

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

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Beck, Councilmembers Shawn Fransen, Darby Merrill, Matt Blanchard, and Dee Rausch. Councilmember Rose was excused. No Councilmember has been appointed yet to replace Cathy Koon.

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

DELIVERY VEHICLE PARKING SPOT FOR SASSY FLORAL: Linda Bates of Sassy Floral approached the Council asking to be given special consideration for a parking spot for her business delivery vehicle. The Council discussed whether they could do either a designated spot or some sort of special use permit. Either would require amending the two hour parking ordinance which doesn't allow any exceptions for delivery vehicles. Bates asked how long that would take, as with winter approaching she would be dealing with bad weather conditions. The Mayor suggested giving permission now until an amendment can be done, which won't be until the December meeting. Bates addressed other issues with city such as a display for bedding plants, tables and chairs on sidewalk, signs, and how the City was making it hard to do business in town. The Council directed that an ordinance be drafted for special use permits in the two hour parking area.

BANK OF IDAHO ALLEY: Sawndy Withers, Bank of Idaho Manager, discussed the recent designation of the alley behind the bank as one way going from South to North. She stated that more than half of the customers come use the alley by coming in from the North end. She asked that the Council consider keeping the North end by Family Dollar open, and that it is easier for vehicles to come from that direction as the South end of the alley is very narrow. Bob Bauer, owner of the Lube Bay, stated he felt the alley should not be one way at alley and open to vehicles from either direction. The Council discussed why that block was included in the original resolution, instead of just the block to the South where the post office is located. There have not been any problems with the alley in this 2nd block. A motion to removed the one-way designation on the alley in the 1st block of West 1st North to 2nd North made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

PARKS & RECREATION APPOINTMENT: The Mayor presented City resident Boyd Clark for Council approval to be appointed to the City's Parks and Recreation Committee. A motion to appoint made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

MILITARY LEAVE POLICY: Chief Smith discussed possible changes to the City's current military leave policy which doesn't allow any paid leave for any active military or National Guard duty. The Chief recommended changing the policy as recommended by the State National Guard and allow ten days paid leave for military service. Mayor Beck explained that past administration had felt that although they support military duty, it was a volunteer option the employee has elected to do and therefore the time required is left to

the responsibility of the employee. Councilmember Blanchard stated he feels military and guard members are doing a service and feels the policy should be changed. Councilmember Fransen explained that it is the employee's personal decision, and if more than one employee is serving it makes it difficult for the City. Merrill stated that part of the training they receive as members of the National Guard is of benefit to the City, and asked if shifts were covered adequately in the past when employees have been serving. Chief Smith stated it works out currently to cover shifts with Guard members, but it could become an issue if the employees were called to serve for any extended time. Rausch stated she felt like it was a good idea to make the change, but worried about having possible expenses the City doesn't have funds to cover. Merrill asked if there were funds in the in the budget to cover giving the paid leave. Chief Smith responded that he felt like the department did have adequate funds to support paid leave. Mayor Beck commented there is no draft in the United States anymore, and if people didn't volunteer to serve there would be. He stated he is inclined to support the ten days paid leave. Merrill made a motion to take proposed ten days paid leave for military duty and place that within the personnel policy, all in favor, motion carried.

BOND ORDINANCE: Councilmember Merrill introduced an ordinance approving bond sale for the USDA Loan on the Wastewater Project. This is the 2nd series of Bonds; the 1st was issued for the DEQ Loan on the project. A motion to read the ordinance by title only for the 1st reading made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Merrill read the 1st reading by title only. A motion to pass on the 1st reading made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. 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. Merrill read the 2nd and 3rd readings by title only. A motion to pass was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor by roll call vote, motion carried. Mayor Beck announced that the final reconciliation has been done with USDA on the project, and there were enough USDA grant funds left to pay the interim financing interest and some other expenses that the City didn't think they would get reimbursed for.

POSSIBLE SALE OF ROXY BUILDING:

Mayor Beck gave a brief history of the Roxy Building and the formation of the Roxy Theater Foundation. The City currently owns the building and leases it to the Roxy Theater Foundation. The Mayor stated that a gentleman has approached him and expressed interest in obtaining the building for some live entertainment and shows. The Mayor explained that he would like a recommendation from the Roxy Board, and to let the Council know of the interest and if they wish to move forward with getting the opinion of the Board. Bert Flamm of the Roxy Board was present and stated that the Board had not yet met to discuss the issue, and stated the interested individual is welcome to negotiate with the Board and schedule some events to see if they would be successful. Flamm stated that for himself it is a question of how sincere the individual was and would he be willing to commit enough financially to make the effort. Flamm explained that some considerations are that if you sell the Roxy and it doesn't make a go of it will it be turned back over to the city? If arrangements are made and the City sells the building the Roxy Corporation will be dissolved, and it will not be an option to have them come back and take management again if doesn't work out. He stated there was a lot of effort

involved to develop the board and tax exempt status. Mayor Beck asked how much support they receive financially now. Flamm stated they are still functioning, but don't have the numbers they once had. The Mayor also asked if it was a struggle to maintain the building. Flamm stated it wouldn't be if it was used more and people were more willing to pay for its use. He suggested that part of the help that would be most beneficial would be an active arts council in the community, and that some efforts were starting in that area, but more involvement is needed. The Mayor clarified that Foundation was formed for maintaining the building, and it was never their responsibility to bring in the entertainment. Mayor Beck asked Flamm if they would discuss the possible sale at the Board's upcoming meeting. He explained the Council was not recommending anything to the board and will support whatever the Board decides. He asked that the Board report back to the Council in letter form.

CANCELLATION OF THE 2ND NOVEMBER MEETING: A motion to cancel the 2nd Meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD PROCLAMATION: Mayor Beck read the Scouting for Food Proclamation and proclaimed November 11th through the 18th Scouting for Food Week. The Mayor commented that this is a very successful food drive, and that bags would be distributed on Saturday for pickup the following week.

MINUTES: Minutes from the October 11th and October 25th, 2006, Council meetings were presented for Council approval. A motion to approve was made by Fransen, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

BILLS: Bills were presented for Council approval. The bills were briefly discussed and motion to approve was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

CURFEW ORDINANCE – 1ST READING: The Council discussed the ordinance prior to the reading. It was discussed that there needs to be different times for different age groups, and Councilmembers felt like residents they talked to were would be more in favor of having different hours if the City was going to adopt the ordinance. Merrill commented that it was hard to ignore that 71% of the residents responding to the recent survey were in favor of a curfew. Different times were discussed and added to the ordinance to be 12:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. for minors under 18 years, and 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. for minors under the age of 16. A motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by title only for the 1st reading only made by Merrill, Fransen opposed, all others in favor. Merrill read 1st reading by title only. A motion to pass on the 1st reading made by Merrill, Fransen opposed, 2nd, all others in favor. Ordinance passes on 1st reading. The 2nd and 3rd readings will be scheduled for future Council meetings.

UTILITY VEHICLE PARKING ORDINANCE: Councilmember Fransen suggested adding another section to the ordinance to allow for special use permits before the Council discusses the ordinance. Council agreed. Changes will be made and brought to the Council at the December meeting.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNCILMEMBER FRANSEN

Fransen reported that concrete had been poured in front of the Army tank, and someone has agreed to donate a slab of rock for plaques and inscriptions honoring local military veterans.

The ad hoc committee for the park is pressing forward and going strong. Mayor Beck commented that they are a great committee. Beck also reported that he met with the water rights attorney and he believes the City will be able to get a permit to drill a well to water the park facility. The Mayor will visit with IDWR and then the attorney will work on the application. The Attorney, Kent Foster, didn't think his fees would be more than \$1,000 to \$1,500. The Mayor stated that the park could have well by spring, and the good part is there is some possibility the City may not have to put up any of its water rights or a least a minimal amount. Mayor Beck also commented that Fremont-Madison Irrigation has been great to work with.

MAYOR BECK

The Mayor reported that work was finished up at the sand bar. New sand has been hauled in. He expressed appreciation for all the work the City crew has done.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL

Merrill reported that things were moving forward with the Mayor's Youth Council. There were several youths at the recent meeting, but some others want to be involved but couldn't be at the meeting because of school activity conflicts.

Merrill stated that sewer work was complete at Kit Circle. The Mayor reported that the City was able to get that project paid for out of the USDA grant funds.

COUNCILMEMBER RAUSCH

Rausch talked about former Councilmember Cathy Koon taking the position as the new Fremont County Economic Development Specialist. The County has also hired a consultant to work on strategic planning for the County. Rausch announced that a work meeting is scheduled for the 28th, and everyone in the County was invited. They haven't announced a location yet, but it will be a three hour interactive meeting on the strategic plan.

SUPT. ANDERSEN

Andersen reported the crew will be putting up the Christmas decorations. They are also getting in shape for moving snow for the winter, and getting the parks wrapped up.

CHIEF SMITH

Chief Smith reported that 15th of November was the deadline for the applicants for the police officer vacancy. He has only seen a few applications so far hopefully the City will

get more. Smith stated that as he has gone around town, he has noticed properties out of compliance with ordinances. He is getting photos and will do what he can to bring them into compliance. In the last newsletter information was put in about parking, and there has been a lot of compliance. He reported a new engine was coming for one car. Larry Stone, a communications contractor, has looked at sites with him for locations of the radio communications towers that have been ordered. Some possible sites are Worrell Park, Horsey Park, and Skatepark.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer