

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS*

PRESENT: Mayor Neils Thueson, Council Members Rod Willmore, Bryan Stoddard, Woody Andersen and Bryant Biorn.

ABSENT: Council Members Elva Powell and Suzanne Bagley

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Superintendent (PWS) Scott Butigan, City Attorney Bill Forsberg, City Clerk-Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Police Chief Jim Smith and approximately five citizens.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Councilmember Biorn.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on the 2011/2012 Fiscal Budget – Mayor Thueson invited the public to comment on the proposed 2011/2012 Budget. There was no comment from the public. Thueson then closed the hearing for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT Mayor Thueson explained to the members in the audience he would allow their comment in an informal manner throughout the meeting as time permitted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2011-2012 Fiscal Year Final Appropriation Budget Ordinance 2011-7- Mayor Thueson, Council and staff discussed briefly the 2011/12 Budget. Councilmember Wilmore asked again about raising the fees for water and sanitation and not for sewer. Councilmember Biorn said the Finance Committee carefully considered each budget and explained how the water, sewer and sanitation funds are required to be self supporting funds and can not be subsidized by tax dollars. The increase, to the average customer, would be approximately two dollars more per month. Biorn said there will come a day when replacement of items for the sewer, water or sanitation may come up and reserves need to be built up some to help cover these expenses. The Finance Committee would like to see reserves built up in a way to assist in the payment of these expenses instead of going back out to the citizens for an increase so large it becomes a burden. Biorn thought it would be easier to absorb a two dollar increase as apposed to doubling our rates seven or ten years down the road. Thueson said each year it costs more just to maintain our water and sewer systems for the simply fact that expenses for energy and fuel keep going up. A motion to suspend the reading of Ordinance 2011-7 2012 Fiscal Year Final Appropriation Budget on three different days and that the ordinance be read by title only once was made by Councilmember Stoddard and seconded by Councilmember Andersen. A role call vote followed with council members Andersen, yes; Biorn, yes; Stoddard, yes; and Wilmore, yes. Motion passed 4-0. Stoddard read Ordinance 2011-7 by title one time. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-7 was made by Biorn and seconded by Andersen. A role call vote followed with council members Andersen, yes; Biorn, yes; Stoddard, yes; and Wilmore, yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Set public hearing for 2011 Budget Amendments, September 8, 2011 – Mayor Thueson said a date needs to be set for the public hearing for the 2011 budget amendments. A motion to set a public hearing for the 2011 budget amendments for Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 7 p.m. was made by Councilmember Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present approved. Motion passed 4-0.

Kelton Thompson-donated Park Bench – Boy Scout Kelton Thompson came to present a bench he has made to the city. Kelton is the son of Debra and David Thompson. The bench was placed down by the diversion dam at the Greenway Park. A picture was provided by the Thompsons and Mayor Thueson and the entire council thanked him for his service project to the city. Thueson also asked that Kelton inform the city when he is awarded his Eagle Scout.

Business License Ordinance – First Reading – A motion to suspend the reading of the Business License ordinance in its entirety and to read by title only was made by Councilmember Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. A roll call vote followed with council members Andersen, yes; Biorn, yes; Stoddard, yes; and Willmore, yes. Motion passed 4-0. Biorn read the Business License Ordinance by title only. This is the first reading. The second reading will be at the next meeting.

Report on Smokin Deals Truck Parts Special Use Permit – PWS Butigan said the owner of Smokin Deals Truck Parts is working on buying more property right next to where the fence is supposed to go. He said as soon as the property is purchased, the fence will be installed. In the mean time he will place storage units along this line, creating a make shift fence. All other rules of the permit are being followed. He does have bushes planted and watered. Council decided to allow time for him to complete his property purchase. If that doesn't materialize the city will follow-up on this again in another year about the time of city wide clean up.

Report on Skate Park Cameras (Smith) – Chief Smith said Teton Fire and Security, Inc. said two cameras are needed and a power supply to cover the entire park at a cost estimated at around \$2050. Infrared cameras would be the same price. This would be hooked up to the existing DVR (Digital Video Recorder) at the work camp site. This does not include conduit and wire from the cameras to the DVR. This would require someone else to do, so it may need a separate bid. The cameras will be placed on the Work Camp property. Smith will get a quote on the conduit and wire. Citizen Jim Hobbs, 625 Park Street, said it is important to our community to keep the Skate Park open and he said he is willing to donate \$1000 towards the purchase of the cameras if it come down to either the cameras or closing the park. Mayor Thueson, said to Hobbs, this is commendable but the city will review the budget in parks and see if there are funds available. Councilmember Biorn asked if they could have the quote by Monday for the Finance Committee Meeting.

Reminder No Council Meeting Thursday, August 25, Summer Fest – Mayor Thueson reminded council there will be no council meeting Thursday, August 25, due to Summer Fest taking place the same night. Thueson said he expects to see everyone attending Summer Fest.

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 Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Andersen. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

MINUTES – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2011 were presented to Council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2011 was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Andersen. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

DEPARTMENT, COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Police Chief Smith reported the council members received an email from Bagley regarding a scanner to tie into the Computer Arts system. This would cost more and requires council approval. There are no additional costs for additional storage. Councilmember Biorn said this is in his field of work and the costs quoted are very reasonable and the function of the scanning would be something of value to the department. Smith said there is money in the current budget to cover it. Mayor Thueson said to go ahead and proceed. Smith said there have been a lot of burglaries in town and the department has two in custody and is working on more, with good leads. There will be a patrol car in the Eastern Idaho State Fair parade September 3, 2011. Smith said he has made contact with the nuisance properties and a couple have finished and he continues to monitor. It will cost them less to hire someone to clean up instead of paying the fines. Smith also provided a current Incident Summary.

PWS Butigan reported the fire department will no longer be putting buoys out into the river next to the Sandbar Park. The fire department expressed concerns of liability. The fire department has donated the buoys to the city and Butigan said city crews will install them on Monday. One city worker has been out on the DuraPatcher about six hours a day. Most of the Southside city streets have been done and he is now working at the school district and working his way through on those streets. Another tank of oil has been purchased about 1000 gallons and about 50 yards of crush. Crews are focusing on the worse parts of the roads. Next year if the price of oil stays about the same the city will be able to chip seal about six or seven miles of road. The bug sprayer is broke and they are waiting on a part. The cost will be about \$900. The Sewer Project is now on the South side of town. They have completed 5th up to between 6th and 7th. The Wastewater Phase III grant project has been finalized and crews are working on the "punch list" (outstanding items). Butigan also reported on Zoning and Building permits issued since the last meeting.

City Attorney Forsberg reported he spoke with Intermountain Gas Company to get an easement to run a gas line into the airport for the hangars. His concerns are about the line crossing the runway and the wide description on the easement. Councilmember Willmore says they have the maps of the easement and will assist if needed in getting them. Forsberg will continue to follow up on this item.

Clerk Parkinson reported on a newsletter from ICRMP (the city's insurer) regarding a Risk Management Discount Program. If the city decides to participate there is a possibility of receiving a five percent discount on our insurance premiums. Parkinson asked for council's permission to pursue. Council said it sounded like a good idea and to pursue it. Parkinson provided council with information forwarded from and on High Country RC&D. The city's insurance broker, Rudy Ballard, informed Parkinson that they could come in and provide a mini health exam, for free, on the city's employees and asked if we would be interested in

this. Council said to check with the employees and to get back to Ballard if there was interest. Parkinson also provided council with some information from Caselle, the city's utility software provider. There will be a migration from their classic software to their newer product. This will be happening in December of 2012 and is something council will need to consider, budget and to prepare for. Parkinson also provided council with a copy of a newsletter from the E Center (Eastern Idaho Entrepreneurial Center). Parkinson also reported the Annual City Family Picnic has moved from Thursday to Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Clyde Keefer Park.

Councilmember Andersen had nothing to report.

Councilmember Biorn had nothing to report.

Councilmember Stoddard asked if someone can look at the deck at the sand bar. It needs some repairs.

Councilmember Willmore had nothing to report.

Mayor Thueson had nothing to report.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.



Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:



Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

