

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS*

PRESENT: Council Members Rod Willmore, Woody Andersen, Bryant Biorn, Elva Powell and Bryan Stoddard.

ABSENT: Mayor Neils Thueson and Council Member Suzanne Bagley

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Superintendent (PWS) Scott Butigan, Police Chief Jim Smith, City Clerk Patty Parkinson, and approximately nine interested citizens.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Andersen at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by PWS Scott Butigan.

Council President Andersen excused Mayor Thueson from the meeting as he is at the Association of Idaho City's City Official's Day in Boise. Andersen also mentioned Councilmember Bagley was absent due to an illness in the family.

PUBLIC HEARING

To hear comment on proposed resolution 2010-17 establishing fees for the retail sale of beer, wine and liquor. Council President Andersen began the meeting by opening the floor for public comment. Clerk Parkinson informed council the public hearing was properly advertised for tonight's hearing. Parkinson asked for those wanting to speak "for" Resolution 2010-17. There were no speakers. Parkinson asked for those wanting to speak "against" Resolution 2010-17. Gaylene Blair, 205 N 7th W, stood up and spoke. Blair was concerned with the way the beer by the drink and draught beer by the drink was combined under one amount, saying it penalized her as she does not provide draught beer by the drink. Blair also said she would like to see the city start out at a lower amount for wine and not charge the maximum. There were no other speakers against. Parkinson asked for those wanting to speak "neutrally" on Resolution 2010-17. There were no speakers. Parkinson reported on the fees currently being charged; Where draught beer or draught and bottled beer is sold to the consumer and consumed on the premises were sold, \$100 per year; Where bottled beer only is sold to the consumer and consumed on the premises where sold, \$75 per year; and Where bottled beer only is sold to the consumer and not consumed on the premises where sold, \$25 per year.

Council President Andersen closed the public hearing.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discuss/Adopt Resolution 2010-17 Establishing fees for the Retail Sale of Beer, Wine and Liquor – Council discussed the pros and cons of the pricing for the licenses for the sale of beer, wine and liquor. Councilmember Willmore said the city is charging too many fees on everything as it is. Councilmember Andersen asked Clerk Parkinson what the administrative costs were to issue and distribute the license were. Parkinson reported the revenue does not reflect all the costs of issuing the licenses and the police enforcement needed for these

businesses. She continued by saying the city is not making money on liquor licenses and there are currently nine businesses with licenses. Councilmember Andersen asked for the Chief of Police Smith's perspective on the number of calls made to bars versus other businesses and if the increase in fees is paying for the additional time police spend at those businesses. Chief Smith said the police force checks on the bars every night and only door check other businesses in town. Councilmember Stoddard asked if the city is required to charge fees for each item or if the city couldn't include wine in the liquor fee and just increase that by \$100. Parkinson said the state differentiates between liquor and wine. Liquor fees are determined by the size of a city's population and depending on the population determines how the city can charge. Cities with a population like St. Anthony's can charge 75% of what the State charges and the city is currently charging that amount of \$562.50. That amount can not be increased. Wine is a separate category and the city is currently not charging anything but could charge up to \$200. Willmore asked how many businesses serve liquor by the drink. Chief Smith said there are currently two businesses with a liquor by the drink license, Spurs and Spokes and Star Bar. A motion to accept Resolution 2010-17 Establishing Fees for the Retail Sale of Beer, Wine and Liquor with the following changes, Beer by the Drink \$100 and Wine by the drink or package \$100 was made by Biorn and seconded by Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Department Reports Parks and Recreation – Council President Andersen said he wanted to divert from the agenda to allow Parks and Recreation Chair Richard Law to make his report so he may attend another event held at the same time this evening. Law reported everything is proceeding nicely for the Winter Carnival which is a week from this Saturday, February 5. They have been working hard preparing the miniature golf course at Keifer Park and all other activities are going as planned, cross country skiing on the Greenway, kickball at the ball fields, tubing and sledding at Jaycee Park. Law thanked the city crews for assisting in preparing the parks and moving snow. Businesses have been contacted and coupons will be handed out for hot chocolate, tea, apple cider and coffee which can be redeemed at either the four different venues or participating businesses. Different colored coupons will be handed out at each venue to see which venue gets the most participants.

Judy Hobbs, regarding listing of Industrial Park – Clerk Parkinson reported Judy Hobbs was unable to attend tonight due to an emergency and has requested to be placed on the February 10, 2011 agenda.

Dale's Silver Horseshoe Retail Alcoholic Beverage License – An application for a retail alcoholic beverage license for Dale's Silver Horseshoe was submitted to council. Clerk Parkinson reported they have paid their fees and provided copies of approved licenses from the state of Idaho and Fremont County. A motion to approve the application for a Retail Alcoholic Beverage License for Dale's Silver Horseshoe was made by Councilmember Powell and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Report on Application for Trail grant on Greenway (Deon Davenport) – Deon Davenport was introduced by Council President Andersen and a written report was provided to council updating the Fort Henry Bicentennial Project. The trapper statue is almost paid for and of the \$28,000 needed they have \$25,300. Davenport also reported on the trail to the statue which included six park benches. A grant has been worked on for the trail and has been submitted and received by Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. Clerk Parkinson and

Consultant Kyle Babbitt assisted with the submission of the grant. It was discovered the grant needed to be submitted by the city and so minor adjustments were made. The grant is to help pay for an asphalt trail like the rest of the trail. The statue is planned on being placed the first part of May, just in time for the annual clean up. The annual clean up in May will have volunteers to help build the gravel base for the asphalt trail.

Parking space request for County Prosecuting Attorney (Smith) – Smith reported the county prosecutor is concerned about getting to her office with the lack of parking and with the ice and snow and is requesting the city give her a parking space by placing a sign on the public street. Councilmember Andersen said it is a public street and belongs to the public and the only thing deterring a person from parking in a designated space would be for handicapped parking. Andersen thinks a space could be reserved in the parking lot but not on the public street. Councilmember Willmore and Powell both agreed with Andersen. Willmore said there is a city parking lot and a county parking lot just across the street and a space could be reserved there. Councilmember Stoddard and Biorn also agreed. Biorn asked if Chief could go back to her and ask her to park in a designated spot in one of the parking lots. Council President Andersen said the request has been denied.

Confirm appointments made to Planning & Zoning, Rod Perkins and Rich Gardner – Clerk Parkinson reported Mayor Thueson has appointed Rod Perkins and Rich Gardner to the Planning & Zoning Committee and is requesting council to confirm his appointments. A motion to confirm the appointments of Rod Perkins and Rich Gardner to the Planning & Zoning Committee was made by Councilmember Stoddard and seconded by Councilmember Biorn. All council members present approved. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Hobbs, 625 Park St., said there is a problem with abandoned vehicles parked in public streets, creating a driving hazard due to the large amounts of snow shoved off to the side of the streets and around the vehicles. Hobbs wants to know what can be done about it. PWS Butigan said he has his hands full plowing and can't enforce this. Some have been parked since summer in the same spot. Chief Smith said many cars have been moved by request. Smith said they mainly handle these on a complaint by complaint basis. Smith said there has been some towing and warnings have been issued in areas where the streets are becoming narrow. Councilmember Biorn said we need to be friar to all and start asking even those on the wide streets to move their vehicles. Councilmember Willmore suggested we start towing. Council President Andersen asked Clerk Parkinson to place it on staff's agenda to review and suggest more enforcement with tickets for improperly placing snow in the streets or sidewalks or covering signs and towing vehicles. Hobbs said the city crews should be commended for doing a good job with keeping the streets plowed as well as they have. Councilmember Willmore agreed. Councilmember Stoddard also said he appreciates what the crews did after their comments at the last council meeting, picking up the piles from the center of roads.

There being no other public comment Council President Andersen closed public comment.

INVOICES & CLAIMS - Payment Approval Reports were presented to Council. After several questions, which were satisfactorily answered by staff, a motion to pay the invoices and claims was made by Councilmember Stoddard and seconded by Councilmember Powell. All

council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

MINUTES – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2011 were presented to Council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2011 was made by Councilmember Powell and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT, COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Police Chief Jim Smith reported attending the Chief of Police Conference and learned about what is being done in the state as far as blood tests on DUIs. Some cities (Nampa and Boise) are adopting policies to administer blood tests when individuals refuse to take a breath test. There was also a legislative update. There has been an emergency order for “spice”, making it illegal to sell. The E Ticketing program is scheduled for mid February. This will result in greater efficiency. Smith is still trying to learn the date an officer is leaving for training with the Air National Guard. As soon as the date is confirmed, the police department will contract an officer for the six months he will be gone.

PWS Butigan reported the Champion Grader has a bad transmission. The filter was placed in backwards. This has since been fixed. Butigan thought it may have come from the factory that way. Repairs are being made to the grader. Butigan said citizens are pushing snow out into the street creating the streets to become narrower. Butigan reported having an accident with the grader and it jumped through the shop door, damaging the shop door. A claim has been filed with the city’s insurer. There were no injuries. Andersen asked when the snow is being taken down off the corners to take it down further so it doesn’t block the sidewalk. Butigan said they are working on getting it done.

Clerk Parkinson gave a status report on West Main. The selection committee is still trying to reschedule a meeting time and phone calls to ITD have yet to be returned. Parkinson said in an effort to help office staff reduce accrued overtime hours she is recommending the office change their hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. After some discussion with council, council thought this should be worked out with the staff and the Mayor, ensuring there is a notice posted and the phone message be changed to provide emergency numbers for the public. Parkinson provided council with a copy of the first quarterly report which was printed in the newspaper. Parkinson also provided council with some news from the Chamber including a flier for their upcoming Chamber awards banquet being held February, 9, 2011. The city is selling tickets. Tickets are \$25 per person and the theme is “Let me call you Sweetheart”. Parkinson also gave each council member a request and application from the Idaho National Laboratory for the recruitment of board members to the Environmental Management Citizens Advisory Board. The deadline for applications is February 4, 2011. Parkinson also reported the 1988 Chevy Dump Truck sold for \$1551 and the Chevy Lumina sold for \$1261 from the surplus sale.

Councilmember Powell had nothing to report.

Councilmember Willmore reported the airport grant money is still not in. Willmore will contact Bill Statham and follow up. PWS Butigan reported he is working with Rocky Mountain Power for an estimate in getting power out to the hangars. Willmore said he contacted Intermountain Gas about getting service lines out to the hangars.

Councilmember Stoddard had nothing to report.

Councilmember Biorn reported the Mayor has assigned him as the liaison for the water department. Biorn also said if there are any ideas for the web site to let him know.

Councilmember Andersen went to the High Country Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) meeting and thinks things are back up and running with a new person in the office. There is a RC&D convention going on with the RC&D Western States. Their next meeting is in Lewiston, March 13-16th and they are looking for a sponsor to donate money in the form of advertisements. Andersen said it's a good opportunity to be recognized if anyone wants to be involved. To advertise one can contact County Commissioner Leroy Miller or Councilmember Andersen.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m. by Council President Andersen.


Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

