

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 8, 2007
CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Bill Forsberg, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, Police Chief Jim Smith, Supt. of Public Works Scott Butigan, Reed and Laura Ellis, and newsmedia.

ELLIS SPECIAL USE PERMIT: The Planning and Zoning Commission submitted a recommendation to the City Council to approve a Special Use Permit to Reed and Laura Ellis for property they wish to purchase at 555 West Main which is currently a laundromat. The permit would allow them to operate a business in an R-1 zone. A motion to approve made by Rose, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

SURPLUS DECLARATION: The council was presented with a list of surplus items including some park equipment, a dodge pickup, street signs and a hydraulic lift. A motion to declare the items surplus and pick up for public sale with a minimum bid of \$1,500 on the lift made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS APPROVAL: Chief Smith asked for Council approval to apply for funds from Homeland Security to purchase new police reporting software. The City's cost would only be annual maintenance, and no match is required. The annual maintenance cost would be the same as currently budgeted. A motion to approve made by Rose, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Smith also asked for approval to apply for a state DUI/Impaired driving grant which would provide overtime pay for officers for enforcement. A motion to approve was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

GRAFFITI ON PRIVATE PROPERTY: Chief Smith discussed what to do with graffiti occurring on private property. Any graffiti on public property is immediately removed. The public safety committee made a recommendation not to impose on the citizens to clean it up, but to approach them and ask them to clean it up. But the questions remains, what can be done if they choose not to clean it up. Council consensus was to deal with the issue on a case by case basis, and have the Chief bring it before the Council.

PARKING ORDINANCE CHANGES: Possible changes to the City's downtown parking ordinance were discussed. Supt. Butigan feels like in the downtown area a certain day of the week could be designated for street sweeping, so that people could park overnight during the summer other than that day. People would have to be reminded the day before. Concerns were discussed about officers enforcing parking one way in the

winter and another in the summer. Council tabled the issue for discussion at another meeting.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2008: The Mayor reviewed with the Council the proposed budget for 2008. It is an operations and maintenance budget with no capital improvements that have been suggested by the departments. Anything that may come up will be dealt with as the year goes along. The finance committee has met and recommends adoption of the proposed budget. The public hearing for the budget has been scheduled for August 22nd at 7:00. A motion to adopt the proposed budget was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES & BILLS: Minutes were presented from the July 11th meeting. No changes were noted. A motion to approve was made by Blanchard, 2nd, all in favor. Bills to be paid were presented for Council approval. After questions were answered a motion to pay was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD

Blanchard reported UVYA has been working with the County on the shelters at the ball fields and some minor changes will be made to bring them into compliance with building codes. He also informed the Council that UVYA was planning on putting in a batting cage with a pitching machine at the ball fields, and would be interested in looking at the water situation so that a hose could be put in to wet down the fields.

COUNCILMEMBER ROSE

Rose asked that the City staff have the portable toilets at the ball fields removed, and try and remember to remove them after baseball season every year. Rose commented that the new street signs looked good.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL

Merrill reported on the recent sewer backup onto Lionel Smith's property that came from a main line going to the left station in that part of town. Supt. Butigan reported that 150,000 gallons were pumped out of the pasture, but he wasn't sure all of it was sewage.

COUNCILMEMBER RAUSCH

Rausch reported on the recent meeting of the Public Safety Committee, specifically discussing animal control. Rausch stated concerns she has with the way animals are put down, and the condition of the shelter. Chief Smith reported he had a discussion with the local veterinarian, who informed him that the preferred methods for putting animals down are euthanasia and shooting them. He also discussed with the vet the possibility of them assisting the City with licensing, shots, and sheltering animals. The vet informed him they could not take that on as they would have to expand their building. The Council discussed the shelter, and its needs and efforts that have been made to improve and

expand the shelter, as well as moving it to a different location at the Treatment plant to have a more secure facility.

MAYOR BECK

The Mayor reported that the grant on the Industrial Park had been closed out. The USDA building is going up on one of the lots at the parks, and that it had been designed according to the parks covenants. He also reported he had received no word on congressional funding for the sewer.

CHIEF SMITH

The Chief reported the Police policy and procedure manual was ready for publishing. He reported they would be losing Officer Powell on medical and sick leave and then vacation prior to his retirement.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer