

CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 27, 2008
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Bill Forsberg, Police Chief Jim Smith, Supt. of Public Works Scott Butigan (arrive later in the meeting), City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, concerned citizens and news media.

HEARING – FY 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET: Mayor Beck explained the purpose of the hearing is to allow for public comment on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2009. No written or oral comments were received and the hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

CITIZENS CONCERNS – POLICE DEPARTMENT: City Resident Evelyn Mason read and presented a letter, with approximately 90 signatures from citizens, which cited concerns about the police department’s enforcement of parking ordinances and other ordinances that they feel is a misuse of taxpayer’s dollars. They also feel it is harmful to the small town atmosphere of the City and tickets shouldn’t be given over trivial matters.

Mason also discussed her personal concerns with officers’ treatment of youth in the community, citing an incident she knew of where an officer has been rude to the point of making someone cry, and another incident where a teenager was harassed by officers. She feels there are things that need to be changed and questioned how youth can be taught to respect the police when these kinds of things are happening. She also discussed other situations she observed where she felt city officers responded improperly.

Mayor Beck asked Mason if she could present any names so that the incidents could be looked into. Mason stated she wouldn’t give names for fear of them being harassed. Chief Smith stated he would need to have more information including dates, names and locations to be able to properly address or investigate the situations Mason described. Smith also discussed perceptions of teenagers towards officers that weren’t valid, and possible overreactions to situations. Mayor Beck explained it was hard to look into the accusations without formal complaints. The Mayor also stated that he had given an oath to uphold the laws and ordinances and see that they were enforced. He explained he has been asked by other residents to keep going in enforcement of the current ordinances.

Mason further stated she was just concerned about the attitude of the young people, and was bringing the letter because she was asked to. Mayor Beck stated he would visit with the officers. Councilmember Rausch commented that when someone comes with complaints they should be in writing and addressed to the Chief or the Mayor, and asked Mason to encourage people to put their concerns in writing. Another resident present explained five years ago he did submit complaints in writing with details to the police department over some incidents. He felt nothing had been done. He suggested holding

an assembly at the schools to discussed community concerns and let young people know their voices are heard and that someone will listen.

Councilmember Stoddard stated he agreed with Mayor Beck about fully supporting upholding the laws, and that any comments need to be brought to the Council and concerns should be looked at. He explained several councilmembers were working on the parking ordinances for possible changes and revisions.

PARKS AND RECREATION APPOINTMENT: Mayor Beck presented a name for Council's approval to the Parks and Recreation Committee. He has asked Debbie Womack if she would serve, and she has agreed. A motion to accept was made by Rose, 2nd, all in favor.

2009 BUDGT ORDINANCE: Councilmember Andersen introduced the 2009 Fiscal Year Appropriations ordinance. A motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by title only for the 1st reading made by Andersen, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Andersen read 1st reading by title only. A motion to pass on the 1st reading made by Rose, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. A motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by title only for a 2nd and 3rd reading made by Rose, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Andersen read 2nd and 3rd readings by title only. A motion to pass the ordinance was made by Stoddard, 2nd, with roll call vote as follows: Powell – yes, Rausch – yes, Andersen – yes, Rose – yes, Fullmer – no, Stoddard – yes. Ordinances passed by majority. Fullmer gave the explanation that he voted no because of concerns he has about not having any reserve for the general fund and he feels this needs to be addressed at some point.

SEWER RATE RESOLUTION: Councilmember Fullmer read a sewer rate resolution adopting a 5% increase from the 2008 sewer rate. A motion to pass was made by Fullmer, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

WATER RATE RESOLUTION: Councilmember Stoddard read a water rate resolution adopting a 5% increase from the 2008 water rate. A motion to pass was made by Fullmer, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

HANGAR RENT: Councilmembers and staff discussed possible increases in hangar rental fees and what other cities charge for rent. Possible landing fees were discussed for those having airplanes. Charging rent based on the size was also discussed. Mayor Beck asked Supt. Butigan to go out and measure each hangar and get the information. Andersen suggested getting a map made. This information will be presented to the Council at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CITY CLERK INTERVIEWS: A motion was made by Councilmember Fullmer to adjourn to executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. Motion received a 2nd, with the roll call vote as follows: Stoddard – yes, Fullmer – yes, Rose – yes, Andersen – yes, Rausch – yes, Powell – yes.

Executive session was held. No decisions were made.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CITY CLERK-TREASURER: Councilmember Powell made a motion to appoint Patricia Unruh Parkinson as the new City Clerk-Treasurer, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Attest:

Willard D. Beck, Mayor

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer