

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 22, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS*

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bryan Fullmer and Rod Willmore.

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 Will Rhea.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Safe Route To School Bid Approval – Bid opening at 6 p.m. – Mayor Rose reported on the bid opening for the Safe Route to School and how it went. There were four bids under the engineer's estimate of \$100,000. The bids are now being reviewed for accuracy by the engineers and council scheduled a special meeting to award the bid on Tuesday, April, 28, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

National Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation Month Proclamation – GFWC Rexburg Civic Club – Jenny Everett Kelch, of Idaho Falls, works for Intermountain Donor Services, an organ procurement organization out of Salt Lake City, Utah. She explained that April is Donor Awareness month and she spoke about the importance of organ and tissue donations. Kelch shared about having a liver and kidney transplant about three years ago. She felt it is very important to spread awareness of donations as it improves many lives.

Lisa Sutton, from Rexburg, shared a story about her father who is currently waiting for a liver transplant. She brought a DVD that shows the interview with her father, giving that to the council. She said she didn't know much about organ and tissue donation until it happened in her family. Sutton said it is important to know ahead of time what you want to donate, as it is an amazing gift. She said one organ and tissue donor can save nine lives and improve the lives of 50 others.

Councilmember Stoddard asked if we could put something in the newsletter or the marquee and the web site. All council members agreed. The clerk and the PWS will take care of this.

Councilmember Biorn read the proclamation.

Parks Committee Report - Melissa Hinckley – Hinckley reported on the Parks Committee and what they have been doing. Focus has been on the playground

equipment and the parks. They've fixed everything that needed to be fix and replaced everything that needed to be replaced. A slide has been ordered for Keefer Park. Right now they will only replace what they can and later try to get a large playground structure. The next thing is to replace the teeter tooter planks. Loose fill has been ordered for Keefer Park and they are working on that now. It's a rubber loose fill, non toxic. They don't have to put down as much and it spreads out better. This job will be started on May 5, 2009 with volunteer help from Key Bank employees. Four trees will be planted in the park for Arbor Day this Friday. There is also a coupon from Northfork Nursery for 10% off on trees. This coupon can be picked up at the city offices. There will also be information pamphlets on trees that can be picked up at the city offices. Hinckley reported on future projects and they are looking out for grants to put in more trees for the parks. The committee is also working on a grant for replacing the trees in the downtown area. Hinckley will talk to the Mayor about getting trees for the southeast corner next to the city building from the conservation district at a really good price. The downtown trees will be planted with a tree at every other spot, with flowers in the spots between. They can't plant flowers around the base of a tree as it gets too much water and can die. The committee will also look for grants to do that. The committee will have no booth for Fisherman's Breakfast, since last year they didn't do very well in donations. They would like to auction some of the surplus property that came out of the parks, like the old slide and old street signs. Hinckley said they would take any other surplus property if the city wanted them to. Chief Smith said they have bicycles. Councilmember Andersen suggested a silent auction with a closing time if they can't find an auctioneer. Councilmember Biorn wanted to know if this can be done at the Fisherman's Breakfast, since there would be a large crowd of people. Hinckley said they could check. Andersen said to make sure to work with the Fisherman's Breakfast committee. Hinckley reported that there are only four members on the Park's Committee and would like a couple more volunteers. The committee is also trying to revise some of the Park's Committee rules so that they may conduct business with fewer members. Andersen is the committee liaison. Hinckley also reported that the fence is being replaced in Keefer Park. Mayor Rose said the council appreciates the work that she is doing.

Utilities for Proposed Annexation – Mayor Rose said that he will leave this discussion for department reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Rose opened the floor for comment from the public. Will Rhea asked if there was a winning bid for the Safe Routes to School project. Mayor said that there hasn't been a winning bid picked yet. There being no other public comment Mayor closed the floor.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS – Mayor Rose asked each council member if they had anything to report on. Each council member said no.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk Parkinson reported that Val Hammond brought over the newest map showing the talked about changes in the streets for Central School. Councilmember Stoddard said that this has become a bigger issue now that Lincoln School will be combined with Central. Councilmember Biorn thought that this just reinforces the survey with the additional cars that will now be going through there. Chief Smith thought that the combining of schools

may only be a temporary change. Mayor Rose asked that this be added to the next council agenda for discussion and review and asked that Val Hammond be there for any possible questions council may have.

Clerk Parkinson reported that the bid for a Grant Administrator has been put out for the Phase III Sewer Project. The bid closes May 6, 2009 and will be added to the council's agenda for their review.

Attorney Forsberg reported on the proposed annexation on Teton Highway. At the last Planning & Zoning Meeting the map appeared to cut some properties in half. The engineers have reviewed it and found seven lots that were divided. Paul Scoresby, of Schiess & Associates, wanted to research the issue further, thinking lots can be split. Forsberg recommends, after researching, that we go forth to ask for written consent from the property owners and to annex complete lots. Forsberg will prepare a contract for services for the property owners that are receiving city services. This will be sent out with a letter to the property owners and then depending on the response will determine the direction the city can choose to take. Also, in discussing this, there is a property owner that would like to have the city's sewer services. However, it's so far out that a pump station is needed at a cost of about \$100,000. Forsberg said that staff decided that it really didn't make sense to put forth that amount of money for two or three homes. Councilmember Andersen asked about implied consent. Forsberg said that the implied consent applies in a type B Annexation, which we wouldn't be doing, since it's quite burdensome and costly. In a type A Annexation the consent must be in writing. Forsberg said that there should be a clause in the agreement for services that property owners consent to a proposed annexation. Councilmember Biorn asked about those that are already receiving services, what would happen if they refuse to sign for services. Forsberg said that at that point we could look at different types of users and apply different rates to those users, i.e. those in town who pay taxes have a rate different than those outside of town. If they sign a consent then they are protected in that rate. Andersen said that through the health district when they permit wells and sewer systems they do that when there are no systems available. If one is available they have to hook up. They may not have an option. Forsberg said that there is no requirement that we provide anyone outside the city limit with services.

Forsberg created a memo for streamlining the adoption of ordinances and reviewed that with the council members.

PWS Butigan reported on an individual that has expressed interest in hooking up to city services across from the Industrial Park. A lift station would be required, which could be placed by Chandler's. This would require a land purchase at a cost of about \$100,000 plus. Mayor Rose suggested that the council just look at the current annexation and not look at going any further down Teton Highway, as the expense was greater than the current demand, with a maximum demand of about a dozen houses.

Butigan provided a rough price for completing the street through on Third Street. If we can get the tailings from the county, it would cost about four to five thousand dollars. If we don't get the tailings then there's the cement to get out, water and sewer to disconnect then it would be an additional \$3,000-3,500. This would be a dirt surface to maintain.

Butigan hasn't talked to Marla Vik from the County about the tailings. Mayor Rose asked that Butigan talk to Vik and then add this item to the next council meeting agenda.

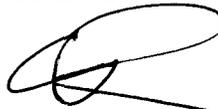
Butigan had a proposal to the council for a mosquito abatement program for the city. The program involves adding a mosquito abatement fee to city utilities of anywhere from .25 cents per household to \$1.00. It could be something done, but may be required to be voted on at the next election. Butigan would like the council to review and possibly discuss. Last year the city spent about \$6,000 to spray for mosquitoes. Attorney Forsberg will look at the possibility of doing this and if there are any requirements the city needs to implement a program like this. Councilmember Biorn would like this on the council's agenda in May.

PWS Butigan also proposed the sale of some city properties. Any earnings could be used to defray some of the city deficit well as provide a continued tax benefit. Butigan provided council with a printed report for their review.

Butigan also reported that the county awarded the city \$4,000 for their Economic Development program to put in a sprinkler system in the lot by the city offices. Councilmember Powell asked that the Clerk send a thank you to the County Commission.

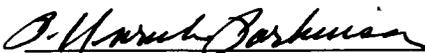
Chief Smith said that there are Census Workers out working and they all should have their credentials on them. The auction for the surplus vehicles went well. The winner has been notified and they have until Friday to submit payment and pick up their vehicles. There has been a tentative offer to a candidate for the open position of police officer. Smith has checked with the Sheriff's Office to see if they will provide for a psychological test at a cost of \$19. The department continues to have problems with the Intrepids. They lose power and are over heating. They are working with St. Anthony Motors to get the necessary repairs. The police department is in consideration for a \$50,000 grant for a narcotics program with Rexburg Police Department. Smith is also reviewing with Councilmember Stoddard old ordinances that haven't been revised in many years. Mayor Rose asked if Smith is using the Durango for patrol. Smith said no, due to the roll over potential. Mayor said that they may have to start using the Durango for patrol if the Intrepids are not dependable. Councilmember Stoddard asked about the surplus bicycles. Smith said there are 15 to 20 that have been found and remain unclaimed that the city may now dispose of.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by Mayor Garth Rose.



Garth Rose, Mayor

Attest:



Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

