

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 8, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS*

PRESENT: Mayor Garth Rose, Councilmembers Bryan Fullmer, Woody Andersen, Bryant Biorn, Rod Willmore, Bryan Stoddard and Elva Powell.

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Bill Forsberg, Police Chief Jim Smith, Public Works Superintendent Scott Butigan, City Clerk/Treasurer Patty Parkinson, and approximately seven interested citizens.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rose at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by Don Orem.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Set date for Budget Hearing – August meeting – Mayor Rose asked council to set the budget hearing date for Wednesday, August 12, 2009. All councilmembers were in favor with no opposition.

Parks Committee Report - Melissa Hinckley – Clerk Parkinson reported that Melissa Hinckley could not be here tonight, as she was ill.

St. Anthony Chapter for the 200 Cities Book – Review/Accept – Mayor Rose began the review of the chapter dedicated for St. Anthony. He noted several errors. A number of errors were identified by the council members and the clerk was requested to make the corrections and send the corrected chapter back. A motion to approve the chapter with the requested changes was made by Councilmember Stoddard and seconded by Councilmember Biorn. All council members approved.

Chamber of Commerce - Sherri Jackson – Sherri Jackson spoke about the Farmer's Market, held in the front parking lot every Saturday from June until the end of August. She reported that they end the season with a zucchini fest. The Chamber is requesting permission to use the parking lot. Insurance for this weekly event is being taken care of by Jane Kunz. The Chamber said that the only negative comments regarding the Pioneer Days Parade came from the Pioneer Days Committee. The Chamber would agree to not have Farmer's Market on that day if that would be necessary. Jackson said she did have over 30 positive comments to go ahead and have it at the same time as the Pioneer Days Parade Celebration. Councilmember Stoddard said that there will be construction on Bridge Street and wanted to know if Jackson was aware of this. Public Works Superintendent Butigan said it will go out to bid this month and will possibly start June 1, depending on the contractor, but nothing is definite. Butigan reported it'll take about three to four weeks to complete the work. Butigan said that no one knows for sure how they will be doing it, whether or not the road will be closed down or not, but believes work will be done one side at a time and hopefully still drivable. Stoddard said that last year the council made a motion to allow the Pioneer Days Committee to make any decisions regarding the parade and the activities surrounding it. Councilmember Fullmer asked if

our legal council had advice on what was allowed or not. City Attorney Forsberg said the city has the right to regulate their public streets and has the right to contract with the Pioneer Days Committee and by doing so, can limit the use of those public spaces. This is what the city has done in the past and as recalled from last summer, that it could limit the activities for that celebration. Stoddard remembered that the council resolved to limit this for a certain number of years so that this wouldn't be an issue from year to year. Attorney Forsberg did not recall preparing anything but thought that it may have been a motion or oral resolution. A motion to continue the current policy of allowing the Pioneer Days Committee the authority to make decisions on whether or not the Farmer's Market could operate during the Pioneer Days Celebration was made by Fullmer and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members approved. A motion to allow the Chamber of Commerce to use the parking lot on Saturdays from June through August for their Farmer's Market was made by Councilmember Biorn. Biorn then amended the motion to exclude the Saturday designated for the Pioneer Days Celebration. Willmore seconded the motion. All council members were in favor. Stoddard said that if there were construction issues that the council would allow Farmer's Market to be at Keefer Park for a Saturday or two. Jackson reported that Fisherman's Breakfast is coming up along with Cowboy Poets in the next week. An Easter Egg Hunt on the Saturday before Easter is scheduled at 10 a.m. at the ball diamonds. They are already getting booths ready for Summer Fest. The Chamber has more members this year, 54 so far. Biorn asked about the sign at the south exit. Jackson reported that they are going to make repairs to the sign. Their goal is to replace it with a newly painted sign. They are still working on the logistics of who will be doing it and at what total cost.

The next agenda item was for the sign quote from Economy Printing however, Ted Hendricks had not yet arrived. The Mayor skipped to the next agenda item.

INVOICES & CLAIMS - Payment Approval Reports were presented to Mayor and Council. Councilmember Powell had some questions on the cell phone bills. The city had to change from Edge Wireless to AT&T and with that came a new contract with new phones. Councilmember Stoddard had questions about an invoice from Neils and Joe and why it was coming out of the office fund. PWS Butigan reported that this was a repair for the Lumina which is driven mostly by the office personnel. A motion to approve the bills, excluding the bill from the Civil Air Patrol Magazine was made by Powell and seconded by Stoddard. All council members approved. Stoddard wanted to know why some people on the Planning and Zoning Committee get paid \$10 and some \$20. The Clerk said they are paid \$10 per meeting and we don't always issue checks after each meeting. Sometimes we wait to pay after a couple of meetings have passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Gary Cox, 246 W 9th S, recently moved into St. Anthony and wanted to introduce himself and take part in the community and get to know the council. He lives on 9th south right next to the old grain elevator. He said he is employed in Rexburg and commutes every day. He would like to help with anything, if needed.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Willmore reported on last weeks Airport Board meeting. The fence is deteriorating and they are looking at replacing it. Bryan Bartschi would like to be on the airport board. Willmore asked that he be added to the board list. They are working on trimming the

trees. The Fly In is scheduled for September 12, 2009. A Fly In is where the city invites anyone with aircraft to come in and see the airport. Hamburgers may be sold as a fund raiser for the airport. Willmore said that everyone seems to be okay with the lease agreement. PWS Butigan said that there are a lot of surplus items that need to be cleaned up out there. Willmore said that we have a really good Airport Board and he thinks that we'll see a lot of positive things come out of it.

Biorn reported that the Finance Committee met last Monday. The committee reviewed an investment policy and will be meeting again on April 15, 2009. No report from the Chamber. Biorn asked the attorney about an open meeting law bill and how that may affect us. Attorney Forsberg said the law may change by July 1, 2009. The law is in regards to keeping the agenda, the clerk, will need to provide a procedure that allows for changing the agenda. Motions will need to be made to accept agenda changes 48 hours prior to a regular meeting and 24 hours prior to a special meeting. Forsberg said that the council will be provided a copy of the new law.

Andersen reported on attending the RC&D meeting in Rexburg. He said that they look for funding for cities and counties to help them with different kinds of projects. RC&D is a ten county group that gets together to help each other out. Andersen described one improvement that the city of Ammon did, a park costing \$300,000. Teton County received money for a portable stage, about \$20,000 to help them build that. Andersen said he thought maybe they could help us with the Greenway or some of our other parks. He said Commissioner Romrell was involved and maybe the next time we meet with the county he can better explain what they do. He did find out that they have \$650 million dollars allocated through the stimulus program to the Forest Service and they had seven days to spend it. They are expecting another \$250 million but Fremont County missed out on this as the Forest Service Ranger could not be reached. Mayor Rose asked that Andersen begin attending these meetings on a regular basis.

Mayor Rose reported that water and sewer are meeting all their requirements.

Mayor Rose said that there was a letter in council's packet from Don Powell in regards to the drag strip races and the sound levels associated with it. Mayor said that no one on the council had a problem with the drag strip races and appreciates the additional information.

Mayor Rose read the letter awarding the city an Arbor Day Grant of \$300. These funds will be used to help purchase the trees that will be planted in Keefer Park on Arbor Day, April 24, 2009. All of the first graders from Central Elementary have been invited to help plant those trees and learn about Arbor Day. This is the sixth year we have been given the status of Tree City USA. There are Arbor T-Shirts available for purchase (\$8.50 each). The Forest Services provides free seedlings which will be handed out to the children that attend.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk Parkinson reported that the bid advertisement for the Safe Route to Schools has been done. Bids are to be received by April 22, 2009 and will be opened in the City Hall Chambers at 6 p.m. There will be a pre bid tour on April 13, 2009 at 2 p.m. for the

interested contractors.

Attorney Forsberg said the county approved the exchange of services agreement. Planning and Zoning held their meeting to amend the current ordinance that requires lots to be 10,000 sq. ft. to requiring instead certain set backs that would not limit the size of the lot. Planning & Zoning will be having a public hearing at their next meeting May 6th for the change in this zoning for lots. The amended annexation map was also reviewed and there are still some questions in relation to certain lots being part in the annexation and part out. This will be reviewed by the engineers for accuracy and any needed changes. Forsberg also said that in regards to the amendment to lot size ordinance that they will grant a certain amount of latitude for the zoning inspector to review certain cases. This will cut down on the number of variances that they are seeing that involves sheds and such.

PWS Butigan said that he will be fixing the rail fence out at the airport until a better fence is approved. City crews have been working on the stumps out at Keefer Park and are planning on finishing before Arbor Day. The cost of stump removal will be about \$1000. Butigan wanted to know if the council still wanted to do anything on Third Street. Councilmember Fullmer would like to see a breakdown of the costs. Butigan reported that most of it will be labor and fuel. Councilmember Andersen said there will be costs in cutting the curb back. Butigan said that there will be a water meter that needs to be dug up and capped and work on a sewer line. Butigan also reported that the case loader's brakes were worn and need to be replaced and it'll cost around \$6,000. The engine also needs some work. Mayor Rose said it needs to be done as we need that loader.

Chief said that the hiring process is on going. April 18, 2009 testing will be done. Those that make it through that will be given a psych test. The bidding on the surplus vehicles continues and closes on April 17, 2009.

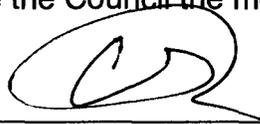
Mayor Rose seeing that Ted Hendricks was now here, moved on to the prior agenda item.

Sign quote from Economy Printing – Harry Halkar, Economy Printing, came up with three different designs and showed them. The total price of \$2247 would be for any design. He could have the sign installed with some help from the city crew. Halkar also wanted to thank the crew for help with working on the sign out in front of the building. Harry had help from the city to take it down and he repaired and put it back up. Halkar also said he was also a co-chairperson for the Fisherman's Breakfast and that the Search and Rescue has chosen to honor the city at the breakfast. Halkar requested that the Mayor be there to accept this honor. The breakfast hours will be cut back from 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the program being moved up to an hour to an hour and a half. Halkar said he would get the Clerk a press release. Mayor then asked for Ted Hendricks to speak. Hendricks said that he wanted the council's preference on the sign. Hendricks said the other quote was \$2200. Hendricks said the qualities of the signs are identical. Hendricks said he liked the new designs from Economy Printing. A motion to accept Economy Printing's signs was made by Councilmember Fullmer and seconded by Councilmember Stoddard. All council members were in favor. A motion to accept the design with the dunes and river was made by Fullmer and seconded by Biorn. All council members were in favor.

Hendricks then asked if council would like to have a work meeting with the city and The Development Company to answer questions or address any concerns, as they want to maintain the integrity of their organization. Councilmember Andersen said that sounded like a good idea. Mayor Rose said a time to work with them, possibly prior to a council meeting would work best.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Sherrie Jackson wanted to know about getting a sign for directions to the sand bar. Jackson said one of the city's biggest attractions is the sand bar; however, it's difficult for people coming off the highway to find it. PWS Butigan said that this would be something that the Idaho Transportation Department would need to approve. Mayor would like Butigan to contact ITD and get the council some information on the procedure for doing this.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Mayor Garth Rose.



Garth Rose, Mayor

Attest:



Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

