

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 8, 2006
CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Beck, Councilmembers Shawn Fransen, Dee Rausch, Darby Merrill, Garth Rose, Cathy Koon and Matt Blanchard.

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Taci Stoddard, Supt. of Public Works Woody Andersen, Police Chief Bryan Fullmer, Marvin Crain – Idaho State Police, Ben & Rebecca Douglas, Art & Lori Fullmer, Larry & Fonda Johnson, Chamber of Commerce Board Members, Compliance Officer Don Rogers, Keith Hobbs – Harriman State Park Manager, concerned citizens, and newsmedia.

METHAMPHETEMINE PRESENTATION: Marvin Crain gave a presentation on Methamphetamine use. He had a power point presentation and discussed what Meth is and how it affects people. He briefly explained methods of manufacturing and how is it psychologically and physically addictive. He stressed the need for more community involvement and described various costs to the community of Meth abuse. The Mayor mentioned that the City had discussed passing a pseudoephedrine ordinance, but had held off because one may be passed statewide. Crain felt it still may not hurt to pass the ordinance now anyway, as it may not pass the State legislature again this year.

Protecting the children coming from and living in homes of meth uses is a great concern. The Governor has started a program that will bring all groups together to help protect the children. The Mayor and Chief also discussed the “buy” procedure police use to apprehend meth users and manufacturers and how expensive it is to have a confidential informant assistant the police in buying quantities of meth. Mayor Beck asked that citizens be aware of what is going on in their neighborhoods.

IDAHO PARKS & REC PRESENTATION: Keith Hobbs, Park Manager of Harriman State Park presented to the council information on the Governor’s initiative to inject one times funds into the State Parks program for various needs and some new programs. He discussed and showed a power point presentation to the Council describing the various parks that have been targeted and their needs. He also discussed the possibility being discussed of a brand new park along somewhere in Southeastern Idaho between Idaho Falls and Ashton. Mr. Hobbs left flyers detailing information about the proposed program.

KENNEL LICENSE APPLICATIONS: Kennel licenses for Ben and Rebecca Douglas and Art and Lori Fullmer were presented for Council approval. Compliance Officer Don Rogers was questioned about any known problems with the applicant’s dogs. Rogers stated that both families take of there animals, any minor problems have been resolved. The City Clerk informed the Council that the license applications were in order. Concerns came up regarding the issue of kennels for the animals and some vagueness in the code book. It was determined with the current ordinance that a kennel is required, but there is no definition of the kennel. A motion to approve the kennel license of Douglas

made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor. City Attorney Stanford will be asked to look at the definition of kennel for clarification in the code book. A motion to approve Fullmer's kennel license made by Rose, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

CHAMBER RENT RELIEF REQUEST: Mayor Beck explained he had received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce asking that the Chambers rent in the City Building be waived for a time to give the Chamber some time to build up their funds. Membership is down in the Chamber and they are trying to increase that. Funds have been short due to increasing costs of holding events such as Fisherman's Breakfast. They are working on fundraisers to increase revenue. The Chamber is a non-profit organization. The Chamber Board members stated they would appreciate the council looking at the request and helping them out so they can help the local businesses. The Chamber pays about \$1,800 per year. The Council concurred they would like more time to consider the request and asked that the issue be placed on the agenda for further discussion at the next council meeting.

VARIANCE REQUEST: A variance request was presented for Council approval for Terry & Carolyn Hodge for a small roof over their front door/step area. Planning and Zoning recommended approval of the variance after their hearings were held. A motion to approve made by Rose, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

JOHNSON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: Mayor Beck read the Planning and Zoning's recommendations for the Conditional Use Permit. Planning and Zoning recommends approval with a list of conditions to be met. The Mayor explained this was not a public hearing, but he would like to hear from the Johnson's and any others in favor of granting the permit, and then any comments from those opposed to the permit.

Larry Johnson explained they had been doing business there for a number of years, and they bring business into town from a rather large area. He discussed efforts they had recently made to resolve issues that had been discussed in the public hearings and listed in the conditions of the permit. He stated he didn't foresee any problems in meeting any of the requirements. He explained their life had been in turmoil, and he hoped they would be granted the permit. He would like to be able to move his business to a better area, but it is financially impossible right at this time.

Arrel Allen, a neighbor, stated he was personally against changing the R1 zoning to accommodate this permit. He feels the community would be well served by seeing the zoning ordinances adhered to more than they have been in the past. He hopes that whatever is decided that it will not lead to a precedence that won't allow for R1 zone to be the residential zone that it is supposed to be in the community. Boyd Clark, another neighbor, agreed with Mr. Allen's comments on the permit, and commented on what he has to look at out his window everyday.

Councilmember Blanchard asked the Johnson if the proposed five year limit on the permit would work. Mr. Johnson replied that seven years would be perfect, but five years could be worked with. The business would not be sold upon retiring, but would just

close. The Council asked various questions of the Johnson's about the permit conditions and what they would have to do to be in compliance. Carolyn Clark, a neighbor, was asked if she was alright with the proposed limitations. Mrs. Clark replied that she didn't like the business being across from their home, but if the things were done that had been required she could live with it. It was also discussed that the City should check building permits more thoroughly to avoid similar situations in the future. Monitoring of the property by the City's compliance officer was discussed because the permit could be revoked if the conditions were not met. The Mayor instructed Compliance Officer Rogers to randomly check permit conditions at the property three or four times per week. A permit condition requiring a survey was discussed and a motion was made to approve and accept the conditions use permit excepting conditions #9 requiring a survey made by Rose, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK: The Mayor explained to the Council that in order to sell the property at the airport for the proposed industrial park the property would need to be declared surplus, a monetary value set, and then advertised to be for sale. The Mayor suggested an open bid auction. The area to be sold would be around 40 acres. Per acres value of the property was discussed, and what its value would be as improved property. If a bid is not received at the time of the auction, the City can then sell the lots for whatever the council considers to be a fair value. A motion to declare the property as excess made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor. A motion to set the minimum bid at \$1.5 million for an public auction to be held at the March 9th meeting made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor.

AIRPORT ANNEXATION: The Mayor stated Planning and Zoning is moving ahead with holding hearings for the annexation. Permission has been granted by the Forest Service to annex their property. The Mayor is talking with other property owners, but the City may have to move ahead and address those properties at a later date. The Mayor informed the Council notice had been given to Ripplingers who lease the pasture that the City was terminating the lease. It will be proposed that the pasture ground and Forest Service Property be zoned C1 and the airport itself be zoned as a P.S.D. or Public Service District.

AIRPORT OPERATOR: During the recent Airport Board meeting, the board was presented with a proposal from Randy Tanner to purchase Sam Buckley's business at the airport, and become the Fixed Base Operator. Tanner would also move his personal business to the airport. The Board is comfortable with the proposal, however, with the condition that the Operator position at the airport would come first, and if it ever needed to be full time Tanner's personal business would have to move. A motion to prepare a contract with Tanner made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. The sale will not take place until around April 1st.

MAP CABINET: City Clerk Stoddard asked for Council approval to purchase a new fire-proof map cabinet for the city to store its maps in. The current cabinet was obtained at the county's surplus sale and is very hard to get maps in and out of it. A motion to approve made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes from the January 11th Council Meeting was presented for Council approve. No changes were noted and a motion to approve was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

BILLS: Bills were presented for Council approval. After discussion and questions, a motion to pay was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Map – Motion to approve Merrill, 2nd all in favor.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer