

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 25, 2007
CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Bill Forsberg, Supt. of Public Works Woody Andersen, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, American Legion representative Cleve Rice, Donald Powell, Judy Hobbs of Realty Quest, Mike Parker, Keith Nave, representatives of the Eastern Idaho Low Income Dental Clinic, and concerned citizens.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard led those present in the Pledge.

AMERICAN LEGION PRESENTATION: Cleve Rice of the American Legion presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the City of St. Anthony and thanked the Mayor for the service the City of St. Anthony has given. The Certificate was decided on at the March 10th Legion convention for the District which includes Ashton to Shelley and Swan Valley to Driggs. Mayor Beck thanked the American Legion for the service to their County, and the sacrifice and great good they do in the community.

100 FOOT DRAG RACES AT AIRPORT: Donald Powell addressed the Council and asked for permission to hold two drag races at the airport. The first will be May 12th and the 2nd will be September 8th. A motion to approve was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

MOTOR SPORTS COMPLEX: Mayor Beck explained that the City had gone through the process with Planning and Zoning to do a recommendation for what should happen at the fairgrounds for the racetrack and other facilities. There was some misunderstanding about whether the City needed to approve a conditional use permit, but the Council really just needed a recommendation whether Planning and Zoning recommended approving the complex to Fremont County. Planning and Zoning had made that recommendation and now a letter needs to be sent to Fremont County Planning and Zoning. A motion to send a letter of recommendation to Fremont County Planning and Zoning was made by Blanchard, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

INDUSTRIAL PARK – JUDY HOBBS, REALTY QUEST: Hobbs addressed the Council and discussed with them a project she and her husband are involved in with trying to purchase the Wadsworth Lumber property to develop it. She wanted to let the Council know, and see if they felt that would be a conflict with her being the realtor on the Industrial Park property even though there would be different users/purchases at the different properties. Councilmember Merrill asked City Attorney Forsberg if there was any conflict legally. Forsberg stated there was no statute or rule, but only determining if the Council feels comfortable having their realtor in competition. Mayor Beck stated that it was never the City's intention to be in competition with private enterprise when the

industrial park was built. He has a high regard for Jim and Judy Hobbs, and he has no issue or conflict. Hobbs doesn't feel it is a conflict, but just wanted to make the City was comfortable with the situation. She also indicated if at some point the Council feels the need for her to step down as the realtor, she will.

EASTERN IDAHO LOW INCOME DENTAL CLINIC: Jake Taraskiewitz of Eastern Idaho Low Income Dental Clinic addressed the council about the free dental clinic that opened in Rexburg recently. They have been able give dental services for free to ten people. They are looking for donations to help with insurance and supplies, and suggested a \$2,000 donation. They are currently operating strictly off donations and fundraisers, but hope to apply for grant funds. Forsberg asked how many from St. Anthony had been served, but they didn't have that information at this time. Mayor Beck asked how the clinic had been viewed by the rest of the dental community. Taraskiewitz indicated they had been very supportive, and not just the Rexburg dental community, but outside Rexburg as well. Mayor Beck indicated the City would need some time to look at the budget to see if there were any funds available, and then that could be discussed at a later Council meeting. Councilmembers indicated they would like information on how many people from St. Anthony would be served. Councilmember Loomis personally offered a \$100 donation to the clinic.

GARBAGE ORDINANCE & SHUT OFF FEES: Councilmembers discussed issues presented by Keith Nave and the Mayor. The City's current garbage ordinance requires residents to pay garbage collection even if they don't want to take advantage of the service. The Mayor explained there are a number of individuals in St. Anthony who like to take garbage to the landfill themselves. At time the time that Nave and nearby residents were annexed into the City they were overlooked for getting charged for garbage, but the mistake was recently corrected. However, there is some question about whether PSI will go down the street to pick up the garbage. Nave wants to continue to haul his own garbage, and the Mayor could name others. The other issues Nave is concerned about is the \$20.00 charge for shutting off his water and sprinkler for the winter when he leaves in the fall. He feels this should be a service covered by the monthly fee he is already paying. Mayor Beck stated that if everyone in the community was taking advantage of the service it could be made part of the monthly fee, but it has not been included in the rate structure since only a few residences need the service. Mayor Beck stated he didn't feel any decision need to be made on the \$20.00 charge, and Councilmember Merrill stated the reasoning behind the fee because of the costs associated with removing meters and the need to run the utilities as a business. Merrill stated she wasn't ready to discuss the garbage issue and would need to do some research. Concerns were expressed that if residences didn't have to have garbage services how the garbage may not get removed enough. No decision was made, and the Council agreed to think about the issues.

RV PARKING: Mike Parker addressed the Council with concerns he had regarding parking. He feels that the ordinance isn't being enforced fairly with some trailers being ticketed and others not. He also feels that there isn't enough time allowed for loading and unloading. Parker and Councilmembers discussed increasing the time allowed to two

to three days. Loomis proposed the Council look at allowing them to park travel trailers on the streets but make it seasonal. Mayor Beck recommended the issue be looked at by the Public Safety Committee. A committee meeting will be scheduled soon since the RV season is coming up.

CITY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Mayor Beck passed around a list of a group of individuals that have formed as a city beautification committee. Martha Russell explained to the Council what they had in mind and how they would like to help. They would like to have City Council backing as their representatives. Gary Bidwell brought up concerns with children going to schools along Highway 20B without any sidewalk, and brought a proposal of what could be done. Mayor Beck informed Bidwell that ITD has already designed the improvements and they are scheduled for 2012 if everything goes well. City Attorney Forsberg advised that they could not do anything as official representatives of the City as the Mayor and Council are elected to do that, and that it would be okay for them to represent themselves as neighbors, friends and concerned citizens, but he would do some research on that.

PROTECTIVE COVENANTS FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK: The Council reviewed protective covenants for the Industrial Park at the airport. Questions on some of the covenants were answered. The Council talked about how the committee described in the covenants should be composed. As suggested by the City Attorney, it was decided that each lot owner have one vote, and the number of committee members was decided. These changes were made and a motion to adopt the covenants made by Merrill, 2nd, Loomis opposed, all others in favor, motion carried.

NUISANCE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: Wording in the City's current nuisance ordinance needs to be changed in the section that allows for appeals to the City Council on nuisance violations. As explained by the Mayor and City Attorney Forsberg this needs to be amended and judicial powers for City Councils are limited, and appeals processes should be handled through the court. Council member Merrill made a motion to suspend the rules and read the 1st reading by title only, all in favor, motion carried. Merrill read 1st reading by title only. A motion to pass on the 1st reading was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor. A motion to suspend and read the ordinance by title only for 2nd and 3rd readings made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor. Merrill read 2nd and 3rd readings by title only, and a motion to pass was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor. A motion to pass made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor by roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HIRING PROCESS: Mayor Beck discussed with Councilmembers the procedure for interviewing and hiring the new Superintendent. It was decided to interview the top three candidates. Council briefly recessed so the City Clerk could tally initial scores from the application scoring sheets done by the Council. These were then reviewed by the Council, and a motion made by Merrill to interview applicants with a score over 50, all in favor, motion carried. Interviews will be conducted at the next Council meeting in executive session beginning at 7:30 p.m.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Beck presented the names of Suzanne Stoddard and Bill Butterfield for appointment to the Planning and Zoning Committee. A motion to approve made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CHIEF SMITH

Chief Smith passed out Idaho State Code requirements for having an ATV route. Mayor Beck stated that would be something that will need to be discussed by the Public Safety Committee at their upcoming meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer