

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 22, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS*

PRESENT: Mayor Willard D. Beck, and Councilmembers Woody Anderson, Garth Rose, Dee Rausch, Bryan Stoddard and Elva Powell. Powell arrived at 7:10 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Bill Forsberg, Police Chief Jim Smith, Public Works Superintendent Scott Butigan, City Clerk/Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Interested Citizens and Reporter Nate Eaton from KIDK.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bill Beck.

ABSENT: Councilmember Fullmer

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by Nate Eaton from KIDK.

PUBLIC COMMENT – The floor was opened by Mayor Beck for any public comment. There was no public comment.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Phase Three (3) Sewer Grant – Mayor Beck provided a background on the City's sewer lines that still need to be replaced. The City has identified those sewer lines that were in the worse condition and prioritized them by taking care of the worse ones first. This has happened in two stages. There is still about a 1000 feet that need replacement. This is considered Phase 3 of the Sewer Project and may require approximately one million dollars to complete. The City has been working on securing government ear marked funds to help to complete this phase. The City did apply for these funds in 2006 and were denied. In 2007 the City applied again and were awarded \$530,000 from a program from the STAG Grant which would be administered by the EPA. The STAG Grant Program requires the City to match 45% of the total project cost. The other 55% would come from the STAG Grant. The City's original plan was to use part of the \$5 million in bonds for the 45% match however, by the time the City was notified it was determined that the City was 30 days late in being able to use that as part of the match. The City worked with our legislators and after their assistance and help it was finally determined that the City would not be allowed to use those funds as part of the match. It was decided that any engineering costs that we incurred could be used as a match. Mayor Beck talked about the options the City has. Option One – do nothing and let the grant money go back. Option Two – The City utilize our City's cash reserves and do the project at \$946,000. The City would then be close to replacing all the sewer lines that need to be replaced. The problem is the City has about \$400,000 in the sewer reserve fund and about \$100,000 in the sanitation reserve fund. The council would need to decide if they would want to utilize the sanitation reserve to accomplish this. Option Three – Do a smaller project, such as a project totaling \$675,000. And Option Four – Try to obtain another grant like a Block Grant and use that money as match. Paul Scoresby had contacted the EPA and relayed that they said that a grant would work as a match.

Paul Scoresby stood up and said that Sharon Dill, from the EPA, would be visiting office tomorrow morning to discuss the different options.

Mayor requested the council review the information provided by Schiess and Associates. Mayor said he would like to be ready to get a bid around January this year, as this would be a good time to obtain a competitive bid. Mayor questioned the practical nature of getting the grant completed by its deadline of December. The City could administer it ourselves with help from Schiess and Associates or ask that ECIPDA help? Using ECIPDA would have fees associated with it, related to the total cost of the grant. Councilmember Andersen had questions about what the timeline would be for using this \$530,000. Paul Scoresby answered, saying there is no set time that we need to use it. However, in order to keep the funds available for use the City needs to illustrate a need for the funds. Andersen asked about using the City's cash reserves and expressed concern for using the sanitation reserve since we don't know how long we can use the land fill close by and the possibility of having increases in sanitation costs if the City needs to begin trucking garbage to a farther location.

Mayor asked for council's permission to apply for the grant due in December. A motion to apply for the December Grant was made by Councilmember Anderson. Councilmember Rausch seconded. All councilmembers present were in favor. The discussion of which option to use for the Phase Three Sewer Grant was tabled.

Council discussed the options for administering these grants and applying for them. All councilmembers present thought that the City could administer the grant with Schiess and Associates assistance. Paul Scoresby, of Schiess and Associates, expressed that he and his company would assist. He also reported that the grant comes around once per year.

Web proposals – Two proposals were presented to the council. After a brief questions and answer period with the individuals providing the proposals, a motion to table to for the next meeting was made by Councilmember Anderson. All councilmembers agreed. The councilmembers continued to discuss and a motion to rescind the previous motion to table and to accept the proposal from Bryant Biorn was made by Councilmember Rausch. Councilmember Powell seconded. Councilmembers Stoddard approved, Councilmember Anderson opposed and Councilmember Rose abstained. The motion passed by majority with a 3 to 1 with 1 abstaining.

Parking Ordinance – The parking ordinance was introduced and read line by line by Mayor Beck so that councilmembers could make comment. At Section 10.12.010 (A) Councilmember Rausch wanted to know what streets are designated as truck routes and to what type of vehicles section 10.12.010 (B) referred to? City Attorney informed council that the truck routes remain to be determined by council.

At Section 10.20.040 Councilmember Rausch had questions regarding the wording of "Commercial and farm". After discussion on the intent of that section Councilmember Andersen remembers that this was just to be specific to commercial vehicles, not recreational vehicles or trailers. Andersen said that these types are addressed later in

the code. Council wanted to address this and change the wording somehow to make an exception for recreational vehicles. The City Attorney will redraft this section and make the necessary changes.

At Section 10.20.040 (B) Councilmember Rausch had questions regarding this. Chief Smith explained that the ordinance gives the tools necessary to provide signage to stop commercial vehicles from parking in certain areas. Council discussed pickups with six wheels, sometimes referred to as “duelies”. The intent of the committee was to allow pickups with six wheels to park in private residential areas, but not on the street.

Councilmember Anderson suggested “grandfathering” some of the current situations.

Councilmembers Anderson and Rausch discussed the possibility of creating truck routes through the City and what that might mean for citizens and persons employed driving trucks.

Councilmember Anderson said the intent was to take the trucks with flat beds out of the streets.

Council discussed the problems associated with large trucks creating a hazard, noise and safety issue on narrow streets. Additionally, they discussed the very limited funding to repair the already deteriorating streets and ways to try to keep the streets from further deterioration.

At Section 10.20.100 Council had questions regarding the current state law and the running of attended vehicles. City Attorney Forsberg will check into the state statute and will report back to Council. Council discussed striking this section.

At Section 10.20.130 Councilmember Anderson discussed having an exception for car sales lots and allowing parking for unregistered cars. City Attorney Forsberg will redraft.

At Section 10.20.120 Council allowed comment from the audience and Allan Packer, employee of St. Anthony Motors, said there is limited parking on streets from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. He couldn't see the purpose of this restriction even for street sweeping. He suggested taking this out. After some debate the Council requested a resolution be done to address this specific issue for St. Anthony Motors. A motion to resolve to terminate the parking restriction prohibiting parking on West Main Street between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on the block between 1st and 2nd West from March 2 through October 31, yearly, was made by Councilmember Rausch. Councilmember Rose seconded. All councilmember present were in favor with the exception of Councilmember Andersen opposed. The resolution passed 4 to 1.

Due to the late hour council decided to table the ordinance until next council meeting.

Council tabled the Animal Ordinance and the Resolution for Establishing Fees for Keeping Dogs until the next council meeting.

Planning & Zoning Appointment – Mayor Beck presented a name for Council’s approval to the Planning and Zoning Committee. He has asked Rodney O. Nichols if he would serve, and he has agreed. A motion to accept was made by Councilmember Rose. Councilmember Rausch seconded. All councilmembers present were in favor.

Declaration of Surplus Property – The following was described as surplus property: a Hobart Stick Welder, a 1980 GMC yellow dump truck with plow (VIN T17DEAV591698) and an 80’ Titan Tower. A motion to declare and attempt to sell the surplus property was made by Councilmember Andersen. Councilmember Rausch seconded. All councilmembers present approved. Public Works Superintendent was directed to provide the clerk with pricing and the clerk was directed to advertise those items.

City Street Rehab Project – schedule work meeting – Council discussed a time for a work meeting. A motion to schedule the work meeting for the seconded Wednesday January was made by Councilmember Rose. Councilmember Rausch seconded. All councilmembers present approved.

Council requested the clerk to place on the next agenda an item regarding the second meetings for the months of November and December.

FUND SUMMARY - The fund summary was presented to the council members. There were no comments.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor reported on his meetings in Boise regarding transportation funding and specifically road construction. Twenty-five mayors from across the state met and they came up with great ideas that they will continue to meet and work on with the intention to meet with our legislature to present their ideas. They will be meeting again the first part of November.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Smith reported that AT&T will allow BridgMaxx access to our tower. This will provide the City with WI-MAX for free. The City may in the future be able to provide a “hot-spot” in Keifer Park.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. by Mayor Beck.

Attest:

Garth Rose, Council President

Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer