

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 10, 2007
CITY OF ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO
420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO

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

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

VARIANCE: Planning and Zoning has recommended the City Council approve a variance request by Ron and Linda Bauer at 248 East 2nd North to re-build a garage on an existing foundation where the former garage had burned down. The garage would be sit on the property line and not have the 6 foot setback required by city code. A motion to grant the variance was made by Rose, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING APPOINTMENT: Mayor Beck asked for Council approval to appoint city resident Angie Fadness to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilmember Rose made a motion to approve the appointment, 2nd, all others in favor, motion carried.

PARKS & RECREATION APPOINTMENT: Mayor Beck asked for Council approval to appoint city resident Carolyn Clark to the Parks and Recreation Committee. A motion to appoint was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

CLOUD SEEDING: Mayor Beck explained that he had recently visited with Fremont County Commissioner Paul Romrell who is the Chair of the High Country RCD Cloud Seeding Committee. Fremont County has brought in \$7,000. The Mayor stated that a shortage of water is a disadvantage to all and affects the economy of the area. One third of the County's population lives in St. Anthony, and he believes it would be more realistic for the City to reconsider the \$500 it agreed to commit at the last Council meeting. After discussion and consideration for where any additional money would come from in the City's budget, a motion was made by Rose to increase the amount committed to cloud seeding by another \$1,600 with \$1,000 coming from the Water fund and \$1,100 coming out of the Administration department, 2nd, Councilmember Loomis opposed, all others in favor, motion passes by majority vote.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER TO TOW

VEHICLES: The City Attorney advised the Council that according to Idaho Code persons authorized to tow vehicles may be any police officer or other city employee authorized by the City Council. Chief Smith explained that it is an administrative issue and would help cut down on the time his officers spend towing vehicles and doing the

paperwork. The authorization would mainly be for the Code Compliance Officer to tow abandoned vehicles, and other situations when needed. Discussion followed about the need and how it could assist the Police Department. Councilmember Loomis expressed concerns about proper training procedures and lawsuit liabilities. City Attorney Forsberg cited examples of apartment owners authorizing people to tow vehicles which required no special training. He also stated efficient management of City resources should drive the decision. A motion to allow the Compliance Office to tow vehicles when needed was made by Councilmember Merrill. Loomis suggested authorizing employees in the Public Works Department with the ability to tow vehicles if needed. The motion was amended by Merrill to include the Public Works Department; the motion received a 2nd, all councilmember voting in favor.

CITY SPEED LIMIT CHANGE: A proposed ordinance was passed out to Councilmember which would change the general City speed limit to 25 miles per hour unless otherwise posted. Chief Smith suggested it could be higher on certain streets. Councilmember Loomis discussed trying to publicize that the Council would be discussing the issue so that citizens would attend and express their views. The issue will be on the agenda at the next Council meeting.

MINUTES: Minutes from the September 12, 2007, meeting and the September 26, 2007, meeting were reviewed. No changes were noted, and a motion to approve was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

BILLS: Bills were presented for Council approval. Several bills were discussed, and questions answered. A motion to pass was made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

RESIDENT'S RIGHTS WEEK PROCLAMATION: Mayor Beck read a proclamation for Resident's Rights Week which dealt with those in extended and long term care facilities. The proclamation was made by the local area mayors. Resident's Rights Week was proclaimed to be October 7th through October 13th.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

MAYOR BECK

Mayor Beck reported that the Council had authorized work on extending some utility lines on Radio Road and that Schiess & Associates were reviewing the project and coming up with some costs. They will also be projecting some costs on extending utilities to accommodate the new location of St. Anthony Motors to the South of the City. St. Anthony motors will have to bear a large portion of the costs.

Mayor Beck asked that appointing Neil Shupe as airport manager needed to be put on the next agenda. Shupe had also discussed with the Mayor why he couldn't buy property at the airport, and the Mayor explained because of the procedures involved with having to place the property up for public auction the risks would need to be weighed.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL

Merrill explained the Water department was in the process during the next year to get all water metered so all water used could be accounted for.

CITY CLERK-TREASURER STODDARD

The Clerk-Treasurer discussed costs to replace a computer that went down in the office. She discussed with the Council the need for a new server and replacement of the other two computers in the office. She will present a cost breakdown at the next meeting.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS BUTIGAN

Butigan reported he had a copy of the 1997 sign code book. The sign code referred to in the City code is now obsolete and the code needs to be updated. He has talked with Neil Shupe who has agreed to plow the airport with a truck the City will provide which will save the Public Works Department a lot of time. He reported the City Building roof repair work was about one-half complete and was going well. He had also gotten a price for a snow plow for the 4 wheeler of \$575.00.

POLICE CHIEF SMITH

The Chief stated the new report writing system would be finalized by November 1st. This makes the reporting systems uniform county-wide. He also is working on trying to purchase a new vehicle for the department by delaying hiring a new officer when Officer Powell retires in January.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to provisions of Idaho Code 67-2345, subsection 1(b) to discuss a personnel issue. Motion received a 2nd, all voting in favor by roll call vote. The Council adjourned to executive session. No decisions were made.

Council returned to regular session, and there being no further business the Council meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer