

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 23, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS*

PRESENT: Mayor Neils Thueson, Councilmembers Rod Willmore, Woody Andersen, Bryant Biorn, Elva Powell, Suzanne Bagley and Bryan Stoddard.

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Jim Smith, Public Works Superintendent Scott Butigan, City Attorney William Forsberg and Deputy Clerk Kathy Brokens and approximately two interested citizens.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by PWS Scott Butigan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE 67-2345 Subsection 1(c) The Development Company (Ted Hendricks) – A motion to enter into an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 Subsection 1(c) was made by Councilmember Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. A roll call vote followed with Council Members Willmore, yes; Stoddard, yes; Biorn, yes; Andersen, yes; Powell, yes; and Bagley, yes. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Thueson asked for the room to be cleared, except for Ted Hendricks of the Development Company, for council to enter into an executive session.

Mayor Thueson called the meeting back to order. Mayor Thueson reported a discussion was held in executive session however, no decisions were made.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Parks and Recreation Committee Report (Richard Law) – Mayor Thueson asked for a report from Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Richard Law. Law reported that during this time of year there isn't a lot going on in parks as winter is descending upon us. Law said there are many celebrations throughout the year, including Easter Egg Hunts in the spring, a free Fisherman's breakfast, the 24th of July celebration and ending in the fall during harvest with the annual Summer Fest. The city celebrates spring, summer and fall, but we don't celebrate winter. This is one of the longer seasons for us and Law proposes the city celebrate winter by having a Winter Carnival sometime in late January or early February. Law requests approval from the council to pursue such an event to include a chili cook off, sledding in one of the parks, miniature golf throughout the parks, arctic tennis, cross country skiing, ice skating and ending with a polar bear plunge into the river. Law said the city could partner up with civic clubs, the chamber, schools, churches, Emergency Medical Services, and college students. Law said he would come back to the next meeting December 9th to present firm dates and ideas. Law also reported the city's parks are in good shape and appreciates the work city crews have done throughout the year to maintain the parks. Mayor Thueson said the property next to the city building, belonging to the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), needs a plan prepared. Law said there is one plan, however other plans were also discussed and a decision of what to present to council is still being considered. Some ideas are a community garden, a picnic area or a sign. Mayor Thueson asked that

Law present to council a plan which can be approved by the council and presented to ITD. Councilmember Andersen thought there was an agreement with ITD about the property and the city having first option to purchase. Mayor Thueson wanted to know if there has been a prior agreement made. Councilmember Andersen wasn't sure. Attorney Forsberg said if the state were to decide to sell the property there currently isn't zoning to exclude certain businesses, i.e. a bar, adult bookstore or used car lot. The city also has no mechanism to regulate any kind of business under our current set of ordinances and if the state were to sell, a person could do whatever they wanted. Mayor Thueson said this is a very attractive corner and revenue can be generated by drawing tourists as well as a tax base from a business. Councilmember Stoddard said he was approached by one individual who thought a museum there would be nice. Law said he would stay in contact with the Mayor about different plans for the lot. Law said he has spoken to Mr. and Mrs. Dupree who have an interest in joining the Parks and Recreation Committee and assist with the planning. Law said the Rotary Club commissioned the last plan and it's beautiful. A motion to allow Law to proceed with his plans for a Winter Carnival in St. Anthony was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Powell. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

Second Reading of Alcohol Beverage Licensing Ordinance Changes (Parkinson) – A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Biorn. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0. The ordinance was read by title only by Attorney Forsberg. The next agenda will have the third reading.

Ratify Airport Fence Grant Agreement and Resolution (Willmore) & Resolution 2010-19 Accepting the Grant Offer from ITD for the Airport Fence (Willmore) – Councilmember Willmore reported the state needs council to ratify the grant agreement and approve the resolution for the grant. A motion to ratify the Airport Fence Grant Agreement and approve Resolution 2010-19 accepting the grant offer was made by Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Powell. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

Finance Committee Report and Recommendations (Biorn) – Amend Resolution 2010-13 base charge unoccupied properties - Policy discussion on Fire Department Payment - Current and Future Investment discussion – Chair of the Finance Committee Councilmember Biorn reported on the last Finance Committee meeting held Monday, November 15, 2010. Biorn reported resolution 2010-13 failed to include commercial properties and recommends council approve an amended resolution, 2010-13A, to correct the oversight. A motion to accept resolution 2010-13A establishing base charges for unoccupied property was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Andersen. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0. Biorn also said the Finance Committee discussed investing \$600,000 of the city's funds into a couple of different funds all approved for city investments. This offer is from Key Investment Services (Dale Green, consultant) and is currently averaging a 2.4% rate of return. The recommendation from the Finance Committee is to authorize the Mayor to invest the funds at the appropriate time. After some questions and discussion a motion to authorize the Mayor to make the investment was made by Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0. Biorn also reported on the policy discussion on payment to the fire department. Council approved to budget \$63,000 to the

fire department. The city will pay once an invoice from the fire department is received and it has already been agreed with the district to pay half now and half at the beginning of the third quarter.

Councilmember Bagley reported finding the title for the fire truck and gave Deputy Clerk Brokens an Indemnifying Affidavit form to be filled out and returned to the Idaho Transportation Department Vehicle Services. Bagley said she would advise Clerk Parkinson later.

Discussion of Business Licensing – Councilmember Bagley requested council's permission to work with Attorney Forsberg on a Business Licensing Ordinance for later presentation the first part of next year. Council agreed Bagley could do this.

INVOICES & CLAIMS - Payment Approval Reports were presented to Mayor and Council. A motion to pay the invoices and claims was made by Councilmember Andersen and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

MINUTES – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2010 were presented to Council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2010 was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Powell. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

DEPARTMENT, COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Police Chief Jim Smith reported receiving a number of computers from a grant and ML Technologies will come in next week and bring everything up to speed on all their programs. There will be a training class in December for him and in January for the rest of the department. Smith also reported speaking with the potential new owners of the Silver Horseshoe and they told him they plan on opening around December 15th. Councilmember Bagley asked if the department has ordered their Vid Mics. Smith said they ordered the movie cameras not attached to the microphones which go on the pocket. They are cheaper and don't have a cord.

PWS Scott Butigan reported everything is going pretty good. He plans on sending crews out to clean up the snow prior to the weekend, hoping for a good weekend. Councilmember Bagley asked what the policy is for snow removal. Butigan said once there is three to four inches they will start plowing. Plowing begins at 9 o'clock at night, since it is safer for the crew and public and they are better able to remove snow quicker with fewer vehicles traveling on the roads. The city has an ordinance regarding parking on the streets during snow removal. Mayor Thueson said the police department put out 40 warnings to vehicles illegally parked and has not received any complaints. The city can tow the vehicles if they become a nuisance.

Attorney Forsberg reported being warned about his vehicles and said he moved everything the next morning. Forsberg said this is a good positive way to remind people to move their vehicles. Forsberg also said he is very excited about working on the Business Licensing Ordinance with Councilmember Bagley. Forsberg also said the City of Ashton is working on a Business Licensing Ordinance.

Councilmember Bagley reported the Chamber has all the turkeys they will need for their free Thanksgiving dinner. They are short about 15 pies. Bagley also reported the Chamber is working on their annual Christmas in St. Anthony on December 11, 2010 from 10 to 4.

Councilmember Powell had nothing to report.

Councilmember Andersen had nothing to report.

Councilmember Biorn said he noticed that after crews plowed on Sunday morning, the area right in front of the EMS building, the county hadn't removed the snow and so the ambulance, if dispatched, would have to plow through snow. Biorn asked if the city crews could take care of that. Butigan said the city crews are currently in a training phase, educating two new employees on snow removal, and this will be addressed and taken care of. Biorn also reported there has been a lot more traffic to the city's web site and asked if Butigan could let him know when crews plan on removing snow and he will post it to the web. Mayor Thueson said this is an item being addressed in the December newsletter going out to citizens in their billing statements. Councilmember Stoddard asked about doing a reverse 911 call to citizens or something like it. The school makes phone calls like this. Councilmember Bagley said she would get some information on it and report at the next council meeting. Mayor Thueson said he will be attending a meeting about emergencies and will add this to his list of questions to them and report back.

Councilmember Stoddard reported attending the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting and reviewing with the committee the state of the parks. There are some safety concerns which will be addressed with city crews. Stoddard again thanked Melissa Hinckley for her service as chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee over the years.

Councilmember Willmore reported securing \$1,875.00 from the county commissioners for their half of the match for the Airport Planning Study. The airport fence is going well. Willmore said he has received many phone calls from people saying the fence looks great. Willmore said he sees a lot of positive things happening out at the airport. There has been some talk about getting a courtesy car. The state has donated cars in the past. This will be something the Airport Board will discuss on their next agenda.

Mayor Thueson reported meeting with the county commissioners and they agreed to help the city with the airport fence. The city also got a commitment for \$20,000 towards the West Main Street Project. They will also commit to \$5,000 towards the 12th Street grant if the grant is awarded to the city. Mayor Thueson did attend a meeting with the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). They want ideas from the city about what the city might want at the south and main St. Anthony exits. Mayor Thueson said this item will be placed on the Planning and Zoning Committee's next agenda. There will be another ITD meeting January 11, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. for feedback. Mayor Thueson said there can be no snowmobile or four wheeler's on Highway 20. Mayor Thueson also asked ITD to paint the River Bridge. It is in need of paint and they said it will be on their list of things to do. ITD does plan on resurfacing highway 20 from St. Anthony to Rexburg and will also be repairing the railroad crossing. Mayor Thueson also reported on attending the Eastern Idaho Legislative Forum and learning there is an expected \$340,000,000 short fall for the State. Education took the smallest cut

and police took one of the larger cuts. Even though there is a shortfall they claim they will not cut taxes and will not decrease revenue sharing for the cities. They also reported on a proposal to increase the cigarette tax another \$1.50 per pack. By doing this it will bring in another \$50,000,000 to the state. They reported the economy is turning around very slowly. There is also a proposal from the EPA to take care of all water in the state of Idaho. If that happens the city would have to treat runoff before it went back into the river, including farmers. There is a concern this proposal could pass and it could really make it tough on everyone. Mayor Thueson also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT - There was no public to make comment.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.

Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:

Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer