

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES- SEPTEMBER 28, 2005 7:00 PM
ST. ANTHONY CITY HALL
420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST ANTHONY, IDAHO**

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Beck, Councilmembers Joyce Edlefsen, Darby Merrill, Cathy Koon, Shawn Fransen, Garth Rose and Bill Butterfield (Excused from meeting at 8:32 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Penny Stanford, Deputy Treasurer Heather Parker, Police Captain Don Powell, Public Works Superintendent, newsmedia and concerned citizens.

PUBLIC HEARING - INCREASE UTILITY BILL SECURITY DEPOSIT:

Councilmember Darby Merrill reported to the Council that in the last 12 months the City was losing \$6,665.55 due to delinquent utility bills for rentals and another \$793.07 for delinquent bills on non-rental properties. She stated that this is money that could be used for equipment for our water and sewer departments. She also stated that the current deposit we have now of \$52 doesn't even cover an entire month, but by raising the deposit to 2 months worth of utility bills the City wouldn't be losing as much. Merrill reported that she figured the deposits to be \$184.10 at the high end with the low being \$113.28. Discussion followed. There being no opinions from the public the hearing was closed and to be picked up later with the resolution.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED SALE OF CITY PROPERTY: Mayor described the property as being the East 50 feet of Bridge Street South of East 6th South Street, with a minimum value of \$12,500. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed.

Mayor Beck asked the Council for ideas on what to do with the property. Councilmember Butterfield made a motion to declare the property as excess and to sell it. Councilmember Edlefsen seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC AUCTION - CITY PROPERTY SALE: Auction was dispensed due to lack of interested parties. City Attorney Penny Stanford stated that since no one showed up to buy the property at auction the City could sell it by any means. Councilmember Koon made a motion to list the property with a realtor. Councilmember Edlefsen seconded it. Unanimous approval.

Discussion followed about the various realtors in St. Anthony. Koon made a motion to list with Realty Quest. Edlefsen seconded it. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET AMENDMENT: Mayor Beck presented to the Council the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Amendment for approval. Discussion followed. There being no public comment the hearing was closed and to be picked up later with the ordinance.

WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLAN: Jack Rainey from DEQ presented to the Council a Wellhead Protection Plan. He stated that it is a program that DEQ will guide us through to protect both wells in the city. Mr. Rainey said that a committee; made up of a diverse group of people that are interested in protecting the city's drinking water; will need to be formed. The

members need to come from our community, including those outside city limits and should have 1-9 members. Mr. Rainey said that 95% of the protection plan would be focused on education: including workshops, fairs, and spring cleanup events for removal of hazardous waste. He also stated that he could provide flyers with various facts about the dangers of throwing away harmful things that could be distributed to the public. Mr. Rainey said that the first step would be to get the committee together, and when that is done to contact him at DEQ and he will get things going. He volunteered to write the protection plan and organize everything. He stated that it would cost the city only as much as they wanted to spend. Mr. Rainey also reported how having this plan will work in our favor when applying for grants or loans from the state.

Mayor Beck asked the Council for names of people to serve on the committee. Councilmember Edlefsen volunteered. The Mayor also assigned Public Works Superintendent Woody Andersen and was going to speak with Butch Nagle about joining also.

BULK FUEL & FUEL STORAGE: Councilmember Butterfield reported that he talked with Public Works Superintendent Woody Andersen and there is some storage available for bulk fuel, but is unsure about putting up another storage tank. Butterfield stated that if we put in a storage tank for diesel we will end up saving money over a 15 years span. He also stated that storing gasoline is not feasible at this time and wouldn't be able to pay for itself in the long run. Butterfield stated that he is in the process of finding out more and would like to present a plan to the City Council at a later date when he has all the facts. He also mentioned the Express cards which could be used at both Sinclair and Shell stations. He said with these cards they would automatically deduct the federal taxes and could track mileage if need be.

Mayor Beck reported that right now City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard is manually figuring the federal tax on fuel that she then files for reimbursement. Using the Express cards would save both time and money. The Mayor said it would pay to get these cards.

WATER AND SEWER ON CHRISTENSEN PROPERTY: Mayor Beck explained that Mr. and Mrs. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Ward had each purchased the 1 acre properties that are dead center in the Christensen property along US Hwy 20, east of the property line. He stated that the city needed to figure out how to get water and sewer into that property. The Mayor stated that the nearest lines are at Broulins and Bridge Street. Discussion followed. Mayor Beck stated that the city is at a point that we must get water and sewer to all those properties across the front. The Mayor stated he would hold a conference with Schiess & Associates and Public Works Superintendent Woody Andersen to decide the best way to proceed. The Wards asked if they should continue with their plans for the property or wait until everything is settled. The Mayor said to go ahead and the city will find a way to get them water and sewer.

CARS PARKED ON CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY: Mayor Beck reported on a meeting he had with Public Works Superintendent Woody Andersen, Councilmember Bill Butterfield and Police Chief Bryan Fullmer about the new position of Ordinance Officer. They had decided to make October 1st, 2005 the start date and the first task the Ordinance Officer will be doing is going through town, block by block, doing an inventory of problem areas. Initially the job will be to enforce the no parking in the city right-of-way. A soft handed approach will be used. A warning

will be given to vehicles in violation of the ordinance. If the vehicle is not moved within 5 days a citation will be issued and they will have to go before the court. After that issue is taken care of the Officer will begin to address the old cars that are parked on private property. Discussion followed.

COMPRESSION BRAKES: Councilmember Edlefsen spoke to the Council about the problem with trucks using compression brakes in city limits. She stated that several cities had ordinances banning the use of compression brakes and that there is no real way to enforce the ordinance unless the Officer happened to be there at the time the brakes were being used. However, just by putting up signs it could help cut back on the use of the compression brakes. Mayor Beck suggested coming back with an ordinance. Councilmember Edlefsen and City Attorney Penny Stanford will work on getting one put together for the Council's review.

DOG POUND WATER SERVICE: Mayor Beck reported that the matter had already been resolved and he removed it from the agenda.

ADDITIONAL BILLS FOR APPROVAL: A bill had been submitted from Will Rhea for history work on the website. Councilmember Koon asked that we have a historian review the information Mr. Rhea is posting to be sure of its validity as she has found some inaccuracies. Councilmember Koon recommended historians Cathy Moon, Howard Moon, and herself. Mayor Beck said it was a great idea and they would have it done. Councilmember Garth Rose made a motion to pay Mr. Rhea for the work that was done. Councilmember Merrill seconded it. Unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION – UTILITY SECURITY DEPOSIT: Councilmember Darby Merrill introduced the resolution and read it aloud to the Council. Merrill made a motion to pass the resolution. Councilmember Cathy Koon seconded it. Discussion followed. Councilmember Merrill made an amended motion to include Sanitation collection in the deposit and to include a flat deposit rate of \$140.00 for new properties that have no previous utility information. Koon seconded it. Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCE – 2005 FY BUDGET AMENDMENT: Councilmember Merrill made a motion to read the 2005 FY Budget Amendment Ordinance by title only. Councilmember Fransen seconded it. Unanimous Approval. Councilmember Rose read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Merrill made a motion to approve the ordinance on the first reading. Councilmember Rose seconded it. Unanimous Approval. Councilmember Merrill made a motion to approve the ordinance by reading the title only for the second time. Councilmember Edlefsen seconded it. Councilmember Rose read the ordinance by title only two more times. Councilmember Merrill made a motion to pass the ordinance on the second and third readings. Councilmember Edlefsen seconded it. Unanimous approval.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR

Mayor Beck reported to the council that a Chiropractor was going to be moving into the Fort Henry Business Center, which is already housing an EITC Nursing program along with the Standard Journal Newspaper office. He stated that the City crew did a marvelous job on the demolition of the business center. We hired Depatco and Parkers Sand and Gravel and that expense, along with the building architectural fees; we went over budget by \$113,000.00. He also stated that \$16,000.00 of the funds went to buy the Forest Service ground behind the center for the parking lot. He reported that we had overpaid the architect \$3,800.00 which will be refunded to us and also that he and City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard negotiated with ECIPDA for \$60,000.00 which the City will receive and that will put us with a deficit of only \$51,000.00. He stated that each year we will pay it back with any carry over from the General Fund budget. Mayor Beck also reported on the progress of the sewer project. He reported that the lagoons are full of fresh water for the evaporation testing they are doing to check for leakage. After that is finished they will pump the clean water out and start putting the sewer in. The completion date has been set for October 15, 2005. He reported that when installing new sewer lines on the South end of 12th West they hit lava rock. In order for the line to be installed the crew has to chisel through 105 feet of the rock. He also reported that they have done the first pipe burst section of 350 feet from 3rd E to behind District 7 Health. The next portion they will be doing is underneath Bridge Street. The Mayor reported that he has a meeting with Stoney Tucker from PSI and that they will be taking over the sanitation pickup starting December 1st.

Mayor Beck reported that the airport grant had been received. He stated that Schiess & Associates will develop a bid document for January or February. He also reported that he had received a good report on the crack sealing that had been done at the airport.

COUNCILMEMBER KOON

Koon stated that the abandoned cars along the building at the airport needed to be taken care of. Police Captain Donald Powell reported that he would go out first thing in the morning. Koon also wants to have a designated area for parking at the airport so they can take action when cars are parked in unauthorized locations. She also reported that the weeds at the airport had been sprayed.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL

Merrill reported that she would be unable to attend the Council meeting on October 12, 2005 as she will be out of town. Mayor Beck excused Merrill from the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANSEN

Fransen reported that Urban Forestry Consultant Sandra Thorne-Brown had met with the Parks and Recreation committee to go over her plan for the city's trees and the revised Tree Ordinance she drew up based on suggestions made by the Parks and Recreation Committee. He stated that the committee wanted to take out the old ordinance and accept the new one. He also reported that Garry Bates had attended the committee meeting and talked of turning the Skatepark into a tree arboretum. He also reported that the committee was working on getting new playground equipment for the city parks.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Attest:

Bill Beck, Mayor

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer