

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 11, 2006
CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Beck, Councilmembers Garth Rose, Shawn Fransen, Darby Merrill, Cathy Koon, and Dee Rausch. Councilmember Matt Blanchard arrived later in the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Police Chief Smith led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PARKING WARNINGS: Several residents were present who questioned parking warnings they had received about trailer parking on City right of way. They expressed concerns about where they should park since many roads in town are not finished. Brian Young stated he felt the City should be focusing on cleaning up yards rather than worrying about parking problems, and questioned whether it was a good use of police officers time. Mayor Beck explained that it has been a real problem on the City with safety and other issues, but may be more of problem on certain streets than on others, but it has to be treated as a city-wide problem. Young felt they shouldn't be getting citations for problems they can't solve. The Mayor explained that the purpose of the ordinance is to get the parking off the street. Young state he would like to have the options of parking on the street, and felt his street should be finished. Discussion continued about what was allowed for parking and what was allowed to be on the city sidewalks for advertising.

Concerns also came up about the speed limits near their homes on Radio Road. They feel 30 mph is too fast and that the speed limit is not being enforced very well. After talking with the Council, they stated that they would be happy with a 20 mph speed limit and some better patrol by the police department. A motion to establish Radio Road with a 20 mph speed limit was made by Rose, 2nd, Koon opposed, all others in favor, motion carried. Supt. Andersen pointed out that part of the East side of that road belongs to the County. The Mayor stated he would confer with Fremont County officials to get that set up.

SIEPERT VARIANCE: The City Clerk gave the Council a report on the status of the variance request by Mike Siepert at 340 East 1st North, and that it had been recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, for reasons stated in the Facts and Findings, that the City Council deny the variance. Mr. Siepert has requested an appeal of the Planning and Zoning's decision. City Attorney Stanford advised the Mayor and Council there could be no further discussion regarding the variance at this time because they would have to set up a hearing for the appeal and could not discuss the issue until that time. Mr. Siepert was present and asked that his appeal request be withdrawn. He agreed to move the building in order to get his building permit before weather conditions worsened.

GUITERREZ VARIANCE: Planning and Zoning held hearings on a variance request by Guadalupe Gutierrez to build a covered porch at 725 South 5th West. Planning and zoning has

recommended that the variance be approved. A motion to approve the variance request made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

KENNEL LICENSE: A kennel license application for Margaret Dopp at 1000 North Bridge was presented to the City Council. The City Clerk reported no complaints at been received about animals at this address and that all required signatures had been obtained by Mrs. Dopp. A motion to approve the license made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION – JUB ENGINEERS: Marla Vik of JUB Engineers presented the Council with 4 year and 6 year scenarios for pavement upgrades. Vik updated those present and explained that as part of the recent transportation plan JUB did a pavement inventory and review on pavement conditions in the City. The looked at different kinds of cracking to determine the condition of the pavement and remaining service life. She stated it is important for the city to know the pavement conditions and where to spend their money. Seal coating is almost a waste on a street that isn't in good enough condition for a seal coat. She explained when a street gets that bad the road needs torn up and replaced. The City Council had previously asked Vik to go through the pavement condition information and make some recommendations on what needed to be done and where money needed to be spent for improvements. The scenarios were the results of her efforts.

Mayor Beck stated street conditions were a huge dilemma, and grant money for streets is getting very limited. Vik discussed that she had previously recommend at the beginning in the transportation plan that other streets besides Bridge and 4th North be identified with possible changes in functional classification. She suggests the city petition to have Main and 12th West designated as collectors. This will allow the City to submit grant applications for work needed on those streets. Councilmember Koon suggested the Mayor contact Bill Shaw, the ITD District Planner in Rigby and stated he could help guide the City through the process. The Mayor agreed to contact Mr. Shaw to get that process moving. Council further discussed the information presented and complimented Vik on a very well done job. Mayor and Council agreed they would like to present this information to the public sometime after the first of the new year, and would like some assistance from Vik with displays to present the information. Councilmember Koon stated the recent Garvey bonding by the state for road projects is taking away funds from projects in order to pay for the bonds. She urged the Mayor and Council to campaign against further Garvey bonding.

PARKS AND RECREATION APPOINTMENT: The Mayor introduced Carla Green to the Council. She has been a resident of the City for two years and has offered to serve on the Parks and Recreation Committee. A motion to approve the appointment made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

PARKS & RECREATION: Mayor Beck stated he would like to make it City policy to have parks projects approved only if they have been to the Parks and Recreation Committee for a recommendation. Councilmember Merrill made a motion that all parks projects be brought before the Parks and Recreation for recommendations, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. The Mayor has invited the Swenson Park Committee to the upcoming Parks and Recreation Committee meeting to discuss how the Committee will function, and how they would prefer to work on things. He state he has seen some of the planning information on the park and it looks good. Beck explained they are still looking at the issue about how the facility will be irrigated,

and described the different options to the Council and the need for engineering services to help design. The Mayor announced he is 100% behind the project, and that there are some challenges to overcome, but it can be done and the need for soccer facilities is great.

HANGAR LEASE FOR RANDY TANNER: The Mayor reminded the Council that Tanner had wanted to lease Sam Buckley's hangar at the Airport. He is still interested in the lease, but not in being the Airport Manager as originally planned. He needs to have a long term lease for financing purposes. The City Attorney has drawn up a 30 year draft lease for review by the Mayor and Council, and any changes need to be given to her. Koon asked about an escape clause, and Stanford stated she could put it in and see if would be acceptable by Tanner's lender. Koon suggested the lease may need to be taken back to the airport board now that Sam Buckley has retired and Tanner is no longer interested in being the airport manager. The Mayor agreed the Airport Board needed to meet and have Mr. Tanner attend.

CURFEW SURVEY RESULTS: Councilmember Merrill read the results of the curfew survey. Over 150 responses have been received with 71% being in favor, 27% against a curfew ordinance and the other 2% of responses received had no opinion or were invalid. Councilmember Merrill she had been contacted citizens that they would like to see the actual ordinance, and they haven't responded to the survey because they would like to see the ordinance for more information. Rose stated he would still like to see some data from the Chief and officers to see if it supports a need for a curfew. Chief Smith presented the Council with some crime statistic information. Doing another survey in the newsletter was suggested. City Attorney Stanford advised the Council that they are elected to make decisions for citizens and she would not send out another survey. She feels it would be better if the Council took it's time to see and feel if the ordinance would be appropriate. Merrill proposed letting citizens know we have the ordinance available for them to read and review. Mayor Beck recommended tabling the curfew ordinance until the next Council meeting to give Councilmembers time to review information from the Chief.

ADDITIONAL PARKS & RECREATION DISCUSSION: Mayor asked if Council would return to previous discussion regarding Lloyd Swenson Park. The miniature airplane flying group still wishes to lease the property, although the lease has not been signed as of yet. The Mayor stated that there is a previous commitment to lease some of the property now wanted for the park. Council agreed that the flying group could involve themselves with the park planning process, and that they want to uphold their previous agreement. Councilmember Merrill proposed leasing the property and letting the group work with the park committee as there is sufficient room for both groups' activities at the park site. Councilmember Rose stated it could be included in the parks plan. Merrill stated the reason the lease was done in the first place was because the flyers had to have a lease for financing and insurance purposes. Fransen questioned if it wouldn't be a safety issue with youths playing soccer on the fields. Blanchard added that they the flyers currently use areas near the schools and it doesn't seem to be a problem. Rose commented further that doing an airfield should move forward, but feels the Council went in one direction because they were informed the flying group didn't want to proceed with the lease. He stated the Council better get back on direction, and now he would vote no on the flying groups lease and put them working with the committee and make the airfield part of the master plan for a new park. He recommended that it needed to be talked about with the rest of the parties involved and get their feelings on it. The Mayor reminded the Council that they have already authorized him to sign the lease. A motion to not sign the lease made by Rose, motion amended

to table the lease and not sign the lease until further discussion can be held. Motion to approve amended motion by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. The Mayor stated he would not sign the lease at this time, and will work with the park committee and flyers group on the airfield issue.

MINUTES: Minutes from the September 13th and September 27th Council meetings were presented for Council approval. A motion to approve was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

BILLS: Bills were presented for Council approval. Rose commented on the need to spread business around to the various hardware stores in town. Councilmember Rausch agreed. A motion to pass the bills made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

MAYOR BECK

The Mayor reported that Phase II of the sewer project is nearly complete, and the final pay request has been submitted. Beck stated he was proud of the engineers, city crew, contractor and onsite engineer. He announced that the final pay request, after adjustment for allowances and other items, ended at approximately \$9,000 under the original bid. He discussed a smaller project involving about 200' of sewer line work that was needed to fix some problems at Kit Circle. It was a 4" line, but needed to be replaced with a larger line. Hoffco completed the work while they were still in town.

Beck informed the Council that the work at the Keefer Park Shelter is almost done. The electrical work still needs to be completed. The contractor will now begin pouring footings for the work to be done at the Sand Bar.

The Airport Industrial Park water and sewer lines are all in place. There is a sewer pumping station that still needs to be installed. They are still waiting for the gas line to be placed. Then the final grade will be done for the road and paving done, weather permitting. The paving patch on the Teton Highway is now complete.

The paving is also complete on the North side of the Greenway. City Clerk Stoddard added that the project didn't use all the grant funds yet, so some bridge work may be able to be done with the remaining funds. The fence at the Lagoons near the Greenway will be completed to keep livestock off the Greenway and away from the lagoons. Cost of the fencing and installation will be used as match for the Greenway Grant.

The Mayor announced he had received Councilmember Cathy Koon's resignation as of that night. Mayor Beck commented that she has been a great asset on the City Council, but will be a great asset in her new job. Koon was recently hired as Fremont County's Economic Development Specialist. Mayor and Councilmembers wished Koon luck and expressed their appreciation for her service as Councilmember. The Mayor stated he has some names that have been given to him for consideration for a new councilmember, and he would entertain any further names that the Council would like to give him within the next week.

COUNCILMEMBER ROSE

Rose discussed with the Council that the City newsletter is working great, but with the current format sometimes if he doesn't have anything to report it looks bad. The Council agreed that sometimes the newsletter is repetitious with several of them reporting on the same things. It was agreed that the format will change so that news items will be listed by department instead of by Councilmember.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL

Merrill expressed her appreciation for the public and their patience throughout the recent sewer line replacement project.

POLICE CHIEF SMITH

Chief Smith reported the announcement had been put out for a new officer to replace Blake Fullmer. He stated he was still working on the property clean up at the airport. He announced he had recently met with the Sheriff and Ashton Chief of Police about upgrading to mobile digital technology with Homeland Defence Funds. Emergency Planning Coordinator Keith Richey is assisting with that.

Mayor Beck stated the due to Trost Feed and Seed conflicts with their insurance carrier they will not be allowed to use the granaries for the Police wireless system and sewer telemetry system. Three new towers have been ordered and will be put up.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer