

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m.  
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS*

**PRESENT:** Mayor Neils Thueson, Council Members Elva Powell, Suzanne Bagley, Bryan Stoddard, Tom Erickson, Russ Rubert, Rick Hill and Bryant Biorn.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Rod Willmore.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Public Works Superintendent Scott Butigan, City Attorney Bill Forsberg, Police Chief Jim Smith, City Clerk-Treasurer Patty Parkinson and approximately 23 citizens.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Chief Smith.

Mayor Thueson began by saying it is a memorable evening as the city is losing three memorable city councilmembers, Woody Andersen, Elva Powell and Bryan Stoddard. However, there is still a bit of business to conclude before swearing in the newest council members. Thueson then proceeded to business.

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

**MINUTES** – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2011 were presented to Council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2011, was made by Councilmember Stoddard and seconded by Councilmember Powell. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS (MAYOR)** – Mayor Thueson swore in Rick Hill, Russ Rubert and Tom Erickson as council members for the city of St. Anthony. After each said they agreed to the Oath of Office, Thueson called for a short recess.

After the short recess Mayor Thueson called the meeting back to order. The newest council members took their place on council.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Mayor's State of the City Address** - Mayor Thueson said the city has accomplished a great deal this year. The biggest being the new sewer collection system, which finishes the collection system upgrades for the city. We managed to put a chain link fence around the airport. This was important because of the occasional horse or cow that managed to get onto the runway. This makes it a much safer airport. The Rotary Club put up the Mountain Man Statue and additional trail to it, which the city assisted with. The city also purchased a loader and a Durapatcher. The Durapatcher is something the city can use to patch our

streets, which we certainly need. We will emphasize the repair of our streets using the Durapatcher. The city also passed the Business License Ordinance. At first, Thueson said he was a bit against it, but many people are very much appreciating it. He also believes it will be an additional protection to the citizens of the city. Thueson said we have more businesses in the city than he thought. The Planning & Zoning Commission has just recently finished updating the Comprehensive Plan. Their work will continue this year by updating the zoning ordinance. The council has made some really tough decisions, thanking the three leaving, Woody Andersen, Elva Powell and Bryan Stoddard. Thueson said he is looking forward to working with the three newest council members. Some of the things Thueson said he would like to accomplish in the coming year: First, West Main. This is a complete reconstruction of West Main, curb, gutter, sidewalks and street. This project is just taking way too long and Thueson said he wishes it could move a little faster. Thueson would also like to improve 12<sup>th</sup> West and hopes we can get the grant we applied for, for the fourth time. Thueson said he is really putting a lot of emphasis on streets. They need a lot of help. The city will be laying down more chip and seal, hopefully with the help of the county. The city also has four bridges needing a little help and we plan on working on some of those bridges in the future. Thueson said he also wants to improve the corner empty lot next to the city building to try and make it look nicer. Grass has been planted and a sprinkler system installed. Thueson said he also plans on an upgrade to the Airport Improvement Plan this year. The department of Aeronautics will be doing this for the city gratis. Thueson also plans on looking at any leaks the city may have in the city's water lines. Several leaks have been addressed this year and corrected. Planning and Zoning will continue to upgrade our zoning ordinances. Thueson said he wants to make St. Anthony a place where families can buy a home and live and where businesses will come and prosper and enjoy our small town atmosphere. The city employees do a really good job. We have a very lean group and we have quality employees and he gives them a lot of thanks. These are just a few things accomplished, however there is so much more the employees do that we don't see. We are all here to serve the city of St. Anthony. Thueson then said he would like to challenge the city residents to also serve their community. It doesn't need to be much, just little things. For example the flower beds, under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce they were taken care of all by volunteer help and money. Let's continue to do this. Thueson continued by saying St. Anthony is a good town, clean up our yards, plant a flower or tree and we need to be proud of our little town. We can make this town look good. First of all, you need to look successful to be successful. Thueson said he would like citizens to invite our friends and relatives to come and visit. Tell them about the great attractions we have. We live in the beautiful Teton Range and it's gorgeous. Yellowstone National Park, Island Park, Henry's Fork is noted for its fishing. The Sand Dunes, all these things are close to us and we need to capitalize on these things. We have various committees, Planning & Zoning, Parks and Recreation, Airport Board, all volunteers and invite anyone to serve. This council needs the advice from these committees and they have a say in the direction this city goes. Thueson said he thanks all the volunteers who work so hard on these committees. The city financially is in very good shape. The annual audit from Rudd & Company shows the city in the black and we are doing very well. Thueson attributes that audit and the way that audit went to our city Clerk and Treasurer, Patty Parkinson. Parkinson does a great job and Thueson thanked her. A quarterly report will be coming out soon, so the citizens of St. Anthony will know exactly what this council is doing with their money. In closing Thueson said he is very proud to be the Mayor of the City of St. Anthony. This is a fine community and he is grateful for the 46 years to have been able to raise his family here. Thueson then thanked the citizens.

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT** - Mayor Thueson opened up nominations for council president. Councilmember Erickson nominated Councilmember Biorn. Thueson asked for further nominations. Councilmember Bagley moved to cease nominations. Councilmember Rubert seconded. Mayor asked for all those in favor of Councilmember Biorn as their Council President. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

**Dan and Kara Hidalgo/Idaho Art Lab/Arts for Idaho Day** – Richard Law, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee, introduced Dan and Kara Hidalgo from the Idaho Art Lab. The city's Parks and Recreation Committee and the Idaho Art Lab will be combining their efforts to come together and have a Winter Festival, Saturday, February 11, 2012. The Parks and Recreation Committee discussed in their meeting tonight alternatives if there is no snow. Another meeting will be held a week from tonight at 6:30. As a big part of the Winter Festival this year the Parks and Recreation Committee will be working with the Idaho Art Lab. Kara Hidalgo explained what the Art Lab is. It is a non-profit art center and art gallery. There is a free community center with the free use of easels, paper, coloring pens, crayons, scissors, etc. Mostly artists have donated equipment so the Art Lab can provide for a screen printing and silk screening shop, a metal sign shop, photography/darkroom and possibly a skill saw for wood working. Arts for Idaho, a non-profit organization organized by the Governor's Office, will be having an assembly of all the art associations in eastern Idaho. They will be coming to the lab, where 34 of them will be setting up booths, on the weekend of February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, Congressman, all the representatives from districts 28 through 35 (east and southeast Idaho) have all been invited to attend this event. The goal is for them to come and see how Arts and Culture can stimulate a community and how in one year there are now four art galleries. Kara provided each council member with an information sheet on the event inviting council to participate by attending. Dan Hidalgo said he is very excited about this opportunity to host this event on the same day the city is having their Winter Festival. It gives St. Anthony an opportunity to show case what a great place St. Anthony is and how this is such a wonderful networking opportunity for all of us. Mayor Thueson thanked them.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Mayor Thueson then opened the floor for any other comment from the public.

**Joshua Potter, 122 W 5<sup>th</sup> S**, would like council to consider a permit to the keeping of chickens within city limits. Potter asked about altering the city's ordinance to allow for hens only, no roosters, and for a limited amount of chickens. Potter reviewed the current ordinance and felt it lacking in regards to chickens. **Lisa Maddox, 122 W 5<sup>th</sup> S**, said she was raised around chickens and would like to have this same experience available to her children. Mayor Thueson asked Attorney Forsberg for the necessary steps to accommodate this request. Forsberg said he could draft an ordinance. Mayor Thueson said he would add this item for the next agenda and council will begin a discussion about it.

**West Main Street Report/Paul Scoresby** – Paul Scoresby, of Schiess and Associates, came to discuss the West Main Street Project and the upcoming Public Meeting. It is scheduled to be held Thursday, January 26, 2012 beginning at 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. This is a very big street project and a public meeting is being held to obtain participation from the

public. Scoresby provided information on the public meeting and the flyers, advertisements and a map showing the initial project. Scoresby also provided documents including first draft designs and information on what will be shared at the Public Meeting. Mostly the meeting is being held to gather information to hear what the residents would like to see and to satisfy the local needs on the ground. All the surveying is done and a map will be available. So everyone can see how it is currently laid out. Everyone who lives on West Main will be hand delivered a flyer about the meeting and the project. Scoresby briefly reviewed the plans for the meeting. Scoresby then reported the Draft Phase 1A is being submitted, this is the first of four, and Schiess & Associates are currently on schedule.

## **DEPARTMENT, COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS**

**Police Chief Smith** reported the new officer is on the street tonight and doing a good job. Funding on the Homeland Security camera system should be in at the end of the month to get it all replaced. Fremont County is expecting funding sooner than expected. The Seat Belt Enforcement Grant will be occurring in February. A copy of the police summary was provided to council members. There are new state requirements for back yard burning and the county is also reviewing those requirements. Smith said he will review and check our city's ordinances for anything that may need attention.

**PWS Butigan** reported work is progressing on the dog pound. Things are reinsulated and sheeted. Posts are being set and the floor drains are being worked on. The pound should be finished in a couple of weeks. Crews are still working on the dump truck and maintenance on equipment and are sweeping the streets when weather permits.

**City Attorney Forsberg** reported the Van Witbeck Claim is currently pending. A letter was sent and the Van Witbeck's were advised there was a deadline of this meeting or the offer would lapse. In the interim, Van Witbeck has been in contact with Clerk Parkinson and the deadline was rescheduled for the end of the month at the next council meeting. Forsberg said he sees no problem leaving the settlement offer open until the 26<sup>th</sup> of January. Forsberg reviewed the claim with the newly installed council members.

**Clerk Parkinson** provided council with an updated Regular Bill List For Approval. Parkinson wanted to review with the newest members those bills authorized for payment prior to a council meeting and to provide an update on the amount to be paid for mileage. It is updated with the IRS updates. Parkinson also provided council with the first quarter financial statement which will print in the newspaper as well as the fund summary for the first quarter of this fiscal year. News from the Chamber of Commerce was given to council as well as a letter directed to the council members. Parkinson asked council members to start thinking about suitable times for a Finance Committee Meeting and a Personnel Committee Meeting. She would like council members assigned to those committees ready to set a date for the committee meetings at the next council meeting.

**Councilmember Rubert** said he is glad to be here and happy to be learning.

**Councilmember Bagley** reported on some of the events on the Chamber Calendar and their need of volunteers for some of those events. Please look at those events and volunteer. Regarding business licenses, there has been a lot of positive response in doing this. Education is going to be the key. It is not too late to get your business license. Bagley wants

to maybe get a board to leave business cards for those businesses. Bagley would like the police department to have their training and the things they need so they are protected. Things can happen in small towns (as the local news reports) and we need to be ready and prepared and be certain our officers are trained and safe.

**Councilmember Erickson** reported the city received a bridge inspection report from the Idaho Transportation Department. Some bridges are starting to deteriorate and need to be addressed. Erickson asked if something can be done now. PWS Butigan said they will look at what they can do with limited funding. Where water isn't in the canals at this time, it's possible some things can be done. Erickson said he doesn't want to wait until it's too late. Butigan thought for most of the bridges it will be minimal. The bridge by the shop is in need of some repairs as the footings are being undermined. Butigan said he will prepare a rough estimate on some of the repairs and get some quotes.

**Councilmember Biorn** reported he will be absent next meeting and will prepare a water report in February. Biorn said the city uses 17 million gallons in one month and as a comparison the water running through the river in 24 hours is 17 million gallons. Biorn also welcomed aboard the new council members and said he is looking forward to working with them.

**Councilmember Hill** reported he is happy to be here.

**Mayor Thueson** provided council with a council assignment sheet. Thueson asked each council member to indicate where he or she would like to work and to indicate their interests. He said he will then collect the sheets and make assignments and have it ready for the next council meeting.

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

  
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Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

