

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 28, 2007
CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO

PRESENT: Councilmembers Garth Rose, Shawn Fransen, Darby Merrill, David Loomis, Matt Blanchard, and Dee Rausch. Mayor Beck was excused. Council President Rose conducted the meeting.

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Bill Forsberg, Supt. of Public Works Woody Andersen, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, Chamber President Sherri Thomas, local business owners, concerned citizens and newsmedia.

SUNDAY BEER & LIQUOR SALES: Betty Stevens, a local business owner, presented a petition to the City Council asking they amend the City's beer and liquor ordinances to allow for sales on Sundays. The City currently doesn't allow any beer or liquor sales on Sundays. Several local business owners were present and discussed with the Council the need to promote economic development, especially with the sand dunes activity in the summer. The City had received a letter from Ashton Mayor Teddy Stronks stating Ashton had seen no adverse affects from allow Sunday sales. The business owners also informed the Council the loss of business to them from locals and others going to other places, such as Ashton, which allows the sales on Sundays. Discussion continued about it being discriminatory that some businesses are able to be open on Sunday and some are not. They would like to be given the opportunity should they choose to be open on Sunday. The business owners feel it would add to the community, and feel they are missing an opportunity. Chamber President Sherri Thomas informed the Council the Chamber is in support of allowing it, as it would help increase business in town.

City Attorney Forsberg informed the Council and those present that for the Council to consider amending the ordinances and written amendment needs to be presented. Several business owners continued to comment that it would remove a stumbling block in the development of the sand dunes and possible restaurants in the City. Councilmember Rausch commented that while she doesn't drink, she doesn't discriminate, and she would be in favor of amending the ordinances. The Council discussed what ordinances would need to be drawn up to allow the Council to consider the issue. A motion to have two proposed ordinances, one for both beer and liquor sales, and one for packaged beer sales only to be drawn up made by Loomis, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. The proposed ordinances will be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting March 14th. The City Attorney will have the ordinances drawn up to put in the Council meeting packets.

NEIL SHUPE AIRPORT LEASE: The Council reviewed proposed leases to Shupe Flying Service at the airport. He is asking for a 50 year lease to allow for financing for expansion of his spraying business at the Airport. Two leases were presented, one with an allowance to increase the lease each year based on the consumer pricing index, and another stating rent would be based upon current resolution of lease rates by the Council. Rose commented that he would like to have Shupe present at the meeting to discuss his

plans for the property before that long of lease is granted. Others were concerned that Shupe and had not seen the proposed leases. A motion to table made by Loomis, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. City Clerk Stoddard will contact Shupe and ask that he attend the next Council meeting to discuss his lease.

PARKING RESOLUTIONS: Councilmember Merrill read the proposed parking resolutions. One would allow for delivery space/loading zone parking in the two hour parking zone on East 1st North, and the other would eliminate the two hour parking on East 1st North from the alley to 1st East Street. Councilmember expressed concerns with doing it for certain businesses, and not for others. City Attorney Forsberg stated the businesses in that area had asked for a loading zone, and that the Council has to look at it on a case by case basis. Councilmembers agreed they would like to have Mayor Beck present to discuss the resolutions, so they would be better informed as to the purpose of the resolutions. A motion to table to the next meeting made by Blanchard, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

SEPTIC PERMIT APPROVAL – LOT 2, RADIO ROAD ADDITION: The City has received a request from the owner of the property, Bobby Remington, and his realtor asking the City to grant approval for a septic permit because of the difficulties in putting City utilities to the lot. City Attorney Forsberg discussed with the Council that this issue needed to be addressed as a special use permit and should be referred to Planning and Zoning. Councilmember Merrill made a motion to send the request to the Planning and Zoning Commission, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS – DARE VAN: After brief discussion a motion to surplus the van the police department uses as a DARE vehicle was made by Councilmember Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Councilmember Rose asked that Chief Smith look at the book value of the vehicle prior to setting a minimum bid to sell it.

GIRL SCOUT WEEK PROCLAMATION: City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard read a proclamation making March 11th through the 18th Girl Scout Week in the City of St. Anthony. Mayor Beck will sign the proclamation when he returns.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Councilmember Merrill

Merrill reported on recent sewer lift station maintenance.

Councilmember Rose

Rose discussed with Councilmembers organization of their council assignments from the Mayor, such as having a chairman over each area. He wanted to bring it up again as Councilmember Loomis wasn't able to attend the last Council meeting. Rausch pointed out that it wouldn't be necessary for the committees which just had two, but maybe

would good if there were three on a committee. City Attorney Forsberg and City Clerk Stoddard advised the City Office be notified so public notice could be posted if any of the committees held a meeting.

Councilmember Blanchard

Councilmember Blanchard stated that two of the members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee had returned from their service as pages to the State Legislature, so the Youth Advisory Committee could begin holding meetings again.

City Attorney Forsberg

Forsberg reported he had made contact about the dangerous awning mentioned by Councilmember Rausch at the previous meeting, and that it had been taken care of. Forsberg also mentioned he had been contacted about another possible subdivision in the city's area of impact.

Supt. of Public Works

Supt. Andersen expressed his appreciation for City Attorney Forsberg and his knowledge.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer