

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 14, 2006
CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Bill Forsberg, Public Works Supt. Woody Andersen, City Clerk Taci Stoddard, Police Chief Jim Smith, Parks and Recreation Chair Melissa Hinkley, Fremont County Economic Development Director Cathy Koon, concerned citizens, and newsmedia.

PRESENTATION OF 2006 AUDIT: Scott Bond of Rudd & Company reviewed the revenues and expenses of the various funds for the City, and discussed funds that did end with fund deficits such as the DARE fund, Skatepark Fund, and EDA Grant Fund. He reviewed other disclosures in the financial statements with the Council included the General Fund Budget exceeding the budget by \$9,992 due to some projects not budgeted for, and the Drug Enforcement Fund by \$1,268 because the budget was not amended to take in and expend grant funds. Bond talked with the Council about opening the budget and making sure amendments are made if needed. He also discussed the bond requirements for the new sewer bond which will require separating the utility funds. He hopes this will help the Council make more informed decisions and satisfy the bond requirements along with the reserve requirements. Motion to approve made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor.

CATERING PERMIT: A catering permit for the Star Bar to catering the Mule Deer Foundation Banquet on March 17th was presented for Council approval. A motion to approve the permit made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

VARIANCE REQUEST – RON ROSE: Supt. Andersen explained that Mr. Rose had purchased a metal carport, and thought it wouldn't need a zoning permit or building permit. He was informed that he would need to request a variance because the carport is too close to the street and to adjoining building than allowed by zoning codes. Andersen stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission didn't feel like the variance was a problem at the street, and Rose has since attached the structure to one of the other buildings to satisfy the unattached building requirements. Planning and Zoning recommended approval in their Facts and Findings. After the variance is granted he will still have to go through the building permit process with Fremont County. A motion to approve the variance was made by Merrill, 2nd, all others in favor, motion carried.

USDA GRANT FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Cathy Koon, Fremont Economic Development Director, explained a grant opportunity through USDA which would allow Ashton and St. Anthony and their Chambers of Commerce to apply for funds to be used for brochures, maps, a website and newsletters in both communities. No matching funds required. She asked if the Council would agree to be the sponsor. She discussed the Chamber's newsletter and website, and the need to have strong Chamber

for economic development. A motion to support the grant application was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Melissa Hinckley, chairperson of the Parks and Rec Committee, updated the Council on recent committee activities. She reported that a couple months ago Curtis Stoddard, a consultant and playground installer, contacted her and has agreed to help the committee. Hinckley stated he has given her some good information and fundraiser ideas, and discussed with her some of the needs for the playgrounds. She reviewed with the Council costs for some of the improvements the committee would like to start making which total about \$3,000 to \$3,500 out of the \$14,000 funds they current have to use for playground equipment. A motion to approve the expenditures was made by Councilmember Rose, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. The Committee will use the remaining funds as match money for grants they will apply for. They are going to concentrate on Horsey Park and Clyde Keefer Park and try and get some new equipment for those two parks. She discussed with the Council some of the fundraiser ideas the committee is looking at, and reviewed a list of other park improvements that need to be looked at for the future.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LEGISLATIVE BILL: The FOP is sponsoring a bill that would create a Peace Officer Disability Fund, and Police Officer Don Powell would like letter of support or proclamation from the Council to show support of the bill. It would allow officers to be paid their full wage if they are not working due to a work related incident. Workman's Comp doesn't cover the full wage, only a portion. Fee would be added to costs paid by criminal to cover costs of funding. A motion to send a letter of support made by Rose, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. A letter will be drawn up by the City Clerk, and Mayor Beck will sign it on behalf of himself and the City Council.

MINUTES: Minutes from the January 10th meeting and January 17th work meeting were presented for Council approval. No changes were noted. A motion to approve made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

BILLS: Bills were presented for Council approval. Some changes and corrections were noted. A motion to pay with changes made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Beck

The Mayor reported on the 99% removal at the wastewater treatment plant. He thanked Supt. Andersen and Wastewater Operator JD Henry for all their hard work. There are still a few things to finish up in the spring with the sewer line installation. He discussed a few problems with utility construction at the industrial park with a shallow sewer line, and some possible road design work needing to be addressed.

The Mayor reported the City, along with Island Park and possibly Ashton and Fremont County has been awarded a growth management grant to assist with planning work, training, and ordinance revisions.

Councilmember Rose

Rose reported he had spoken with Bob Fisher of the South Fremont Fire District. The Fire District discovered a bookkeeping error showing the Fire Department has been paying the fuel bill for the City's fire truck the past several years. The amount adds up to around \$2,000. After brief discussion the Council agreed it should be reimbursed to the Fire District. A motion to pay made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Rose discussed the organization of the new committees the Mayor organized, and the need to have individual responsibilities within the committee. Rose asked if it would be a conflict if he were to possibly serve on the County's Parks and Recreation Board. The City Attorney stated he didn't really see a conflict, but would think about it.

Chief Smith

The Chief discussed with the Council declaring the DARE van surplus so it could be sold as it is no longer being used.

He reported Officer Tom Smith was doing well at Idaho POST and will graduate in March. The Mayor suggested he would like to go to his graduation ceremony with the Chief.

Smith announced that the City has been included in a pilot program organized by the City's insurance carrier, ICRMP, for an automated police policies and procedures manual. The City will not have to pay anything the 1st year, but contribute \$900 in subsequent years. This will keep the manual up to date quarterly.

The Chief also reported to the Council on a recent review of the City's internal policy on used of city vehicles and equipment. He stated he was also continuing efforts with trying to get a nuisance letter delivered to a property owner.

Councilmember Rausch

Rausch asked what could be done about an unoccupied store on Bridge Street which has an awning with metal hanging down to the sidewalk. She feels it is a danger to people. Forsberg stated he would contact the property owner and see what could be done.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer