bidding on surplus sweepers. Soda Springs will have one available to bid on sometime in mid-August. It would be a \$15,000 minimum bid. The possibility of borrowing the money from the Utility Fund was discussed. Supt. Andersen will go look at the sweeper and then it could be decided how much to bid.

Mayor Beck read a letter from the LDS Church Stake Presidency thanking the police for their support and assistance for funeral of Dustin Birch. Mayor Beck expressed how proud and pleased he was with the community for their show of support that day for Birch.

### ***COUNCILMEMBER FRANSEN***

Fransen discussed with the council the need for playground equipment and various safety concerns about it. He brought up that we currently don't even have funds in the parks budget for matching for grants. Councilmember Edlefsen suggested forming a committee that could help raise the money. Mayor Beck told Fransen the Council needs a recommendation from the Parks and Rec Committee about whether any unsafe equipment should be torn out now, or leaving the equipment for now and forming a committee to raise money to replace it. Edlefsen suggested a newsletter article about forming a committee.

### ***COUNCILMEMBER EDLEFSEN***

Edlefsen reported on some recent vandalism she turned into the Sheriff's office dispatch recently. Someone had been trying to push over the mile markers along the South Greenway trail.

***SUPT. ANDERSEN:*** Andersen reported on a family that recently held a family reunion in St. Anthony and did some service projects for the city. They picked up litter from Bridge Street out to Radio Road on the Highway 20 Business loop, and worked on the Volleyball area at Harry Worrell park. Andersen asked for permission to pursue getting the families information so they could be sent some sort of certificate or recognition from the Mayor thanking them for their help. Mayor and Council agreed Andersen should proceed.

There being no further business to come before the council the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Willard D. Beck, Mayor

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Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer