

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY  
SPECIAL AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 8, 2012, 6:30 p.m.  
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS*

**PRESENT:** Mayor Neils Thueson, Council Members Suzanne Bagley (arrived at 6:34 p.m.), Bryant Biorn (arrived at 6:48 p.m.), Tom Erickson, Rick Hill, Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Commissioner Skip Hurt, Public Works Superintendent Scott Butigan, City Attorney Bill Forsberg, Police Chief Jim Smith, City Clerk-Treasurer Patty Parkinson and approximately 14 citizens.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thueson at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Mayor Thueson.

### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

**County Commissioner's Report (Commissioner Hurt)** – Commissioner Hurt said they spent the afternoon with folks in Dubois regarding the Incinerator Project. Hurt explained there has been some obstacles regarding sorting of items. Hurt said Fremont County alone generates seven to eight thousand tons of garbage a year. Hurt said the county has eight to 12 months to figure something out before DEQ requires them to open up another cell, shutting down the current one, at the St. Anthony landfill at a cost of about one million dollars. Once a cell is shut down it must then be monitored for 30 years. It is an issue that needs to be dealt with. Next week they will sit down with engineers and start discussing a transfer facility. At this point there is no choice and a transfer station will be needed. Mayor Thueson said Clerk Parkinson spent the afternoon in Jackson, WY for the Four County Sustainability HUD grant. Hurt said this grant will benefit the community once the studies are done. Thueson asked if the county will help the city in putting down some chip and seal on the city's streets. Hurt said the county will assist in the same manner as they did last year. Thueson said the city wants to buy oil along with the county. Hurt said they don't have a bit of problem with that. Thueson said the city is considering demolishing the old Sand Bar building. It can be demolished for about \$4800 and Thueson wanted to know if the county will allow the city to take the debris to the landfill. Hurt said a decision like this must be made by the commissioners, but he didn't foresee any problem. Hurt said he would take this to the commissioners and place it on their agenda for a decision. Thueson wanted to know if the county would help with getting electricity out to the airport hangars. The current estimate is around \$25,000. The city would like the county to dig the trenches. Hurt thought in kind work could be done for the city. Thueson asked if the county could plow snow off the airport runway by just making two passes. The city would clean up the rest. Hurt said he thought there may be some liability issues in doing that. Hurt said Commissioner Stoddard will be attending the City's Airport Board meeting tomorrow night and he'll see if something could be done. Hurt said TRPTA came to the county for a donation. The county turned them down. Hurt said they didn't feel like they were servicing the outside lying areas of the county enough to justify any donation.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Idaho Art Lab/Dan & Kara Hidalgo/Report** – Daniel Hidalgo said he wanted to extend a genuine thank you for everything the city did and council members attending the Arts in Idaho Event. It was a great success. Mack Shirley, a legislator, came and Mayor Thueson came and they really appreciate all the support the city gave them. Mayor Thueson said he appreciates everything the Art Lab is doing and the city will continue to support them in their endeavors.

**100 Foot Drag Races at Airport/Donald Powell** – Donald Powell introduced Frank Breehall, President of the Midnight Muscle Car Club. Breehall said he appreciates the city allowing the 100 Foot Drag Races to happen and would like the city to allow them to do it again this year. The club would like permission to have the 100 Foot drag Races on May 26<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup>. About six or seven years ago they started doing 100 foot drag races here in St. Anthony as a fun thing to do. Guidelines are set by their insurance company with seven different classes. There are usually about 500 spectators in attendance and about 60 to 100 entrants competing. They do not race on the runway and it doesn't stop air traffic in any way. Mayor Thueson said in the past they have actually left the area cleaner than when they arrived. Breehall said they do two events in Idaho Falls and one in Rigby. Breehall said it is a chance for like minded individuals to get together and the Rocky Mountain Stars use it as a fund raiser. Councilmember Hill asked if there have been any noise complaints. Thueson said there have been some complaints. Councilmember Biorn said there was an issue with last year's High School Rodeo. Powell said he would make sure to check with the High School on the dates to confirm there isn't a conflict. The club is also willing to work with the commercial crop dusters to make sure they don't interfere with them. There was one complaint from the audience saying it was too loud. Councilmember Biorn said the city council has reviewed all the pros and cons of having the 100 Foot Drag Races in town. The noise complaints were addressed last year by having the Chief of Police use a sound meter and the decibel levels haven't been found to be dangerous in any way. Biorn continued by saying the noise is, of course, annoying. A motion to approve the Midnight Muscle Car Club to have their 100 Foot Drag races on two dates, once on May 26<sup>th</sup> and once on August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Stanford Airport was made by Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

**Discussion and/or recommendation regarding parking lot behind the Roxy** – Stephen Loosli said he is here as a consultant for the owners of the Roxy and soon to be owners of the old JCPenny building. Mr. Norman, the owner, is proposing to create a secondary east faced frontage or access into the building. Currently the back sides as they now look are not very attractive or welcoming. Loosli said their proposal to the city is to allow, at the owner's expense, to change the alleyway to have it's west edge to go along the power poles, do a concrete cut and move the driveway aprons on the north and south sides and simply adjust the alley access over about 12 feet in order to create a grassy approach to the back of those buildings facing the parking lot. Loosli said he couldn't see any negative impact. The dumpster would get moved back some and there may be a couple of lost parking spaces. Those parking spaces could be retained by restriping the parking lot. Loosli said he thought this would beautify the city with a new east façade and the parking lot could be utilized for what it was intended, overflow of parking. People are uncomfortable currently to use it as an access as it doesn't have sufficient lighting and concern for the alleyway. Chief Smith said the impact of moving it versus making it narrower. The alleyway is 15 feet. Poles could be

put up to block the access for vehicles and is feasible. PWS Butigan said another option is there is five to six feet behind the JCPenney building and to build a barricade. Loosli said he does not want to close the alley, just to relocate it. Mayor Thueson said this plan would work if they wanted to do it at their expense. Attorney Forsberg said there is a legal requirement to close the current alley and move it. The alley is a platted place within the city. The city also needs to be concerned with the utilities. Thueson said there will always be an easement to get into utilities. Butigan said there currently is an easement and it is not technically an alleyway. Forsberg said if there are utilities in the ground the city doesn't want to give up the right to maintain those utilities. Councilmember Rubert said the last proposal presented at the last meeting wasn't feasible, but this proposal seems more feasible. Rubert also asked about the exits. Snow removable would have to be done by them if there were barricades created and in a way for the city to get back in there. Butigan said the loader barely fits through there now and after this the loader would not be able to get back there. Loosli said they would do the year round maintenance. Councilmember Biorn said he was at first really concerned with people walking out of the back of the building, but is now very much in favor of his proposed idea. Councilmember Hill said he is also in favor and is excited about what Mr. Norman has done with the Roxy. Hill asked for a drawing. Loosli said he will bring a drawing to the next meeting. Forsberg will check into what might be necessary and at a minimum contact with the adjoining building owners must be made so they are aware of this proposal. Loosli said he would also bring in consent from the property owners. Willmore said he is for any improvements. Thueson asked Loosli to come back with a drawing and tabled this to the next council meeting.

**Discussion of Sandbar Building/Demolition or Repair (Butigan)** – PWS Butigan said the city is working on upkeep on the buildings and the Sand Bar building was the on list needing major repairs of up towards \$12,000. The city needs to ask what use is the building and is there a benefit to the city to have the building. In the past, Search and Rescue used the building for storage. Right now the FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) has used it three or four times. An estimate to demolish the building is \$4,883. To repair is at least \$12,000 and it may be a good possibility it will be more since this is only for repair of the outside. Many people use the Sand Bar Park and there is a possibility to either create another covered picnic area or to fill it in and cover it with grass so there is more area for people to lounge on. Right now it is just 1500 square feet of building no one is using. Councilmember Hill said he has been talking to Butigan about maintenance concerns on city buildings. The demolition of the Sand Bar building wasn't at the top of the list, but since they first started talking about it the price has come down considerably, making it a higher priority. Councilmember Rubert asked about what resources and money would it take to fill in the hole to make it nice. Butigan said they have the material and it would cost about \$2,000 in fuel. Councilmember Bagley said she thought it was a good idea. The building is not on any historical registry and Attorney Forsberg could see no legal issues in demolition of the building. Councilmember Biorn said it would be nice to do a whole new revamping of the park and class it up some by tearing down the current shelter and building a nicer one like what is across the river. Councilmember Willmore said he also approves. Butigan said he received a couple of bids, one from Reed Hill and one from 3H Excavating, and the county landfill has agreed to take the resulting debris. Mayor Thueson asked if there was any conflict of interest by any member of council. No council member said they had a conflict. A motion to accept the bid for demolition of the Sand Bar pump house building from Hill & Son Excavating for \$4,883.00 was made by Hill and seconded by Willmore. All council members were in favor. Motion

passed 6-0.

**2012 Arbor Day Proclamation (Parkinson)** – Clerk Parkinson reported Arbor Day is scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2012. Parkinson spoke to Henry's Fork Elementary School and the City will find a place to plant trees with the first graders. Seedlings will be given away and refreshments served. Parkinson will apply for a grant for the cost of the trees. An arborist will be invited to speak and help us plant the trees. Parkinson read the 2012 Arbor Day Proclamation out loud. A motion to accept the 2012 Arbor Day Proclamation as read by Parkinson was made by Councilmember Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

**Ordinance 2012-2 Newspaper Designation/Update (Forsberg)** – Attorney Forsberg said there are variance ordinances in our current code that are deficient and there is a good deal of housekeeping that needs to be done to bring our ordinances up to our current practice. The current code indicates the city uses the Fremont County Chronicle News as the official newspaper of the City of St. Anthony. This ordinance amends the prior ordinance to designate the city's using the Standard Journal. A motion to suspend the reading of Ordinance 2012-2 on three different days and that the ordinance be read by title only once was made by Councilmember Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. A role call vote followed with council members Willmore, yes; Hill, yes; Biorn, yes; Erickson, yes; Bagley, yes; and Rubert, yes. Motion passed 6-0. Biorn read by title one time. A motion to accept Ordinance 2012-2 Designating an Official Newspaper was made by Willmore and seconded by Bagley. A role call vote followed with council members Willmore, yes; Hill, yes; Biorn, yes; Erickson, yes; Bagley, yes; and Rubert, yes. Motion passed 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment.

**Jim Hobbs**, member of the Planning & Zoning Committee, said they had a really successful Planning and Zoning meeting and thanked the city council for supporting them and allowing continued support from Planner Chase. Planning and Zoning will be using a model zoning plan and molding it to the city's needs. Chickens within the city limits are a continued discussion for them. A recommendation will be forthcoming to council.

**Sherry Jackson**, Chamber of Commerce President, said they have a new donor to Fisherman's Breakfast. Basic American Foods has stepped up providing the hash browns and an \$1,000 donation. This will be the 57<sup>th</sup> year for the Fisherman's Breakfast and volunteers are needed. The annual banquet is scheduled for March 31, 2012. There will be three award winners, Gary Bidwell, of Bidwell Funeral Home for existing business of the year; Rondo Winters, of Broulim's, for citizen of the year; and Word Up Design, for new business of the year. Over half the flower beds have been adopted out and things are looking good for the flowers this year.

There being no further public comment Mayor Thueson closed the floor to any further 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 Rubert and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All

council members present were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

**MINUTES** – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2012 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2012, was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

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

**Police Chief Smith** reported the signs to the entrance of the city will be redesigned to indicate business licenses are required. Speed limits are still pending with the state. There are a couple of kennel licenses that need to be followed up on. Smith said the department has sent out letters to the neighbors and the department is receiving a lot of comments from citizens. They finally got a quote back on the Homeland Security cameras and replacing the system with state of art equipment would costs \$12,400. Keith Richey, from the county, has offered the city \$2000. Richey said we are at the top of the list. A couple of weeks ago the Regional Coordinator with Good Will from Maverick wants to be involved in the community. This information will be forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce.

**PWS Butigan** reported they will start crack sealing the streets April 1<sup>st</sup>. It's a bit of a juggling act, you can't have moisture and you can't wait for too much warmth. Crews will work on crack sealing the airport run way. It will cost about \$22,000 to slurry seal the runway. There is a good chance the city will receive a grant for this. We are just waiting to hear back from the Department of Transportation. Crews will start digging up 4<sup>th</sup> North to work on draining problems. They should be done by the end of the week. The road will be opened up and eight domes will be placed in the road to take up the water. Crews are still working on the dog pound.

**City Attorney Forsberg** had nothing to report.

**Clerk Parkinson** reported all the employees have received the updated Personnel Policy. On March 1, 2012 the city switched over to the III-A (Idaho Independent Intergovernmental Authority) Insurance Plan. There haven't been any employee complaints. Our broker, Rudey Ballard, of Ballard Insurance decided he didn't want to be the city's broker anymore. Mayor Thueson has asked Rod Chandler, of Chandler Insurance, if he would like to step up in place of Ballard. Chandler said he would check into it and get back to us. The city achieved their ICRMP Risk Management Insurance discount. Parkinson thanked the council members and employees for completing their assigned courses on time. This will give the city a five percent discount on insurance next year. Parkinson also provided council with the 2012 Eastern Idaho Residential Water & Sewer User Rates & Connection Fees Survey. Parkinson said this is useful information and comparisons show cities our size are pricing their water and sewer similar if not more than our city's rates. Parkinson also included news from the Chamber of Commerce. Parkinson also reported on attending the Greater Yellowstone Sustainability HUD Grant meeting in Jackson.

**Councilmember Willmore** reported the Airport Board Meeting is tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

**Councilmember Hill** reported he is discussing with PWS Butigan some maintenance issues

with the city buildings. Hill asked Butigan to prioritize the list and the Sand Bar building moved up on the list for the simple fact the price of demolition has gone down significantly if done now. Hill would like another list prepared and placed on the next agenda for consideration of the remaining items. Councilmember Biorn said when picking projects that save the city money are good priority projects to look forward to doing in the future. This will be placed on the next council agenda.

**Councilmember Biorn** said he would like to place an educational item in the newsletter regarding door to door sales and transient solicitors. Attorney Forsberg said it was well written, informative and should be placed in the next newsletter.

**Councilmember Erickson** asked PWS Butigan about working on the bridges before water is placed in the canals. Butigan said he is not having much success with getting his phone calls returned. It would cost around \$3,000 for the two bridges. Butigan said he would keep working on contacting the right people to check on when the city could begin work on the bridges.

**Councilmember Bagley** reported on how the business licensing is working in the city. Bagley told a short story about someone coming to her home selling door to door without a business license. Bagley also requested to be excused from the next council meeting.

**Councilmember Rubert** reported the city has the opportunity to resubmit the COPS grant. Chief Smith said the department has until March 21<sup>st</sup>. Rubert also encourages everyone to be involved with the Chamber. He said you don't need to be a business; you can be an individual member.

**Mayor Thueson** had nothing to report.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.

  
Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

