

**COUNCIL MEETING/WORK MEETING MINUTES
ST. ANTHONY CITY COUNCIL - FEBRUARY 8, 2008
420 NORTH BRIDGE STREET, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO**

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Beck, Councilmembers Garth Rose, Dee Rausch, Woody Andersen, Bryan Fullmer, Elva Powell, and Bryan Stoddard.

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Bill Forsberg, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT: Mayor Beck explained that the City would be applying for a \$100,000 Safe Routes to School Grant for sidewalk construction on North Yellowstone from Bridge Street running on the north side possibly as far as Radio Road should funds allow. Councilmember Stoddard made a motion to apply for the grant, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

WEST MAIN STREET GRANT: The City is also application for almost \$2.6 million from the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) to rebuild West Main Street from Bridge Street to 12th West with new curb, gutter and sidewalk. The project year would be 2013. Matching fund of 7.34% would be needed, and the current Fremont County Commissioners have agreed to set aside \$5,000 a year to assist the City. The City may also be able to apply for investment grant funds to help assist with the match. Councilmember Andersen stated that storm drains and utility lines in the street would need to be addressed when the project was done. Councilmember Andersen read the resolution to apply for the grant and made a motion to pass the resolution, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

DISATER DECLARTION: The Mayor discussed the recent disaster declaration that was done. He reported the governor had now done one for Fremont County. Beck also reported that some major snow removal had been done, and he had declared no parking on city streets from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. DePatco had donated equipment and labor and assisted the City in hauling snow. The Mayor said there are still some concerns about getting the fire hydrants cleared out. Bryan Fullmer suggested contacting some local boy scout troops.

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UPCOMING PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES: City Attorney Bill Forsberg updated the City Council on upcoming Planning and Zoning issues that would be before them at the next meeting. One would be the comprehensive plan amendment to allow a racetrack at the fairgrounds. Planning and Zoning's recommendation is not make any changes. An ordinance still needs to be done to change the zone in the impact area at the fairgrounds from C1 to PSD. The County will do nothing until it sees that from the City.

The special use permit for a cell tower on city property behind city hall has been recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission. This will be on the agenda for the Council at the next meeting.

OPEN MEETING LAW/ROLES OF COUNCILMEMBERS: The City attorney educated the Council on requirements of Idaho’s open meeting law. He gave them each a copy of the Idaho Open Meeting Law manual, and Ethics in Government manual. He also explained and discussed with them the difference between their legislative roll as councilmembers and their judicial role in planning and zoning issues.

URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICTS: Forsberg also discussed urban renewal districts and their purpose and basic procedure for setting one up. He stated it was for rehabilitation and to revive and improve an area for the benefit of the health and welfare of the community. It is done by resolution declaring a certain portion of the City is deteriorated. It is then referred to the planning and zoning commission for hearing as to boundaries and whether the district should be formed. After recommendations and a decision, then the governing board that is established can bring to the council an urban renewal plan. It can be a term of 10 years and the district can issue bonds, buy and sell property, and can enter into contracts to carry out the plan adopted for the area.

COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES: Rules for conducting the meeting were discussed. The Mayor asked how the Council wanted to handle public comment during the meeting. It was determined that it would be done at the 1st of the meeting and there would be a sign up sheet. Each person would be limited to 3 minutes to discuss any item on the agenda. Those speaking would be required to do so from the podium. A written set of rules will be posted, possibly along with suggestions of how to effectively make comments

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The City Clerk gave an explanation of the financial reports, their format, and purposes of some of the funds

COUNCIL PRIORITIES: The Council discussed setting priorities of items listed by the Mayor in his State of the City address. Items were prioritized as follows:

- #1 City Streets – a decision needs to be made about what to do, with Councilmembers discussing with residents their ideas, comments, and suggestions.
- #2 Upgrading the water system to pump from the South side of town to the North Side, as well as improvement to provide better fire flows in the downtown area.
- #3 A new roof on the City building.

Other ongoing issues were discussed including Parks and Recreation, finishing the comprehensive plan, the Area of City Impact expansion, and needed changes and upgrade to city codes (including parking), and looking at costs for Fremont County to provide law enforcement.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Attest:

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer