

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2011, 7:00 p.m.*

420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Council Members Rod Willmore, Woody Andersen, Suzanne Bagley, Elva Powell and Bryant Biorn.

ABSENT: Mayor Neils Thueson (attending Association of Idaho Cities Annual Conference) and Councilmember Bryan Stoddard.

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Superintendent (PWS) Scott Butigan, City Attorney Bill Forsberg, City Clerk-Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Police Officer Terry Harris. There was no public in attendance.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Officer Harris.

PUBLIC COMMENT there was no one in the audience to comment.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Public Intoxication Ordinance – final reading & vote – Councilmember Willmore read the ordinance out loud and in full. Councilmember Biorn asked what the ordinance will be replacing. Attorney Forsberg advised it is an addition to General Provisions Chapter 9. Officer Harris advised the police department has been visiting with the local bars in town and they seem to be appeased with any of their concerns. Harris said they will be using this ordinance in the same way they have used the curfew ordinance. A motion to accept the Public Intoxication Ordinance was made by Willmore and seconded by Biorn. A role call vote followed with council members voting as follows: Bagley, yes; Powell, yes; Andersen, yes; Biorn, yes; and Willmore yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion of III-A Joint Powers Agreement – Insurance Pool – Clerk Parkinson introduced the Idaho Independent Intergovernmental Authority Insurance Pool(III-A). A package of information was given to each council member. Parkinson explained it is a way for smaller cities to come together, creating a larger group of individuals for health insurance. The idea is to control the cost of health coverage by proactively reducing claims through wellness programs and eliminating the profit margin and marketing costs associated with traditional commercial insurance plans. The primary objectives are to control costs and to stabilize rates by providing quality coverage through an independent self-funded health benefits pool. Parkinson said she and Mayor Thueson attended a meeting in Ammon and after listening to the presentation it was the opinion of Parkinson and Thueson the city should consider joining this group in order to obtain the benefits of a pooled group. The III-A Board has instituted a \$9.06 per employee per month fee to fund the creation of the self-funded pool and to pay for consulting, legal counsel, actuary services and liability insurance. Once the city joins they continue to maintain the current Blue Shield Policy as it is. The last day to join is August 2, 2011 after which "buy-in" fees for pool reserves will be assessed to those joining in late. There is a black out period of joining from August 3, 2011 to January 1, 2012. The Joint Powers Agreement requires a three year commitment from the city. The coverage

plans available are medical, dental and vision benefit plans. Attorney Forsberg was given the Joints Powers Agreement to review. Forsberg explained the program a bit further and how it operates. He said it is similar to ICRMP, a not for profit insurance for city and counties. Forsberg said he reviewed the agreement and it was his opinion it is something which can save the city a fair amount of money over time. Councilmember Biorn was concerned the cities having already joined are very small. Forsberg said larger cities have more bargaining power. Councilmember Andersen said this is the point of the pool, to get a large enough group together to create more bargaining power. Biorn said he is concerned this will slow down the claims process. Parkinson said the employees will still have the same Blue Shield Insurance with a new card being issued with the Blue Shield and III-A logos. III-A buy into the major Blue Shield and Blue Cross networks and this is how they provide the same coverage and claim service. Forsberg said the agreement is written by the members for the members. A motion to authorize Mayor Thueson to act on behalf of the city and its employees by entering into an agreement was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Surplus Sewer Camera (Butigan) – PWS Butigan said the sewer camera is not performing like they thought it would and have only used it about five times. Right now the city utilizes Hunter's camera because it goes further and performs better. Hunter's always take care of camering, even in emergencies and are reasonably priced. Butigan thinks a minimum bid for the camera would be \$1800. A motion to surplus the camera was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Andersen. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Proposed Business Licensing Ordinance (Bagley) – Councilmember Bagley introduced the proposed ordinance. She said getting background checks may cost, as the city may have a third party do the background checks. The state has regulated background checks and they can only be done through NCIC for criminal purposes. Bagley said any costs would be directed to the individual requesting a license. Councilmember Biorn asked if approval is done solely by the Mayor. Attorney Forsberg said it is left to the sound discretion of the Mayor and under appeal the sound discretion of the council to approve or disapprove any licenses. There are three tiers of licenses, the general commercial license, the seasonal/temporary license and the license for those that come in from out of town to conduct business, i.e. construction companies. There is no requirement to conduct a background check for these three categories. A fourth category of license is the itinerant peddler. These applications are then referred to the Chief of Police for his investigation and recommendation. The Chief of Police will conduct a background check if he feels it's appropriate and then report the background check to the Mayor with his recommendation. The Mayor can then either grant or not grant the license. Forsberg added the Mayor may delegate any power he has. It is reasonable to believe this process could take up to two or three days. Councilmember Andersen said there should be enough coming in from fees to pay for the Caselle program necessary to create licenses. Andersen asked about the exemptions and where things like Fisherman's Breakfast and Summerfest fall. Forsberg said this ordinance exempts these types of activities and is addressed in the ordinance. Forsberg said he would rather describe the type of activities instead of adding a resolution listing each individual exempted group. This ordinance allows for individuals to post a "No Solicitors" sign, which will allow for a person that might solicit to be arrested if they should go on to a property posted as such. Biorn would like some sort of education process to inform citizens

and businesses about this new ordinance. Biorn thought signs should be posted at the entrance to the city informing all who come business licensing is required. Bagley agreed education will be a key part to this ordinance. Forsberg said he would make some revisions and this item will be placed on the next council agenda.

Proposed 2011/12 Fiscal Budget – Councilmember Biorn reviewed the proposed 2011/12 budget. This budget includes an increase in water and sanitation of 5% and sewer no increase. The property tax request has been reduced by the amount of \$65,000 for the fire district. It also includes a 2.4 % Cost of Living in employee salaries and a merit increase to eligible employees to be approved by the Department Head and the Mayor. It includes \$200 for flowers around the city building and \$3000 to update the Caselle software for the business licensing package. Streets was one of the most actively discussed budgets. The streets budget includes \$90,000 in maintenance, i.e. chip sealing and supplies for the DuraPatcher. It also includes the purchase of a loader through the state contract of \$100,000. There is also a purchase of a used pickup truck. This purchase will be shared between the Street, Water and Sewer Funds, since all three departments will utilize the pickup. Part of the money for the loader, \$66,666 will be borrowed from the Sanitation Fund and will be paid back in the next two years, half each year. The total General Fund budget proposed will be \$1,055,426. This budget is lower then the last four years' budgets. The increase in water and sanitation will mean a household user will end up paying \$2 more per month, on average. A motion to accept the budget as proposed was made by Councilmember Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0. Biorn said he appreciates the cooperation from the department heads and the many hours of work Clerk Parkinson did to make this budget one of the easiest to do.

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 Powell and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

MINUTES – Special and Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2011 were presented to Council. A motion to accept the Special and Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2011 was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Powell. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT, COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Police Officer Harris reported he would like to set up a demonstration for a shoot. It will be a night shoot. It will demonstrate optics for a rifle. These items will be purchased using existing budget funding. Harris would like to know when a convenient time would be for council. Council asked Harris to wait until later, such as early Fall.

PWS Butigan reported Depatco is paving and will be working through Saturday. They have four more alleys to do and they will be finished. There are four more additional alleys on the south side they will be doing with the remaining funding. The DuraPatcher was delivered today. They will demo it on Wednesday. The water pipe under the bridge has been fixed. The SCADA (a monitoring system for water) system seems to be working pretty well. They

are still working out the bugs on this system. So far, it's working pretty well. It will just take some time. The airport fence is still not done. It will take time.

City Attorney Forsberg reported Fremont County is having their public hearing on their new development code. Forsberg said he commented on the treatment of gravel pits and if their zoning would over ride the city's. Councilmember Willmore may want to review the portion regarding the airport overlay and to present any concerns. Forsberg said overall it's a huge improvement from what they used to have.

Clerk Parkinson reported there will be a public hearing at the July 14, 2011 council meeting on the Wastewater Phase III Project. This is a requirement of the grant. Rick Miller will be here from The Development Company to update the public and council.

Councilmember Bagley reported the Chamber has purchased all the flowers and have their volunteers ready and planting. They will be coming out downtown to clean out the beds and get ready to plant. Bagley said she received a call from Subway regarding a door check being done. The door was open and they called to thank the city for letting them know. Officer Harris said Trost's Feed was open as well.

Councilmember Powell had nothing to report.

Councilmember Willmore reported an Airport Board meeting has been scheduled for July 8, 2011 at 7 pm.

Councilmember Biorn wanted to encourage everyone to volunteer or assist with the Pioneer Day Parade. There is also a volunteer effort going on at the fairgrounds to build a fence around the arena. Biorn said he would like to have a discussion at a future council meeting about what to do with the skate park. His only suggestion is to close it. Council President Andersen asked Clerk Parkinson to place it on the next agenda.

Councilmember Andersen had nothing to report.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m. by Council President Andersen.


Nels Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

