

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – MAY 10, 2006**  
**CITY OF ST. ANTHONY**  
**420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Attorney Penny Stanford, Supt. Woody Andersen, Police Chief Bryan Fullmer, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, Ordinance Officer Don Rodgers, Deputy City Clerk April Calonge, Office Donald Powell, concerned citizens and newsmedia.

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

**VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PRESENTATION:** Jeff Keller and Rob Vose described the Vocational Rehab program they work with. They gave the Mayor and Council a history of the program. They presented the Council with handouts and their annual report. They work with individuals with various disabilities to assist them in returning to employment. Another program helps public offenders return to work. They listed what qualifies individuals for their services and various age groups serviced. They stated they were the only state agency to bring back more money than it pays out.

**100 FOOT DRAG RACES AT AIRPORT:** Mayor Beck explained that 100 foot drags had been held at the airport last year. There is a request to allow it to be done again this year. Officer Don Powell explained that there is no track close, and a lot of people that would like to race. They would like to do it the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June and 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in August. Powell stated it brings a lot of people into town and is a great opportunity. A motion to approve the races was made by Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fransen asked about what the City's liability would be. Powell said each racer has to prove they have a driver's license and insurance. The group also has insurance and each racer pays \$20 per car to help pay for the insurance. Koon asked how long the bystanders have to stand. Powell replied that it could be 4-5 hours, and Koon then suggested buying some bleacher. Powell stated the people bring their own chairs and are often walking around looking at the cars. All Councilmembers voted in favor, motion carried.

**NAME OF NEW INDUSTRIAL PARK AND PLAT APPROVAL:** The Mayor and Councilmembers reviewed the plat of the Airport Industrial Park. The Mayor suggested the name of City of St. Anthony Business and Industrial Park. A motion to approve the plat and name of the park made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**GERALD LARSEN COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION PLAT APPROVAL:** Gerald Larsen plat was presented for Council approval. The Mayor and Council reviewed the plat. Planning and Zoning recommends approval of the plat. It is a commercial subdivision and future plans for further lot development. A motion to approve was made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**TRANSPORTATION PLAN:** The Council discussed the recent meeting on the City's portion of the County-wide Transportation plan. Questions were asked and items discussed to be given to Marla Vik of JUB such as possibly mapping a possible trail from Ashton to Sugar City.

**CHANGE 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY MEEETING DATE:** A motion to change the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in May to the 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 for a Transportation Plan Work Meeting.

**TWO HOUR PARKING:** The Mayor and Council discussed recent controversy regarding the newly enforced two Hour Parking on Bridge Street and 1<sup>st</sup> North. The Mayor read a letter from the Fremont County Prosecuting Attorney about the negative impact the parking rule has and the length of meetings extending beyond two hours at his office, and he listed a number of meetings as an example. He also stated his concerns about personal safety and security. He suggests having two hour parking in the parking lot behind the office. He also commented on Fransen's role in imposing the two hour parking. The Mayor clarified that Fransen behaved appropriately and didn't participate in voting on the issue. City Attorney Stanford stated that Fransen did the right thing and disclosed his conflict and addressed the Council as a businessmen and citizen which was proper conduct for the situation. The Mayor talked about other calls he had received from business owners being unhappy with the new enforcement. A parking survey and some research were submitted by Dr. Paul Hill which the Mayor will review. Stanford again stressed that you cannot treat people differently. There cannot be allowances for specific businesses. The Mayor outlined that for a long period of time there was no parking enforcement and which went along pretty good. Now, business is better in town, and some new businesses have been established. He stated he received numerous complaints from individuals that the call center and credit union were using too many parking spaces. He stated he was tired of the complaints. All businesses have the right to have place for customers to park. The Mayor and Council couldn't take the complaints any longer and enacted a two hour parking resolution. They discussed a way around the resolution that needs to be fixed because it allows people to just move their cars every two hours.

James Marquez of the local call center discussed the letter he received from the Mayor asking for voluntary parking in the parking lot and not on the street. He has issues with the lot no being plowed in the winter in a timely manner, and the safety of his employees when crossing the road. He admitted he has been violating the parking resolution since its enforcement, but feels there needs to be more proper signage in accordance with the ordinance. Supt. Andersen has ordered sign, but is still waiting them to come to completely finish signing according to the resolution. Stanford indicated that the current signage is still sufficient. Marquez also commented on the lack of cleanliness in the parking lot. Marquez did indicate he would comply. Mayor Beck read a letter from Lori Mackert, owner of Charisma, expressing her concerns about parking and the possibility of her clients getting tickets because they spend more than two hours sometimes at her business. She suggested have some sort of parking pass that the businesses could use for these kinds of situations. Stanford did stated that the City of Idaho does offer parking passes approved by the City Council because there is not enough parking near the courthouse. The passes are for specific reasons for specific purposes. It makes more work, but it would be enforceable in a small community. Bryan commented that there have been complaints about the hours and whether it is 24 hours or from eight to five, and that needs to be corrected in the resolution. It was decided the resolution needed to be written, rather than verbal for better

clarification, and so it would be included in the city's code book. City Attorney Stanford excused herself from the meeting to type up a written resolution with the change as indicated.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POSITION:** The Mayor updated the Council on the Economic Development Position for Fremont and Clark County. This has been the 5<sup>th</sup> year of this grant for this position in cooperation with the two counties to pay the salary. Effective May 15<sup>th</sup>, Lacey Eckberg, will be gone from the position. In support of the position the City has been putting in \$3,000 each year into the program. The Mayor asked if the Councilmember felt the City had received any benefit from the position, and stated he feels like there is nothing to point to that it has. He reported at the meeting where Eckberg resigned on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, she gave a report that was complimentary to Clark County and not Fremont. As a result, the Mayor's understanding is that the Department of Commerce and Labor is not going to fund it any longer as a joint project between the two counties. The funds will be split half and half. The County has been asked if they are willing to hire an Economic Development Specialist to take care of the position in Fremont County. They will give funding to the county if it is a full-time position, but the estimated costs would be about \$65,000. There have been many problems with the position such as hiring as a contract, no requirements to keep track of time, lack of supervision. The Mayor stated he doesn't feel that it works; that there needs to be some accountability. The State will not fund a part-time position. The Mayor stated we have close ties with Madison County whether people like it or not, and he wants to suggest partnering with MEDCO (Madison Economic Development Company). They have a well run organization, and the State would allow funds to be used with if a partnership was formed. The Mayor has approached Clair Boyle, MEDCO Director, who found the idea interesting and would like to set up a meeting. The Mayor asked for Council direction whether they would like to partner with MEDCO just as the City or along with County. Councilmember Merrill commented she had seen anything from position that was a benefit to city. Blanchard stated he had tried as business owner to make contact with those that had held the position and was never able to hook up with either one of them. Merrill also stated it had not been working the way it was currently set up and, she wasn't willing to spend \$3,000 on something the City was not getting benefit from. She would not be opposed to looking at other options. Rose commented that the City can't afford to do something on own either. Merrill said that they needed to look at all the options before making a decision. Rausch said she would like to see what MEDCO would have to say, and feels they are the link to success. The Council agreed they were not willing to put funds into something that is not working. The Mayor will report to that city is not willing to put further money into the position the way it is currently set up.

**DECLARATION OF SURPLUS ITEMS:** The Council was presented with a list of surplus items from the Mayor. A \$1,500 minimum bid will be set on the dump truck and garbage truck. A motion to approve the surplus made by Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried. The sale will be held before the end of the month.

**AIRPORT SEAL BIDS:** Bids for doing a seal at the airport have been obtained. Councilmember Merrill made a motion to approve the apparent low bidder, Asphalt Maintenance, Inc., 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and May 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings were presented for approval. Changes were noted. Motion to approve with changes made by Koon for April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to approve April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes with noted changes made by Koon, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to approve the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**BILLS:** Bills were presented for Council approval. Motion to approve bills for payment made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**TREE ORDINANCE:** A motion to read 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings by title only made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried. Merrill read 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings. Motion to approve made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor by roll call vote.

**TWO HOUR PARKING RESOLUTION:** Councilmember Merrill read the written resolution for two-hour parking. A motion to approve made by Merrill, Fransen abstained, all others in favor, motion carried.

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

Mayor Beck reported on the PRIMA meeting. Police chief interviews will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and could be ready to make a new chief appointment by the 31<sup>st</sup> to start 30<sup>th</sup> of June. The Mayor also reported the Officer Brock Bruegeman had resigned had resigned.

Councilmember Blanchard gave report on the building at the ball fields. UVYA plans on making a big deal out of the people donating time. Mayor informed the Council he has brought up to the sewer project contractor that the pipes need to be moved out of ball field parking lot.

Fransen commented on the success of Arbor Day. He also brought up that if UVYA doesn't run the concession stand and the ball field, and ever uses a private individual that they should be charged rent. Fransen reported on a park survey which outlined maintenance issues and needs for each park.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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Willard D. Beck, Mayor

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Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer