

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 27, 2006
CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO

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

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Jim Smith, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, Supt. of Public Works Woody Andersen, concerned citizens, and newsmedia.

A motion for Councilmember Merrill to conduct the Council Meeting made by Fransen, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: Carol Fransen led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2006 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Councilmember Merrill opened the hearing at 7:00 p.m. and explained the purpose of the hearing to open the current year budget to accept additional funds that were received and spent that were not budgeted for originally. The funds included various sources in the general funds and grant monies in other funds. No comments were received either written or oral. The hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE: A motion to read the ordinance to amend the 2006 budget appropriation on the 1st reading by title only made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor. Merrill read 1st reading. All Council voted in favor on the 1st reading. A motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by title only for the 2nd and 3rd readings made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. A motion to approve was made by Fransen, all in favor by roll call vote

JOHN BUTTS VARIANCE: The property is located at 542 West Main. Supt. Andersen explained the variance was for a building that would have an 18 foot setback instead of a 20 feet setback required by City code. Planning and Zoning held a hearing and recommended approval of the variance. A motion to approve the variance made by Fransen, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

GRAVEL PIT PARK: Councilmember Koon stated she would like to propose that in light of the volunteers offering to do the building and maintenance of the new park that the City lease it in the same way the Roxy Theater building is leased. She discussed her concerns with development and maintenance costs, and feels that leasing it to them would give them free reign to do with it what they want. Councilmember Fransen questioned whether a lease would be good because then the City would no longer have a say in who could use the park and lack of control. Councilmember Rausch asked why Koon was opposed to the park. Koon stated she doesn't think the city has money for it; either to build it or maintain it. She also stated that as a member of the Parks and Rec Committee

they had looked at this many times, but didn't proceed due to problems of getting water there and all the costs involved. She feels it could be leased to the park committee and build into the lease that they can't prevent people from using the park. Councilmember Merrill stated she felt the City would still have control over whether city funds get used for the park or not even without a lease. Koon stated she isn't sure it protects city but just a thought for them to uphold their commitment.

Supt. Andersen and Councilmember discussed design work that needs to be done for playing fields, as well as different ideas being looked at for irrigation purposes. Council further discussed legal questions about a lease that would have to be addressed by the City attorney. Terry Clements, a city resident, stated some money had already been raised if that was the Council concern. Councilmember Merrill pointed out everything is still in the organizational phase, and that there are questions that may be answered later after the group has had some time to find out. Fransen commented that people will take ownership as they donate their money and time. Koon agreed that it is a fine idea, but the City just needs to proceed cautiously. Merrill stated the Council would need more information to be able to look in the lease further. Fransen stated the group was in the process of getting an engineer to go over the plan.

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COUNCILMEMBER KOON

Koon reported that concerns about the condition of Bridge Street had come up at a recent transportation committee meeting. Idaho Transportation Department is in the process of planning a total rehabilitation of Bridge Street, possibly next year.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer