

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. ANTHONY CITY COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 9, 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, Bryan Stoddard and Elva Powell.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Attorney Bill Forsberg, Supt. of Public Works Scott Butigan, Police Chief Jim Smith, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, Parks and Rec Chair Melissa Hinckley, Carla Green, Cathy Koon, Don Powell, Peggy Munk, Deb Coleman, concerned citizens, and news media.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Peggy Munk led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:** Former Mayor Boyd Yancey commented on several financial things going on in the City and raised questions and concerns about police officers driving cars home when they live outside of town and having too many police cars. These were addressed by Chief Smith who explained that officers having their own car and being allowed to drive it home made for better response time, and caused the officers to take pride and ownership as well as better maintenance for their vehicles. Yancey also suggested instead of having a newsletter in the utility bills each month to put in the council meeting agenda so people could have information prior to Council meetings.

Discussion continued on the subject of police cars, and how things are done now as compared to in the past, and how many police vehicles were sufficient. Resident David Loomis pointed out that the department has doubled in 15 years, and with no growth in St. Anthony what has made it necessary to have that many officers. He feels the vehicles are being used for personal use, and the officers shouldn't be allowed to take them home. He also suggested looking at contracting with the county for law enforcement if it is a better deal for taxpayers. The current condition and mileage of the police cars was explained by Chief Smith. There was discussion about whether it would be better to by used vehicles, new vehicles, whether they should be certified vehicles and being the vehicles locally.

The poor condition of City streets were also discussed along with the cost to repair and what needs to be done. Mayor Beck explained the Council is a long way from making a decision, and he will be having a pavement contractor come in and look at what could be done on the streets without relying on engineer estimates alone. Bob Bauer commented on the need to work with the county on seal coating and doing what could be done to save the streets that can be seal coated.

Leasing of a new loader for the street department was also brought during the public comment time. Mayor Beck explained the pricing the City could get for a new loader by

piggybacking off the state bid. Supt. Butigan reviewed the figures when the 2001 Case loader was purchased, as well as the current condition of the older Fiat loader which is looking at needing repairs prior to the next snow removal season. There are issues with the Fiat as the parts are obsolete and may be hard to get along with some additional expense to get parts or have parts made. Butigan also reviewed figures obtained about contracting for snowplowing. Contractor charges would be around \$5,600 per plowing, and he estimates city crew costs would be \$1,500 to \$1,800 per plowing. Resident Mike Parker talked about his prices and that they may be more reasonable than the contract figures Butigan had gotten.

Further subjects discussed were the completed sewer project, growth, property taxes, and purchasing locally.

**PARKS AND REC PRESENTATION:** The Mayor presented former Parks and Rec Committee member Carla Greene with a plaque and thanked her for her years of service on the committee.

**COMMUNITY REVIEW:** Cathy Koon reported that an outcome of the recent downtown revitalization meetings was to have a community review done. A review would bring people in to look at the City from an outside perspective. There isn't any cost to the City other than providing some meals. It would look at infrastructure specialized to the City and present suggestions of things to focus on for economic and community development.

**100 FOOT DRAGS AT AIRPORT:** Don Powell asked for the Council's permission to have two 100 foot drag events at the St. Anthony airport – one May 10<sup>th</sup> and one in September. The drags are done in front of the big hangar at the airport. The car club has a million dollar liability insurance policy. A motion to approve made by Fullmer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**ST. ANTHONY DOG POUND:** Peggy Munk and others asked Councilmembers what they could assist with to improve the current dog pound facility. She pointed out all that she and others present had been doing to help with the animals with finding homes, shots, neutering, etc. She commented that ordinance officer Don Rogers was doing a wonderful job. Mayor Beck complimented the group on all their hard work in assisting the City with the animals. He explained that the City would prefer to locate the pound at the sewer lagoons if funding could be found to build a facility there. Munk stated they would prefer to see a dog run if possible. The poor situation of the current facility was discussed, along with Councilmember Fullmer pointing out that progress had been made from how things had been in the past.

Mayor Beck explained the city's current lack of funding to build a new facility, and Munk and her group offered to possibly come up with some labor and material donations. Mayor Beck asked that Munk come up with what they think would be adequate for a pound and then cost estimates could be obtained. Sherri Thomas commented about the need to charge for services and possibly a cooperative effort with the County, as many

county animals end up in city pounds. David Loomis brought up a recent article he had read about inmates taking dogs and training them. He suggested looking at building a new building and working with work camp inmates to help at the facility.

Mayor Beck stated the problem with animal control is that people won't take responsibility for their animals and then it becomes a problem for the City. The City currently doesn't charge for dog licensing to hopefully encourage residents to license their dogs. It was suggested that revenue could be generated by having a license fee. Munk stated her group would get together and decide what they would like to see for a dog pound and get back to the Mayor and Council.

**FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION:** Mayor Beck read the Fair Housing Proclamation and announced the month of April 2008 to be Fair Housing Month in the City of St. Anthony.

**CITY STREET BOND COSTS:** Mayor Beck presented information that for the City to pass a \$10 million bond to repair city streets as estimated in the City's transportation plan it would basically double property taxes. The Mayor stated he still needs to get a contractor in to get their opinion, which may be different from an engineers opinion.

**POLICE CAR PURCHASE/LOADER LEASE:** Councilmember Fullmer suggested if the police have funds in the current budget to purchase a new vehicle to go ahead and get one now and put in for a 2<sup>nd</sup> car for October 1<sup>st</sup> with the new budget. He stated he has a problem with proposing new cars in the middle of a budget year. He suggested looking at the loader in the budget for October 1<sup>st</sup> also. Rose felt the vehicles should be purchased outright and not leased. Discussion continued about the type of vehicle that should be purchased, and also trying to purchase the vehicles locally. Supt. Andersen stated concerns about getting vehicles that weren't police packages and didn't have warranties as police vehicles. Councilmembers also discussed what vehicles would be kept and which would ones would be gotten rid of.

A motion to purchase one vehicle in the current budget with 2<sup>nd</sup> budgeted for October 1<sup>st</sup> with remaining needs to be determined after that made by Fullmer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried. A motion to purchase the vehicle from the local dealership with the most appropriate kind of vehicle left up to the Chief, made by Fullmer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried. City Attorney Forsberg stated concerns with three bids coming from dealerships owned by the same company, and discussed the legal need to get three different bids. Discussion followed about the Chief being able do bids specs to get the vehicle wanted. A motion was made by Fullmer for the Chief to draw up specs for the vehicles he wishes for the department and submit that to three local dealerships for proposals, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Andersen opposed, all others in favor, motion carried.

It was suggested looking a purchasing a loader in the upcoming budget. A motion to wait until October 1<sup>st</sup> to purchase a loader made by Fullmer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Andersen and Rausch opposed, all others in favor, motion carried.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY DECLARATION:** Councilmembers discussed declaring property at the airport and gravel pit surplus and selling it. Mayor Beck recommends having an auction and selling it after an opinion is obtained about the land values. Councilmember Fullmer made a motion to declare the gravel pit property surplus, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Fullmer made another motion to authorize the City Clerk to set a date within legal publishing requirements for the public auction after the valuation information is obtained. A value is also needed on the airport property. A motion to declare property at the airport surplus as outlined was made by Fullmer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**COMP TIME PAYOUT:** Mayor Beck discussed the need to pay out public works employees comp time during the disaster declaration. The comp time was earned because of all the snow plowing and removal hours the crew conducted. A motion to pay public works employees comp time hours accrued after January 24<sup>th</sup> through February 29<sup>th</sup> was made by Fullmer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**SCHIESS & ASSOCIATES – CITY ENGINEERING UPDATE:** The Council discussed an estimate from Schiess & Associates of \$80,000 to \$100,000 to be able to set up the Cities water system so the North side and South side systems would be connected so that both systems could run off one well if needed. After discussion that there were not state highway right of way issues, Paul Scorseby of Schiess stated he would bring a another estimate for the Council to look at. Scorseby also presented an estimate to replace the water lines on Bridge Street. He is still working on how to get sewer to the airport area in the most economic way. They are also working on surveying the properties on the Teton Highway for possible annexation.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the March 12, 2008, were presented to Councilmembers for approval. A motion to approve was made by Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**BILLS:** Bills to be paid were presented to Councilmembers. A motion to approve was made by Fullmer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

## **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### ***MAYOR BECK***

The Mayor reported that the City was not recommended for funding on a 2<sup>nd</sup> grant to work on 12<sup>th</sup> West. He also discussed the treatment plant and that Marvin Fielding of Schiess & Associates had recently reviewed operations and made some suggestions. Beck informed the Council that the City Clerk, along with assistance from Schiess & Associates, was in the process of getting the paperwork together for the STAG grant to get the appropriated congressional funding.

### ***COUNCILMEMBER STODDARD***

Stoddard reported he was working with Councilmember Andersen and discussing the City parking ordinances.

***COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSEN***

Andersen discussed the parking committee getting together Thursday in evening to work on the ordinances, and a time was set for 5:00 p.m. the next Thursday. He stated concerns about the City’s need to continue updating City water and sewer studies. Scorseby stated he felt the water study was still recent enough that it didn’t need to be updated, but that the sewer study may need to be after STAG grant project.

***COUNCILMEMBER RAUSCH***

Rausch stated the owners at 2<sup>nd</sup> Glance on Bridge Street expressed their appreciation to the Mayor for talking to them about the condition of the side of their building

***CITY ATTORNEY FORSBERG***

Forsberg stated that Planning and Zoning would like some advice and input from the Council about the Area of Impact. He suggested the Council attend the Planning and Zoning hearing on the Area of Impact. The Council will get notification when the hearing is scheduled.

Forsberg also informed the Council he was reviewing the draft of the update to the City’s Comprehensive Plan and making revisions. An overview map is also being prepared by City staff. After the plan is completed a public hearing will be held as required.

Forsberg has reviewed the lease on the Edge Wireless tower, but does not have a final copy yet.

Forsberg reported on recent water law classes he attended in Boise, and out of that came a letter from the Idaho Water Users Association suggesting the City join their organization. The cost is \$500 per year. Mayor Beck stated there were funds in the budget to pay for membership.

***POLICE CHIEF SMITH***

Chief Smith informed Councilmembers he is working on new hire and will conduct an interview on Friday. There have been two applicants so far. Mayor Beck asked the Chief to advertise the position locally as well.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Attest:

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Willard D. Beck

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Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer