

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 24, 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 Bill Butterfield

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Penny Stanford, Supt. of Public Works Woody Andersen, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, Roger and Gaye Orr, St. Anthony Rotary President Les Ball, concerned citizens, and newsmedia.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2006 FY PROPOSED BUDGET: A hearing was held for comment on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2006. No comment was received, written or oral, and the hearing was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Beck asked Richard Marler to lead everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUGUST BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: Mayor Beck presented Beautification Awards for August to Roger and Gaye Orr for the residence. Sahl Apartments, owned by Bill and Colleen Forsberg was recognized for the business award.

KEEFER PARK SHELTER - LES BALL, ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT: Mayor Beck explained to the council that the Rotary President had been invited to attend council meeting to give the council accurate information about what plans are for the shelter at Keefer Park. Many different stories about what is going on with shelter are coming to council members. Ball explained that the Rotary in looking at the current shelter feel it needs replaced and could become a hazard. It is possible with snow loads it could collapse this winter. The roof is still sound; it is the upright posts that are rotted. More space is needed at the pavilion for events such as Fisherman's Breakfast. Mayor Beck stated that at one time a committee had been formed with the members from the Rotary and City and that was how talking about the shelter had been started. Ball explained that there are two committees within the Rotary for this project: one to take care of removing the old shelter and placing the roof in Litton Park and a 2nd to build the new shelter. The current Keefer Park shelter roof structure will be moved and concrete poured. Ball was asked if the city would be responsible for the concrete work. Ball stated Rotary would take care of the concrete if the city would level and compact the gravel in preparation for the concrete work. Rotary has funds and made arrangements to pour and get concrete down. They also have the posts for Litton Park and will be able to move the roof, they just may need some help from the City. Supt. Andersen discussed that he can have the Litton site ready in two days time, and stated it could be done no later than Friday of next week. Andersen stated he would work with Bob Bauer of the Rotary to get that portion of the project complete.

Ball further also informed the council that the plans for the new shelter had been discussed as a 40 feet by 60 feet metal structure. The existing shelter is 16 feet by 30 feet. There were

concerns that it was too big and a metal structure could have more problems with vandalism. Plans are currently for a 24 feet by 50 feet three-sided cinderblock shelter with a gap near the roof to provide for cross ventilation. It would be in the same location the shelter is now. The City would need to go in and get the old concrete and BBQ pit taken out. Councilmember Rose ask that Rotary look at some open areas on the South side wall for better visibility for safety and also feels the size could be cut back 10 feet. Rose stated he would be in agreement, but would like to see the South side opened somewhat to have river view. Councilmember Koon stated she felt that 24 feet by 60 feet building based on Parks and Recreation Committee discussions over the years is too big and she also disagrees about the cinderblock being better for potential vandalism. She would also object to anything blocking out a view, and stated it would be too big to build it that size for only one event a year. She has seen some of the reunions that have been held there and who uses it and feels that a size more like 18 fee by 40 feet would be adequate. City Attorney Stanford stated, with all respect to the Rotary Club, that the proposed shelter is just too big and agreed with Koon to a size of 18 feet by 40 feet. She explained that she has cooked at the Fisherman's Breakfast and feels that being enclosed would be bad for people cooking and the heat. Councilmember Butterfield feels that a 24 fee by 60 foot shelter would not be out of line. He stated it would not only be used for the Breakfast, but a larger one would be used for many things. He could be swayed regarding the wall and would like to see consideration for openings in the wall. Councilmember Merrill stated she was not so much concerned about the size as for visibility into and out of the shelter. Councilmember Edlefsen stated her employer held free dinner in the park and served 400 people, and there was plenty of room and most people sat outside the pavilion. People like to use the park open space. She is opposed to a building that size, but agreed it could be bigger that 18 by 40. Too big of a structure would spoil the aesthetics of the park. She thanked the Rotary for putting up the original shelter and stated it is a great thing they are doing by taking on this project, but feels it would be wrong to make it that big. Councilmember Fransen thought the building was proposed to be 24 feet by 50 feet originally, but could understand why they would want it to be bigger. He feels the council needs to work with the Rotary and come to a compromise as the Rotary is just trying to do what is best for the community. He too was concerned about having 3 sides shut in and Parks and Recreation had discussed several options to address that. He is not sure about a solution but feels the City needs to work both ways with the Rotary considering all the time and effort they are putting in. He stated he could go with a smaller shelter, but doesn't think it should be an issue. His concerns are mostly with being able to see into the shelter.

Ball stated that all the same issues have been discussed by the Rotary. This was the size the committee felt was acceptable and stated that 24 by 60 may seem huge now, but not so big in the future. However, he stated, it is not cast in stone. Rotary just wanted a building that would be utilized by the community. They felt cinderblock would be less maintenance and it could have opening – safety and vandalism are practical issues. Mayor Beck stated that the ideal structure would be steel posts with a roof, but can understand that cinderblock walls would be nice during bad weather and wind. He feels the size is okay and that the shelter would get more use if it is 24 feet by 40 feet. He feels they council needs to give the Rotary Club some direction. He feels some openings are needed in the walls on the South and possibly West end. He would also like to see decorative cinderblock used is it could be afforded to give some texture. A motion to approve a building 24 feet by 50 feet with three or four openings on the south and at least one on

the West if possible for safety purposes made by Rose, 2nd, Butterfield opposed as he felt it needs to be bigger, Koon opposed as the proposed size is too big, all others in favor. The City Clerk will type a letter for the Mayor to take back to the Rotary Club.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS OF CITY PROPERTY: Mayor Beck explained he would like to declare the East 50 feet of Bridge Street South of East 6th South surplus. It is currently not being used or maintained by the city and a potential business is looking at the vacant property. There are not utilities in the property. Mayor Beck feels it is an opportunity for some economic development in the City. He has also had two other individuals ask him about the property in the last month. Each one is a different type of business. None of the individuals would be interested in a lease. Councilmember Koon brought up concerns with traffic and parking on the property. This was discussed with assurances that parking would be made adequate. A motion to declare the property surplus made by Edlefsen, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. The property is a 50 foot by 160 feet section which is about 8,500 square feet. Mayor Beck feels a minimum bid of \$15,000 is realistic. Butterfield stated concerns whether the figure was realistic and that it seemed like a lot of guesswork. Amount of minimum bid was further discussed. Councilmember Rose made a motion to set the minimum bid at \$12,500, 2nd, all in favor. The Mayor suggested the proceeds from the property sale be dedicated to purchasing new park equipment. Supt. Andersen brought up that a survey should be done to determine the property lines for the sale. The Mayor indicated that would need to be done and purchaser would have to pay for the survey. The survey price could be added to the bid. A motion to add the price of the survey to the sale price made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

STEPFAMILY DAY PROCLAMATION: The Mayor read a Proclamation announcing National Stepfamily Day on September 16th.

CART PROPOSAL: The council discussed a proposal from the previous council meeting about donating funds to CART. The Mayor stated while the city didn't have the \$15,000-20,000 mentioned the City does have funds for a smaller amount. The Mayor briefly informed the council of changes in expenses within the proposed budget that would allow for more funds than was originally thought. A motion to dedicate \$2,000 to CART to support a great service made by Edlefsen, 2nd, all in favor.

2006 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: A motion to read by title only on the 1st reading made by Koon, 2nd, all in favor. Mayor read the title of the ordinance. A motion to approve the 1st reading made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. A motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by title only for the 2nd and 3rd readings made by Edlefsen, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Mayor read 2nd and 3rd reading by title. Motion to approve made by Rose, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. 2006 appropriation ordinance is adopted.

NORTH BRIDGE HOOK UP REQUIREMENTS: Mayor Beck reminded the council at a previous meeting it was decided to require properties along North Bridge that had been recently annexed to hook up to city sewer services by the end of April 2006. The Mayor then read a letter from the LDS Church asking for an extension to 2007 as their budgets have already been set for the seminary facility for 2006. A motion to extend the deadline to April 2007 was made

by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Letters will be sent to the property owners informing them of the deadline.

UTILITY BILLING LOSSES: The Mayor discussed with the council the issue of the city losing \$8,000 to \$9,000 per year by people who rent property and move and leave their utility bills unpaid. He mentioned that the City was going to send owners of rental units copies of their tenants utility bills. Stanford stated that the City couldn't do that as it was illegal. Mayor Beck then mentioned doing credit checks on all new hook-ups. Merrill brought up another solution to increase the amount of the deposit. Other ideas were discussed. It was decided to have the City Attorney draft a resolution to set up a deposit that would be based on the last two months bills for the property. A hearing on this rate increase will be held at the 2nd council meeting in September

TRAVEL TRAILER PARKING: The Council discussed people coming into town with their camp trailers and wanting to stay with family or friends at their homes and the need to possibly have a special use permit. After permit ends the police could step in and take actions if the trailer is not moved. Merrill brought up safety concerns of trailers being parked near intersections or other places that would be safety hazards, and stated there would need to be limits placed on the permits. She agreed that something needed to be done to allow for visitors. Mayor Beck voiced concerns with how many times a permit could be given out and the possibility it would be abused. Councilmember Fransen discussed that the parking ordinance in general needs to be better enforced and talked about several areas in town where there are still problems which don't seem to be getting addressed. Stanford told Fransen the names and addresses of the properties in questions should be given to the Mayor for the Mayor and the Chief of Police to discuss. It was also mentioned that people can use the city parking lots for overnight parking for periods of time. Butterfield suggested putting the information in the newsletter for people. The council concluded an ordinance could be done and tried for a year. Limits could be set and a permit could be issued that would be visible for the officers to see. Stanford will draw up an ordinance for the next council meeting.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

MAYOR BECK: The Mayor announced that the Phase II portion of the wastewater project will be awarded the next morning. Councilmember Edlefsen made a request to have a map available for residents and newsmedia to see where the work would be taking place in town.

The Mayor discussed with the council the efforts to get a new police car. They have talked with St. Anthony Motors and a Dodge dealer and it is almost a year away to get a police package vehicle here. A Ford could be purchased and delivered now, but the cost is more. After discussion about prices and options for purchasing, council concurred to research fixing the current vehicle and go ahead with ordering the new one. Councilmember Butterfield will work with city mechanic Scott Butigan about possible repairs to the vehicle to keep it running until a new vehicle can be obtained.

COUNCILMEMBER KOON: Koon asked if the Harris property had been cleaned up. Supt. Andersen reported it had been. Koon also brought up a discussion about the trailer sewer dumping station at the Shell station and septic pumping and how it affects the treatment plant and how it will be addressed in the future. Also abandoned vehicle removal at the airport is still being worked on.

COUNCILMEMBER ROSE: Rose reported that a proposal request had been drafted for the privatization of the garbage service. The Council will review proposals on the 13th and grade them during council meeting. The Mayor will also grade the proposals in case of a tie vote of the council. The new service could be up and running as soon as November 1st.

Rose also mentioned enforcement of the truck parking ordinance at the Henry's Fork Inn near the Fire Station. It is a commercial zone and can park there for 48 hours, however, they are required to be so far from a Fire Station and one individual is using that area for truck parking all the time.

COUNCILMEMBER EDLEFSEN: Edlefsen reported the City Clerk had given jake brake ordinances from several cities to her. She will review the information and bring it back to the council.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANSEN: Fransen informed the Council that at the next meeting he should have a report from Consultant Sandra Thorne-Brown on the Community Forestry Plan.

There being no further business to come before the council the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer