

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 22, 2007
CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Beck, Councilmembers Garth Rose, Shawn Fransen, Darby Merrill, Dee Rausch, and David Loomis. Councilmember Blanchard arrived later in the meeting.

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

Councilmember Fransen led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2008 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET: Mayor Beck reviewed the budget as publishing in the newspaper with total proposed revenues and expenditures for the year of \$2,731,831. No public comment was received and the hearing was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

2008 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Questions were answered, and a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by title only made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Merrill read 1st reading by title only. Motion to pass on 1st reading made by Fransen, 2nd, Loomis opposed on principle of not raising taxes by 3%, all others in favor, motion carried by majority. A motion was made by Fransen to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by title only for the 2nd and 3rd readings. Merrill read the ordinance by title only for the 2nd and 3rd readings. Motion to pass made by Merrill, 2nd, Loomis opposed, all others in favor, motion passed by majority.

UTILITY RATE RESOLUTIONS: The Council discussed proposed 5% increases in water and sewer rates, and restructuring of the commercial sanitation rate. Councilmember Merrill explained the need for the increase to avoid taking money out of reserves. Merrill read the sewer rate resolution and a motion to pass was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Merrill read the sewer rate resolution and made a motion to pass, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Merrill read the garbage rate resolution and made a motion to pass, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT: Melissa Hinckley, Parks and Recreation Chair, reported on recent events and plans of the Parks and Rec Committee. They have received lots of donations of art for the art sale at Summerfest. The Committee is starting to work on some of the tree goals outlined in the Community Forestry Plan. She is meeting with the Mayor and Curtis Stoddard of Picture Perfect Playgrounds on Saturday to look at the Parks and playground equipment. She presented recommendations of Steve Smart of High Country Resource and Conservation Development regarding Keefer Park and removal of rip rap, and informed the Council there shouldn't be any environmental issues as the work will be above the water line. She also outlined recommendation made by Gerry Bates, Community Forester from Idaho Department of Lands, regarding work to be done with grant money the City will be applying for to manage the trees in Keefer

Park. The project would remove several older, possibly rotted, trees and replace them with new trees making sure to have some variety, and making the playground area at the park safer.

ATV ROUTES: The Mayor reported the Public Safety Committee had met some time ago and had made some recommendations regarding a proposed ATV route through the City. The Chief explained after looking at several options that the proposed route would begin at the road by Broulins and go south to 4th north, and then west to 1st East and south to Main and continue out to the ball diamonds. The route recommended would get people into the stores and restaurants downtown. Merrill stated she had her a lot regarding an ATV route and suggested since it is an election year doing an advisory vote. Rose suggested putting it on the agenda for discussion for those interested in coming to discuss it with the City Council. A motion was made by Merrill to have a public meeting on the proposed ATV route on Wednesday, September 12th, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. The Chief was also asked to do some research on designating snowmobile routes.

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MAYOR BECK

Mayor Beck commented on how beautiful the City flowers are again this year. He also asked for names that could be considered for Planning and Zoning to replace two individuals (Chris Hill and Inella Douglas) on the Commissions whose terms are up. The Mayor also reported the documents to file in district court on the Impact Area expansion had been given to the Mayor to review and the City will be moving ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER RAUSCH

Rausch asked that it be mentioned in the newsletter about watching for kids in the streets and roads now that school was back in session.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer