

CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

ALSO PRESENT: Water Superintendent Kirk Nelson, City Attorney Bill Forsberg, Police Chief Jim Smith and approximately 38 citizens.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Councilmember Powell.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Report on Greenway Trail to Statue/Deon Davenport – was not present and item was moved to next agenda.

Declaration of Cougar Pride Day October 20th – Mayor Thueson welcomed everyone in attendance. Vice Principal/Athletic Director Chris Tucker stood up and explained why this proclamation is important to the school and the community. Tucker explained it is not just about the sports program but about all the programs South Fremont schools offer. He finished by saying how this is a great place to live. Thueson then read out loud a Proclamation of Cougar Pride Day to be declared October 20, 2011 and continued by inviting everyone to attend the football game that evening and to wear red and black that day. The South Fremont High School Cheerleaders then performed a cheer for the crowd. Thueson then called for a five minute recess.

After a five minute recess Mayor Thueson called the meeting back to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Thueson asked for anyone else in the audience to introduce themselves and their reason for attending. Two BYU-Idaho students introduced themselves and Russ Rubert, a candidate for city council, introduced himself.

Suggested speed limits and resolution for E Yellowstone, S Yellowstone & Teton Highway (Smith) – Chief Smith provided council with a speed study and a map of the proposed streets that would have increases of their current speed limits. Smith said currently the speed limits are currently too low and because they are low this makes these roads unsafe. Council had no questions. Councilmember Willmore read a Resolution Establishing Modifying Speeds Limits on South Third East, South Yellowstone and East Yellowstone out loud. A motion to accept the resolution as read with the change to “That segment of South Yellowstone Highway from Seventh South Street to the *South city limit*” to “That segment of South Yellowstone Highway from Seventh South Street to the *Salem Union Canal*” was made by Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

Request for Accessible Parking on 1st North & 1st West (Butigan) – Water

Superintendent Nelson explained where the accessible parking spot will be, next to Saul Apartments, as there is a new business there with a current need for accessible parking for their clients. A motion to create an accessible parking spot on First North and First West was made by Councilmember Stoddard and seconded by Councilmember Powell. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0. Stoddard then asked if there is an accessible parking spot there then does the curb need to be reconstructed. Attorney Forsberg said he will do some research before answering. Mayor Thueson asked for this item to be on the next agenda.

Surplus old front office copier (Parkinson) – A new copier was purchased and the old copier needs to be surplus. The city is saving \$300 a year in a lower service contract and the price of the new copier was within this year's budget. All council members agreed to surplus the old copier a Toshiba e-studio35.

First Week of November, Fall Clean Up for Leaves and Branches – Mayor Thueson said the first week of November will be declared a week for cleaning up leaves and branches. City crews will pick up extra bags and bundles of leaves and branches during the week. Thueson asked Clerk Parkinson to get this information out into the city's newsletter and marquee.

Discuss November & December Second Meetings Possible Cancellation – After a short discussion a motion to cancel the second November council meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 24, 2011 was made by Councilmember Powell and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0. The December meeting will be discussed at a later council meeting.

Update on West Main (Paul Scoresby/Schiess & Associates) – Paul Scoresby was not present and this item will be placed on the next agenda. Mayor Thueson said he has spoken to the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) regarding the status of West Main. A contract needs to be signed in order for Schiess & Associates to start working on West Main. After speaking with Blake Rindlisbacher of ITD, he learned this may be out just a couple of weeks longer or so.

LHRIP Applications (Paul Scoresby/Schiess & Associates) - Paul Scoresby was not present and this item will be placed on the next agenda.

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 Andersen and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

MINUTES – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2011 were presented to Council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2011 was made by Councilmember Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Andersen. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

DEPARTMENT, COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Water Superintendent Nelson reported the tree, located on Don Oram's property (348 North Bridge), is estimated to cost around \$1600 for removal. Council discussed and all agreed the tree is a hazard and safety issue for motorists, even if the tree is not a legal sight obstruction. A motion to add to the agenda the discussion and removal of Oram's tree was made by Councilmember Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Powell. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0. Following a short discussion a motion to spend the money necessary to remove the tree was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Andersen. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

Nelson also reported city crews are preparing for snow removal this year and winterizing the parks. Nelson also said three or four fire hydrants have been replaced this year. Thueson said the street next to the bowling alley needs striping done for parking. Nelson said there is a work order for this and crews plan on completing the job.

Police Chief Smith reported the Skate Park cameras are working; however, the recorders are not working. The donated hard drive needs to be replaced at about \$100. The E-ticketing computers need some updates and will be done by Madison County IT personnel as they have the expertise and know what they are doing. The Spurs and Spokes is closed and the Silver Horseshoe is back up and running with their liquor license. There is no good news on the COPS grant. There may be some additional future funding and so there may be a possibility the city could be approved in the future. The department doesn't know if they would be included so the city is staying at four officers. The parking changes made on East Main and Bridge Street seem to be working pretty well with no complaints. With the new drunk in public law there has been one arrest associated with this law and the law is working well for the department as an additional tool. The properties identified for yard clean up are generally in compliance and each property owner seems to be getting the job done slowly. The ATT tower rent has been approved for the increased in rent and this year's amount has been paid but not at the new monthly rate. Clerk Parkinson is following up on this. Grant money of \$3,010, will be given to us for the computers for E-ticketing. Thueson said he appreciates the department. Councilmember Willmore asked if the camera down at the Skate Park has helped. Smith said the signs themselves have been a deterrent. There have been no problems since the signs went up.

City Attorney Forsberg reported Mayor Thueson has given him instruction to prepare updated leases on the city's building renters and he is working on this.

Clerk Parkinson reported the Planning and Zoning Commission has been working hard on updating the Comprehensive Plan and are getting real close to finishing up and providing a draft of the newly proposed plan. Planning and Zoning meeting minutes are in council's packets. Council agreed Planner Chase is working well with Planning and Zoning. Parkinson said the audit is scheduled to begin November 7th and preliminarily the funds are looking good. A full report will be provided by our auditors once the audit is completed.

Councilmember Powell had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bagley had nothing to report.

Councilmember Andersen reported on his thoughts on sewer rates and (Equivalent Dwelling Units) EDU's. Sewer rates were set many years ago and Andersen thought this should be something looked at again for review and updating more often than we are. Especially when a business changes hands and/or usage. Councilmember Bagley said having the new Business Licensing Ordinance and Caselle software package will assist staff in recognizing these changes and making appropriate adjustments. Andersen said the 116th National Guard celebration is October 15th in Rexburg and October 18th in Idaho Falls. Mayor Thueson said he will be attending both celebrations and invites all to attend.

Councilmember Biorn had nothing to report.

Councilmember Stoddard had nothing to report.

Councilmember Willmore reported speaking to Bill Statham of the Department of Aeronautics. The fence grant money should be here in the next two weeks. The pavement rehabilitation grant has been awarded to the city. However, the money will probably not be available until spring. The Department of Aeronautics is in the process of hiring the engineers for the approved development study. No match money from the city will be required for the development study. The Fly-In was really quite successful and Joyce Edlefsen wrote a very nice article. Willmore said it was really fun to take kids and adults in an airplane for their very first plane ride. The gas line going in the airport is also coming along nicely.

Mayor Thueson had nothing further to report.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.


Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

