

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 14, 2007
CITY OF ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO
420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO**

PRESENT: Mayor Willard D. Beck, Councilmembers Shawn Fransen, Dee Rausch, Garth Rose, David Loomis, Matt Blanchard. Councilmember Merrill was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Fremont County Commissioners Paul Romrell, Don Trupp, and Skip Hurt, Fremont County Planning & Zoning Director Jeff Patlovich, Fremont County Economic Development Director Cathy Koon, City Attorney Bill Forsberg, Fremont County Attorney Karl Lewies, Fremont County Deputy Clerk Sue Bagley, Fremont County Treasurer Pat McCoy and spouse Jerry McCoy, Supt. of Public Works Scott Butigan, Police Chief Jim Smith, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, City Planning & Zoning member Jim Hobbs, Councilmembers-elect Bryan Fullmer, Woody Andersen, and Elva Powell, concerned citizens and newsmedia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Bryan Fullmer led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORK MEETING WITH FREMONT COUNTY: Commissioner Romrell thanked the City for their support of the cloud seeding and voting at a recent meeting to give additional funds. The Fremont County Commissioners asked for this work meeting to discuss issues in which both the City and County are involved, and Romrell suggested possibly having a meeting quarterly.

Several City-County issues were discussed. The County has been looking at items that could be used to offset costs of the recent decision by the City Council to charge the County for utility and garbage pickup fees. Those present talked about court fees and that cities get a greater percentage than the county back from fines. Other cities in the area are negotiating the fees, and discussing what would be a fair charge to the cities to support the courts to offset costs. There were arguments that those costs are already supported with property taxes assessed in the City. Dispatch fees were also discussed with the question arising of what percentage of dispatch calls would be the City's and is the City paying it's share. Some research on figures will be done on these items and will be presented at another meeting.

In the economic development area the County puts in \$28,000 to support the program in Fremont County, St. Anthony puts in \$3,000, and Ashton puts in \$2,000. The Commissioners question if the County's amount can be justified when most economic development occurs within the cities. They would like to be able to discuss this and be able to justify the costs.

Romrell offered county equipment and services to assist the City with road work and projects and possibly some snow plowing and removal work when time allows in the winter. He also informed the City they had agreed to fund an additional \$5,000 towards a 2nd phase of the 12th West project as matching funds for a grant application.

Romrell discussed issues with the landfill and the possibility in the future of not having a landfill and having a transfer station, and what that may do to the landfill fees currently charged. The County agreed to research what the City will owe for landfill fees should it be agreed to exchange those for utility fees.

It was agreed more meetings would be needed to further discuss each issue, as well as to have the information on the fees be presented to determine a reasonable way for the City and County to offset costs. It was also suggested that any decisions to trade or exchange fees would be formalized with a written agreement to assist future elected officials.

Commissioner Romrell also brought up the legal action taken by the City regarding the area of impact expansion. County Commissioners explained concerns they had with the expansion proposal, and City officials agreed to discuss the expansion at the 1st December Council meeting and bring a new proposal to the Commissioners avoiding having the issue be heard in front of the judge.

The final issue discussed as brought up by Councilmember Loomis regarding changes to liquor sales laws to expand Sunday sales. Mayor Beck explained there is currently effort underway in the legislature to rewrite the alcohol beverage control law that may allow City's to have control over that issue inside the City. Romrell stated it has come before the Commissioners several times, and because of the advisory vote in the past it their position has not changed. He recommended campaigning to get it back on the ballot, and Commissioner Trupp suggested putting the full force of the Council to work with the legislators to change the law.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attest:

Willard D. Beck

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer