

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – December 9, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.  
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS*

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Attorney Bill Forsberg, Police Chief Jim Smith, City Clerk/Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Mayor Elect Neils Thueson, Councilmember Elect Suzanne Bagley and approximately four interested citizens.

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

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Public Works Superintendent Scott Butigan.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mayor Rose began the meeting by opening the floor for public comment. There being no comment Mayor Rose closed the public comment time.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Dopp House/Alley vacate/Ohs** – Public Works Superintendent (PWS) Butigan said the old Dopp House has an alley next to the property and they are asking to vacate the alley. A map was given to the council members for their review. Butigan reported the city has a two inch water line that goes through that alley. This house connects to that water line. Mayor Rose asked to hear from Mrs. Ohs. Mrs. Ohs said that the property is at a dead end road and thought that if they divided it, with the alley vacated, they could build a home. Right now, she said they can't place anything but a single wide trailer on it. Councilmember Andersen said besides the water line that runs through there, that water line connects Teton Highway to the water tank from the south side, so it's four blocks that would be involved. Every house that borders that alley is fed by that water line. Overhead, there is also communications and power lines. Andersen said if that alley is closed, it closes it to the city and to any other utility that needs to get in there. Andersen said he didn't think it would be in the best interests of the city to close that alley. Mrs. Ohs approached council and they indicated on the map where the water line ran. Councilmember Biorn said he was inclined to deny this request as it would be impossible to get to the water line if it were to break or need repair. Mrs. Ohs said she didn't know about the water line and understands why the city wouldn't want to vacate the alley. There was no motion to approve vacating the alley.

**Review High Country Resource Conservation and Development Area Plan** – Councilmember Andersen said that High Country RC&D needs a long range plan to work with and the plan was presented at the last meeting. The members were asked to present the plan to the cities and counties involved so that it could be approved and then they could work from that plan. Andersen requested that we place it on the city's web site to try and get some feedback from the public. Clerk Parkinson will put it on the web. Councilmember Fullmer asked how the RC&D pays for their plans. Andersen said it comes from cities and counties from their dues and membership fees. They do a lot of things, including a stage for Driggs, a park for Ammon, and cloud seeding to name a few.

Councilmember Elect Bagley said that much of their funding is obtained from grants. Fullmer asked if by signing on to this plan, is the city obligating themselves to coming up with funds for their projects and/or goals. Citizen Cathy Koon said that the only time the city would be involved with funding is if the city was involved in something. Koon reported they are an economic development group and are a federally funded agency. Attorney Forsberg said that on page 20 the RC&D council reports being non profit and actively seeks grants and awards to implement approved projects. This item will be tabled until the next meeting for discussion.

**Memorandum of Understanding/Fort Henry Historic Byway** – Cathy Koon addressed the council regarding the Fort Henry Historic Byway. The plan outlines the goals as set by the Fort Henry Historic Byway Committee. They would like the city to pass a resolution accepting the plan and supporting the Fort Henry Historic Byway. It does not ask for any funding from the city; only a plan to work together in planning and working on the Fort Henry Historic Byway. Koon reported this is a really good opportunity for the counties and cities to take advantage of tourism dollars and to work together. Koon is Chairperson of the Fort Henry Historic Byway and reported on the many different projects that have been completed and underway. Councilmember Andersen said he read it and loved it. Koon said the plan is a working document and they will continue to improve on the plan. This memorandum of Understanding will be signed after the Fort Henry Historic Byway Committee approves it.

**Resolution to adopt Fort Henry Historic Byway Management Plan** – Councilmember Biorn read the resolution. A motion to accept and adopt the Fort Henry Historic Byway and Lost Gold Trails Loop Corridor Management Plan 2009 was made by Councilmember Fullmer and seconded by Councilmember Biorn. All council members approved.

Koon also reported that the Chamber of Commerce is having a ribbon cutting ceremony at Dr. Olsen's office next Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at noon. The Chamber would like to invite everyone to attend

**Discussion of changes on 12<sup>th</sup> Street bridge** – Council was provided a diagram showing the changes to the bridge on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The major change is elimination of the T intersection with the road remaining relatively the same and a width change to the bridge of 18 feet. Councilmember Fullmer said it looks like a good idea. Council felt like it makes good sense. These changes were submitted with the Local Highway Rural Investment Grant.

**LED Street Light / reduced energy costs discussion** – Councilmember Biorn said that at the last Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) Convention there were many vendors claiming they could save 80% on LED lighting for our street lights. Biorn did some research, which he provided a breakdown of to each council member. PWS Butigan reported that the city changes out about a dozen lights a year, from 6 to 12. Councilmember Willmore asked if there is anyone in our area currently using these types of lights. Biorn said he couldn't find anyone using them locally. Councilmember Andersen said there isn't a lot of money in the current budget to change lights out, and wasn't sure if it would be better to do them a few at a time. He thought it might be spotty looking. Councilmember Fullmer said this is something that should be looked at in the next budget year. Biorn said it should go through the budget process and feels like a test should be conducted before making a

large purchase. Andersen said that there are two lights on the courthouse and it may be safer to put them there. Mayor Rose said it is something that should be looked at in the next budget year. Willmore wondered if there is a program to help purchase some of these. Biorn said there are energy assistance grants that could be used to assist the city to buy them. Those grants come up around June. Mayor Elect Thueson couldn't see the savings if it takes four years for them to be paid for. If they quit working at five years, then the city really isn't seeing a savings. There being no further discussion this item was tabled for review during next year's budget process.

**Approval of the 2009 Annual Street Report** – Clerk Parkinson provided members of the council with the 2009 Annual Street Report. The annual report is required to be submitted to the Idaho Transportation Department in order for the city to qualify for state highway funds and published as a legal. This year's report shows revenues and expenses with an ending positive balance of a little over \$16,000. This balance will be brought forward into the next fiscal year to help cover the engineering costs associated with the Safe Route to School project. A motion to approve the 2009 Annual Street Report was made by Councilmember Powell and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

**INVOICES & CLAIMS** - Payment Approval Reports were presented to Mayor and Council. Councilmember Andersen had questions about parts for the mower and other equipment. PWS Butigan answered his questions. A motion to approve the invoices and claims for payment was made by Councilmember Andersen and seconded by Councilmember Powell. All council members approved.

**MINUTES** – Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2009 and Special Council Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2009 were presented to Mayor and Council. A motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2009 (with noted corrections of date on page four to be November, not October) and Special Council Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2009 was made by Councilmember Stoddard and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members were in favor.

#### **MAYOR, COUNCIL and DEPARTMENT REPORTS –**

Mayor Rose reported on the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party. It was well attended with 50 or 60 people, including Santa Claus.

Councilmember Willmore said that if the electric bill is right for the airport the city has already saved \$60 this month.

Councilmember Stoddard reported on the Finance Committee meeting. He reported listening to some proposals on insurance for the employees. He learned that the county provider can't allow the city to piggy back on to the county's program and he is looking at other options and will be giving us a quote. The committee will be asking for other quotes from the local businesses in town. The Finance Committee will be meeting again on December 17, 2009 to go over the audit with the auditor.

Councilmember Andersen reported that he didn't make the last Chamber meeting as he

was ill. The Chamber has moved their voting for a new chair back for another two weeks. Andersen said there are two street lights out on Bridge Street; one in front of Falls Drug and one across from Big J's on Third Street. Councilmember Biorn said that there is one on the exit ramp coming north. It's in a residential area and comes on and off. Also, there is a burnt out bulb in the North West parking lot behind the Roxy.

Councilmember Fullmer met with PWS Butigan and they came up with a possibility for the animal control problem with the work camp. Councilmember Stoddard said he did talk to the Chief of Police and Chief Smith was to contact the work camp to schedule workers. Stoddard said he feels like it's still the Police Department's responsibility and they should be taking care of it. Stoddard doesn't feel that it's right that we laid off an animal control worker and now the city uses the work camp to do that work. PWS Butigan talked to Glen Armstrong, of the Work Camp, and he said he was okay with the cleaning, but didn't want any of the work camp crews to be handling the dogs. Councilmember Stoddard said there is a need for a gate in order to move the dogs around in order to do the cleaning. Stoddard said this is something he'll leave for the Chief of Police to decide what he wants to do.

Councilmember Fullmer said that since this is probably his last meeting, he wanted to let council know that he appreciates having the opportunity to be on the council.

Clerk Parkinson reported that Amy Mueller and Phillip Damon would like to be on the Parks and Recreation Board. The mayor may appoint members and it was decided to invite Mueller and Damon to the next council meeting. The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be the third Wednesday in January. Parkinson also reported on a company that is requesting to host placing the city code on the city website. The city already does this, so having a company provide it for us for free wouldn't benefit the city. Parkinson did say what would benefit the city would be codification of the city code. We are currently behind in codification of the city code by two years. Attorney Forsberg said that codification is an official thing and in order to do it correctly the council has to contract or appoint someone that undertakes an official review and codification of the ordinances. Forsberg wasn't sure, but thought that official codification hadn't been done since 1974. Forsberg advised that council look into budgeting for codification since it is so important. Parkinson said that Mayor Elect Thueson attended the most recent Association of Idaho Cities meeting and was provided with an informational disk that can be shared with anyone interested. Parkinson also announced the city holiday party is scheduled for Wednesday. All employees, council members and their guest are invited. It's potluck.

PWS Butigan reported that the mobile home at Garrett Trailer Court has been moved. The shop is just about finished being insulated. There was enough to insulate the entire shop. Butigan said they have already noticed that the fans only kick on when the doors open and run for only 10 to 15 minutes, where in the past they ran ½ hour to an hour. Butigan said that they have sent a list of the broken street lights to Glen Pond with Rocky Mountain Power and they are slowly being repaired. Councilmember Stoddard asked about the cross walk signs and who will be replacing them once the snow removal is done. The one on Bridge Street hasn't been placed back. Butigan said that it will get done. Councilmember Fullmer said that the sidewalks on Fourth North are getting snow removal and wanted to know who is doing that. Butigan said that a citizen, Dave Loomis, is doing

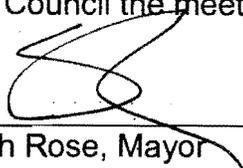
that. The city crews don't clear residential sidewalks. Butigan talked to Marla Vik from County about the clearing the snow at the airport. Vik will talk to the fleet manager who will try and plow the airport. Their priority is the school bus routes and they will assist the city as soon as they can.

Chief of Police Jim Smith talked about the school district moving the crossing guard over to the new stop sign, one block north on Bridge Street. There are still a lot of children crossing at the old crossing. The school district said they would try and send something out to the parents. The dog pound doesn't have a dog surrender program. The city refers citizens to the animal clinic or to the human society for animal disposal. Chief Smith said he supports automation of the code. Chief Smith also reported that the police department should be receiving a bullet proof vest reimbursement of \$571.

Mayor Elect Thueson reported at the Association of Idaho Cities Academy he learned that there are a lot of cities worse off than us.

Mayor Rose thanked the council and staff for the last year.

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

  
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Garth Rose, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

