

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 20, 2007
CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO**

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Bill Forsberg, Police Chief Jim Smith, upcoming Supt. of Public Works Scott Butigan, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, Parks and Recreation Chair Melissa Hinkley, and Ted Austin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Dee Rauch led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

FUNDING FOR ADVERTISING/BILLBOARD SIGNS: Ted Austin discussed with the Mayor and Council the need to be able to advertise to bring people into town off Highway 20. He suggested creating a business licenses and using the revenue for signs. Mayor Beck stated he wouldn't be in favor of that, as the City would need to have something to show as a service for the fee, and he isn't sure the money could be used for signs. City Attorney Forsberg agreed it could not be converted into a sign fund, and stated a fee has to be tied to what is intended to be enforced or administered. Various other ideas and suggested were discussed, along with the possibility of Austin getting costs together for a billboard sign and how much annual costs would be and coming to the council with a proposal and request for funds. Work will also need to be done with Fremont County so that a sign could be allowed, which current county doesn't prohibits.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT: Melissa Hinkley reported to the Council on recent Parks and Recreation Committee activities. She reported on the recent quilt raffle, Horsey Park improvements and open house party, and the booth at Fisherman's Breakfast. She also discussed upcoming events including having a party to dedicate the re-naming of South Side Park to St. Anthony South Park, signs, new teeter totter handles and teeter totter improvements, and other park maintenance items and plans for upcoming events. She also stated the committee is working with the Roxy committee about the possibility of showing movies at the Roxy and the need for a new projector. She will also be working with the Rotary Club Playground Committee on park improvements. She is also trying to get the old rip rap at Clyde Keefer Park removed, and Fremont County has agreed to assist with that.

KENNEL LICENSE – JARRETT WIDDISON: A kennel license application was presented for approval. No complaints have been noted, and a motion to approve was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

REMINGTON SEWER VARIANCE: Mayor Beck explained the request by Robert Remington for a variance to place a septic tank on that property because of the difficulties in accessing city sewer because of lava rock on the property. City Attorney

Forsberg stated there were some problems with the City's Finding, and as he wasn't able to be at their meeting to advise them, recommended it be sent back to Planning and Zoning to deliberate on the specific requirements. The Council agreed to table to variance approval pending completed findings from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

NEW PIONEER DAYS PARADE ROUTE: A new parade route for the upcoming Pioneer Days parade was discussed. The Council reviewed the map and directions and a motion to approve was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

BACKUP WATER OPERATOR CONTRACT: Mayor Beck explained that with Supt. Andersen's upcoming retirement on June 30th, the City will be left without a certified backup water operator. Supt. Andersen has agreed to contract with the City until one of the other employees is able to be certified. A written contract one year would be needed with a \$100 per month fee suggested. A motion to prepare as outlined was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

MOTOR SPORTS COMPLEX AT FAIRGROUNDS: The Council discussed recent discussion by Fremont County Planning and Zoning involving the permit for the motor sports complex and the Fremont County Fairgrounds. The County is interpreting the City's portion of the particular zoning ordinance regarding excessive traffic, noise, smoke and fumes as absolutes, and City Attorney Forsberg feels the ordinance is being read too conservatively, and that those items can be mitigated by the condition of the permit. He will draft a letter to Fremont County Planning and Zoning on the issue.

BILLS: Bills were presented for Council approval. Questions were answered and a motion to pay was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

MAYOR BECK

Mayor Beck reported on the recent meeting with Bill Collins, the planner the City has contracted with in conjunction with Island Park to complete the planning work to be done with a Rural Development Growth Management Grant the City received.

The Mayor also reported on meeting he attended at the annual Association of Idaho Cities Conference.

No official word has been received yet, but the City is supposed to be approved for a \$100,000 grant for improvements to 12th West Street.

The City has also received as a sponsor a USDA grant for \$6,500 for the Chamber of Commerce to use for brochures and other items.

The Mayor talked about a recent news release from Senator Craig's office stating that the City's Wastewater Project to continue sewer line replacement has been earmarked and included in the funding bill for senate interior committee. This takes it one step further in the process.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL

Councilmember Merrill also reported on meeting she attended at the AIC conference including water rights issues, Safe Routes to Schools grants, new technology to increase sewer plant capacity, franchise legislation, police policy manuals, strategic planning,

Merrill also reported on recent sewer line construction in the northwest part of town for a line that had given the City problems for a number of years.

COUNCILMEMBER LOOMIS

Loomis reported on the recent ATV parade and Sandfest event.

CHIEF SMITH

Chief Smith reported he is working with Fremont County on discussion about DARE funding and dispatch fees. He reported on a regional communication plan that the City has given input on. He attended a software presentation with the Sheriff and other local law enforcement agencies on a new report writing system, which the Department will probably start using. He also attended the AIC Conference and reported on meeting he attended there including policy and procedures manual, and dealing with graffiti problems.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Attest:

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer