

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – MAY 9, 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 Garth Rose was excused.

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Bill Forsberg, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, Police Chief Jim Smith, Supt. of Public Works Woody Andersen, City employees Scott Butigan and JD Henry, a local Boy Scout troop, concerned citizens, and newsmedia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: A local scout from Troop 57 offered the Pledge of Allegiance.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS: The Mayor explained that the old red and white Chevy pickup owned by the City that had been driven by Supt. Andersen for many years was excess, and that the City crew had suggested giving it to Andersen as a retirement bonus. A motion to declare the pickup surplus and given to Andersen made by Blanchard, 2nd, Loomis opposed, all others in favor, motion carried.

IMPACT AREA NEGOTIATIONS: Mayor Beck explained that negotiations had by denied by the Fremont County Commissioners. There may be some confusion as to what the County feels is the next step, and what the City feels is the next step. The issue may need to be discussed in executive session.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR GIS GRANT: Beth Ineck of the Dept. of Commerce and Labor explained that the gem grant they are asked the City to sponsor would implement GIS tools that would identify property locations and detailed information about potential business locations throughout the state as an economic development tool. It would be a comprehensive system that would cover the whole state, and they are asking the City of St. Anthony to sponsor the pass-through grant because of the great experience with the City their department has had. There is no match required, but a little bit of paperwork would be involved for the City Clerk. Councilmember Merrill read the grant resolution, and motion to approve was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

BILLS & MINUTES: Bills were discussed, and a motion to approve was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. The April 11th meeting minutes were discussed, some changes were noted, and a motion to approve with changes was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to provisions of Idaho Code 67-2345, subsection 1 to a) consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, and to f) communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated,

made by Councilmember Blanchard, 2nd, all in favor by roll call vote. Council adjourned to executive sessions at 7:25 p.m. No decisions were made in executive session.

Council returned to regular session at 9:55 p.m.

A motion to appoint Scott Butigan as Supt. of Public Works effective July 1, 2007, made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor. Motion carried.

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COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD

Blanchard reported the work at the baseball diamonds was almost complete. Mayor and Councilmembers commented on the nice work and the ballfields being an asset to the community. Upper Valley Youth is looking at hosting an all star tournament next year that would bring in several thousand people.

COUNCILMEMBER LOOMIS

Loomis discussed RV parking, and meeting was then scheduled for the Public Safety Committee, along with Chief Smith, for May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. prior to the next Council meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL

Merrill discussed recent problems at the South well with repairs costing about \$20,000. She reported the water department bought a meter to measure chlorine content right at a house.

COUNCILMEMBER RAUSCH

Rausch expressed appreciation to the applicants interviewed for the Superintendent position, and complimented them on the good job they do.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANSEN

Fransen reported on the south side sports complex and that the fence had been taken down and the committee was working on getting a plan to a local contractor to plow and level some of the property. The Mayor is still continuing his work on the water issues. A \$1,000 donation had been made to Horsey Park for playground equipment by Bill Forsberg, and appreciation was expressed to him and all those that had donated funds toward the parks.

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

Attest:

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer