

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. ANTHONY CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 12, 2008**  
**CITY OF ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO**  
**420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO**

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

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

**LEE ADDITION ZONE CHANGE:** An ordinance to change the zone in lots 3 through 12 of Block 1 of the Lee Addition from C1 to R1 was presented for Council approval. Lots 1 and 2 of that Block will remain C1 for the businesses located there. Planning and Zoning has held a hearing and presented a recommendation to the Council to approve the change as lots 3 through 12 are residential homes and not commercial. A motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by title only for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading made by Councilmember Fullmer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried. 1<sup>st</sup> reading by title only was done by Councilmember Andersen. A motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by title only for a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading made by Fullmer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> title only reading was done by Councilmember Andersen. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Fullmer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all voted in favor by roll call vote.

**ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION:** Mayor Beck read a proclamation announcing April 25<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day in the City of St. Anthony.

**GRAVEL PIT:** Mayor Beck explained had he had discussed selling the gravel pit property with members of the Lloyd Swenson Park committee as recommended by the Council. He spoke with Chairman Terry Clements and a couple other members of the committee. They still wanted to proceed if DePatco was willing to donate work for the park to fill and level it. DePatco estimated the large amount of fill that it would take to level the property would not allow them to donate toward the project. He spoke with Clements again to explain this, and it was agreed that at this point there would be no further effort to use the property for a park/soccer fields. The Mayor suggested declaring the property surplus at the 1<sup>st</sup> April meeting along with the airport property if legal descriptions are ready. The Mayor will have a value for the property at the 1<sup>st</sup> April meeting.

**LOADER LEASE:** The Council discussed a recommendation from the Finance Committee to lease a new loader piggybacking off the state bid. The 2001 Case is a little underpowered, and the 1990 Fiat that was purchased from state surplus has some hydraulics problems and other minor repairs that need to be made. The Fiat would be traded in on the new loader for \$12,000. The last lease payment was just done for the 2001 Case this year, and the money would be remain in the streets budget to go towards the new loader. The new loader cost is \$118,000 less the trade in, with a lease payment

of \$24,000 per year. Councilmember Fullmer asked if it was something that was needed right away. Butigan responded that it would be needed before next winter. Fullmer stated he would like to have time to look at it after a review of the winter snow disaster situation and expenses. Councilmember Andersen suggested checking prices with some other equipment dealers on a similar machine before making a final decision. Butigan will find out the date the state bid price ends, and will also check on prices at other dealers.

Councilmember Fullmer commented that it was discussed at the Council's recent work meeting that it would be better to wait on any leases or purchases until all the bills were in on snow removal and decisions were made on how to repair the streets. He continued that even with and LID or bond to pay for street improvements sacrifices would need to be made for the annual maintenance costs. If additional spending is added to that it, then the City is committed to pay those payments. He discussed public perceptions with spending money on new loaders and police cars, and a new roof for city hall, and then asking for a bond or LIDs to repair streets. He questioned spending money at this time until a solution has been reached about the streets. The Mayor talked about the need of keeping equipment up to date because it can come back on you later. Fullmer stated there needs to be decision made other issues before looking at purchasing equipment. He also asked about the possibility of contracting out for snow removal and if that would be more cost effective. Councilmember Andersen agreed, and Supt. Butigan will have some figures at the next council meeting. Rausch also agreed she would like to see the figures on contracting to give everyone a chance to have their questions answered. Rose was doubtful about any cost savings, but agreed it would be good to look and see. Mayor Beck suggested looking at leasing a loader for only the winter months. Butigan will get costs on that also for the next meeting.

**POLICE CAR LEASES:** It was proposed to the Finance Committee that 5 new cars be leased. Chief Smith gave an updated packet to Councilmembers on costs to repair current vehicles and estimates for the new leases. The costs to repair current vehicles are about \$15,000. The Finance Committee looked at leasing 2 cars out of this year's budget and 2 more out of the budget next year. The Mayor explained there was also discussion about what to do with the Durango, and the possibility of budgeting for a new pickup with Supt. Butigan and using his old pickup for the police trailer. Smith explained the Durango is good for pulling the trailer, but is not safe as a pursuit vehicle. Chief Smith explained which cars would be kept if new vehicles were leased, and which would be surplus. Rausch explained that the Chief was challenged by Mayor Beck to find money in his budget for police cars which the Chief has done by not replacing Officer Don Powell after he retired which the Chief did. Discussion continued about leasing, and how many cars to lease. Andersen asked if the police department was committed to the loss of an officer for the next five years in order to pay for the cars. Smith explained the department was. The Council agreed they needed more time to consider the information, and a motion to table until the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in April was made by Fullmer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rausch opposed, all others in favor, motion carried by majority.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the February 8, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> meetings were presented for Council approval. A motion to approve was made by Fullmer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**BILLS:** Bills were presented for Council approval. After questions were answered on a few of the bills, a motion to approve was made by Fullmer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS  
DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

***MAYOR BECK***

Mayor Beck announced to the Council a check had been received for \$100,000 from the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council for an Investment Grant for work to be done on 12<sup>th</sup> West.

Mayor Beck updated the Council on the discussion about a possible urban renewal district. There are questions whether it would raise enough money to be beneficial. The downtown group will continue looking at it and in trying to involve local business owners that could be in the district.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:

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Willard D. Beck, Mayor

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Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer