

CITY OF ST. ANTHONY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 22, 2012, 7:00 p.m.  
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**PRESENT:** Mayor Neils Thueson, Council Members Bryant Biorn, Tom Erickson, Rick Hill, Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Suzanne Bagley

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Councilmember Erickson.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Keefer Park Murals on Retaining Wall/Dan & Kara Hidalgo** – Kara and Dan Hidalgo spoke about putting in a proposal to the Idaho Commission on the Arts to receive a grant for placing murals on the wall at Keefer Park. Kara said the grant will be decided today in Boise and they are waiting to hear if they have been awarded a grant. Dan said current murals around town very seldom, if ever, experience graffiti. Dan said there are some murals around town, like the cougar and mountains on the wall at the lumber mill and they don't show any graffiti. Dan says these murals could be a nice addition to the park and may help by stopping graffiti on the wall, which gets tagged regularly. Dan provided an example of his work with students from the detention center. He said there is a lot of education and team work with the kids. Dan said he works with the kids, taking a design from a concept to making a mural, the end product. Kara said she would provide a copy of the grant application to the city for their review. Kara explained the process. There would be four, 37 foot sections. Nominations of young artists, ages 13 to 18, would be accepted up through April 10<sup>th</sup>. A committee will be established to interview and choose four artists. Kara asked if a council member would like to be on the committee. Councilmember Biorn said he would like to volunteer. Their first meeting will be April 11<sup>th</sup>. The entire mural will depict the river, which will be the unifying theme. A motion to have the Idaho Art Lab work towards placing murals on the retaining wall at Keefer Park was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

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

**David Schiess, of Schiess and Associates**, reported the final concept on the West Main project has been completed. This will keep the West Main Project moving forward and is now in the hands of the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC). Schiess also reported the city was awarded \$100,000 on the 2013 LRHIP (Local Rural Highway Investment Program). This grant is for 12<sup>th</sup> West Street. This project will start on the south edge of the bridge going all the way to the city line. It includes a nice wide road with a bicycle path and walkway. Councilmember Erickson said he appreciates the persistence of the

Mayor and Clerk Parkinson.

There being no further public comment Mayor Thueson closed the floor to any further comment.

**Rocky Mountain Power's request to place pole to encourage birds to nest on city property/Ned Bennett** – Clerk Parkinson reported Ned Bennett and Glen Pond, representatives of Rocky Mountain Power, have requested to place a nesting pole on a piece of city property to encourage Osprey to build their nest on. This property is located at the south end of 12<sup>th</sup> West Street and is about a quarter of an acre. The property currently has a Rocky Mountain utility pole on it which Ospreys are trying to build a nest on, causing problems with possible electrical outages. Councilmember Biorn wanted to know if the city had any utilities running through this property. PWS Butigan reported no utilities and at this time the city doesn't have any proposed alternatives for the property. Butigan said many fisherman use the property for parking while they fish. Attorney Forsberg said this property should be treated like every other city property owned by the city and provide a lease. A motion to propose a \$100 per year lease for the placement of a nesting pole by Rocky Mountain Power was made by Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All councilmember present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

**Continued discussion of back parking lot of the Roxy and old JCPenny Building** – Mayor Thueson said Stephen Loosli was supposed to be here tonight with drawings. Since there was no one to represent the Roxy or any other adjacent property this item will be tabled until there is a representative with drawings.

**Resolution 2012-1 Accepting Grant Offer for Airport Crack Sealing (Willmore)** – Councilmember Willmore said he spoke to Bill Statham, of the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Department of Aeronautics, asking to change the scope of the work for the Airport Crack Sealing grant to include a slurry seal and repainting of the lines and numbers on the airport runway. According to Willmore, Statham said to write a letter requesting the change in the scope of work and to send it along with the resolution and he would accept it. Willmore read the resolution in its entirety. A motion to accept Resolution 2012-1 accepting the Grant Offer of the State of Idaho through the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Aeronautics, was made by Councilmember Rubert and seconded by Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

**St. Anthony Named Tree City USA Community** – Clerk Parkinson reported the City of St. Anthony has been named a Tree City USA community for 2011 by the Arbor Day Foundation. This is the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row the city has received this honor. This coincides with the observance of Arbor Day, which will be held Friday, April, 27<sup>th</sup>. Parkinson encouraged everyone to attend this event.

**Building Repairs Priority List and Budget (Butigan)** – PWS Butigan reported on a list of repairs needed by some of the city buildings. He discussed the city shop needing a new roof, garage doors, windows, insulation and paint. He said the roof is currently leaking and he provided a quote for a rubber roof with a 15 year warranty, costing about \$26,400. Garage doors, six doors with three door openers, will cost about \$12,000. The windows need to be closed off with framing and insulation; sheet rock and siding will cost about

\$6500. Paint and a man-lift to do the painting will be about \$2500. Total \$47,400. The City Building needs work on the awning, a new sidewalk, carpet and a drain in the parking lot and a seal on the parking lot. Total costs for these repairs about \$25,500. There would be a great amount of savings just by insulating the shop. Council members discussed the total amount and the current budget. Clerk Parkinson said this year's current budget has contingency of about \$130,000 and repairs could come from this contingency. The city still has a reserve amount of about \$400,000 and that wouldn't be touched. Butigan said he has worked for the city for 18 years and there has never been any maintenance done to any of the buildings, except for the roof on the City Building. Council discussed at length the different repairs required. Attorney Forsberg said deferring maintenance is never a good policy. The city should do as much of the repairs as the city can, as the work load allows for city crews to accomplish, and as money permits, keeping a prudent reserve, but before everything gets so bad it can no longer be repaired. The city should maintain its assets. Councilmember Willmore said he has to repeat what the Mayor has said in the past, "To be successful, you need to look successful." Councilmember Rubert said quotes need to be done before any work is accomplished. Forsberg said the city always gets quotes or bids on any work done as required by state code. A motion to proceed with repairs to the city buildings as listed on the priority list with the City Shop roof, garage doors, closing off the windows, framing, insulation, sheet rock, siding and paint; then the City Building awning, sidewalk, parking lot drain and carpet be done with qualified quotes/bids as work crew time permits and brought for council's review was made by Rubert and seconded by Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

**City Building Kiosk/Discussion to Remove (Butigan)** – PWS Butigan said the kiosk outside of the city building isn't being used by the city for anything. It blocks the window and is leaking. Councilmember Willmore said it is an eyesore. Councilmember Biorn said since we are proceeding with the parking lot and the sidewalk, this should also be part of the work done as we do work on the sidewalk and parking lot. The Chamber would sometimes place their yearly list of activities in it and never used it again. Mayor Thueson said there is electricity going in to it and there are lights there for the flag that will need to be rewired. PWS Butigan said to tear it down it would cost just for the diesel fuel of about 10 gallons. There may be some clean up work depending on what is underneath of it. Thueson directed Butigan to co-ordinate this with the rest of the building repairs and to work with his council liaison, Councilmember Hill.

**Purchase of a Crack Sealer (Butigan/Erickson)** – PWS Butigan reported that prior to chip sealing a road, cracks need to be filled in. If cracks are not filled in, they just open right back up and deteriorate the road. To rent a crack sealer will cost \$1100 per week. The city will need to rent one for at least eight weeks at a cost of \$8400. There is a used crack sealer for sale for \$9400. Next year the city will need a crack sealer for at least four weeks. That would be another \$4400 dollars. Each year it will need to be rented prior to chip sealing any city streets. Councilmember Rubert asked how long a crack sealer lasts. Butigan reported about 5000 hours. This machine is a 1997 and has been used about a quarter of its expected life, having about 1250 hours already on it. Councilmember Erickson said he proposes to purchase the crack sealer outright. The city will spend this money whether they rent it or purchase it. Mayor Thueson said he met with three local mayors today who were asking for a crack sealer. They asked to go in with the city to purchase it. Thueson said it's a good idea to help out other cities, but he is not in favor of partnering with anyone.

However, he said he was not opposed to renting it out during times the city crews were not using it. A motion to purchase the used crack sealer was made by Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present approved. Motion passed 5-0.

**Drinking Water Award** – Every year the city water and waste water employees attend the Annual Idaho Rural Water Association Conference. At the conference, cities provide water samples for a blind taste test. Cities from all over the state attend and bring their water. This year the city was awarded the Best Drinking Water in Idaho. The city was awarded this award in 2000 and now again in 2012. Mayor Thueson said this achievement will be listed in April's newsletter.

**World Autism Awareness Day/April 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Light It Up Blue** – Clerk Parkinson reported Heather Bennett has requested the city observe World Autism Awareness Day on April 2 by changing the bulbs blue in their lights or to use blue cellophane to wrap up lights. Mayor Thueson said it will take money and man hours to change out light bulbs. Thueson said he is not opposed to participating, but suggested using the marquee to help people be aware and that everyone do what they can on their own. Councilmember Willmore suggested the city do one light by the city building to be supportive and to participate. Thueson instructed staff to place something on the marquee.

**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 Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

**MINUTES** – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2012 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2012, was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

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

**Police Chief Smith** reported the COPS grant deadline is tomorrow and the grant has been submitted. The dog kennel is about finished. The camera system has received \$5000 and as more dollars come in they will continue to work on the project. This is done through Keith Richey, Fremont County's Emergency Management Director. The homeland security trailer will be given away and to be used by Search and Rescue. They are happy to receive it and the city is happy to give it to them. It was originally obtained as a shower facility for chemical spills. The city has had it since 2005 and never used it. It doesn't have a shower in it. The flood in the county has not impacted the city in any way. The department is buying tires periodically for their vehicles and is requesting the ability to purchase these within the budget. There has been a \$500 spending limit in the past. Councilmember Rubert asked Smith to just communicate with him if there are any purchases over \$500. Smith said he spoke to the Rotary about putting up a pavilion at the Sand Bar Park. Rotary declined the invitation. Mayor Thueson said there are a lot of dogs running loose within the city and requested Smith to speak with officers and spend some time concentrating on the dogs running loose. Councilmember Biorn said the city needs to be diligent in issuing citations to lax dog owners to see if it curbs this issue. There is a significant problem with dogs in this

town. The dog pound should be finished by tomorrow, so more can now be done with dogs running at large.

**PWS Butigan** reported the dog pound is almost finished. The trim work needs to be finished, the hot water heater needs to be wired and the gas line needs to be hooked up. It is going to be a really good facility and much easier to clean. The Sand Bar building is still waiting for the certificate of no asbestos so the debris can be taken to the dump. Everything is ready to go. The power line won't get hooked up until it's finished. Crews will be fixing the airport lights on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The airport will be closed so the work can be done, unless there is an emergency. Butigan will contact the FAA on Monday to inform them of the closure.

**City Attorney Forsberg** reported he spoke to Leif Isaccson, who purchased the assets of Red Baron at the airport. Forsberg said he seems like a solid operator and a good addition to the airport. Forsberg also reported on Planning and Zoning's work on a new zoning ordinance. This is a very important endeavor. The city's current zoning ordinance has had more questions, controversy and heart break. Our current ordinance is inadequate and is way past being updated. The Planning and Zoning members are working with Planner Joshua Chase and will be working with a template from AIC (Association of Idaho Cities) tailored for small communities. This zoning will effect more people and hit them in their pocket books and affect how people may use their property. The last ordinance was done 20 years ago. It will be a bit of a project. Forsberg advised council to be involved and contribute throughout the entire process. It is very important for council to understand this law. Forsberg said this is legislation, so there is nothing preventing council to talk with the city attorney, citizens, and the planning and zoning members about this.

**Clerk Parkinson** reported the Planning and Zoning Commission had their first meeting regarding the introduction of preparing a new zoning ordinance. Parkinson will provide council with continued updates, emails and drafts as they work on each section. Parkinson also provided council with the Monthly Fund Summary and minutes from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**Councilmember Willmore** reported the airport was swept and it looks good. Willmore said the airport still needs to get the easement from whoever owns the Summit Truss property, believed to be the Bank of Commerce. Attorney Forsberg said he will do this and then the city will be able to move the fence. Willmore said the Fly-In is scheduled to take place in September. Willmore continued, saying he has put some figures together on how much it will cost to do the crack sealing and slurry seal on the runway. He will also put some numbers together on what it will cost to put in electricity for the hangars. There are several different options and he plans on contacting the county to ask for some help. Willmore said he has one person who said they were willing to spend \$8,000 in helping to put in electricity if he can be returned his money as others hook in to it. Willmore said he didn't think it was a good idea to obligate future councils and he would rather do it without that sort of agreement. It would make better sense to have the city request charges for hooking up. He will get these things together and bring options to the Finance Committee for their review.

**Councilmember Hill** had nothing to report.

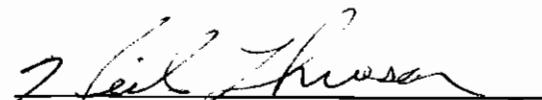
**Councilmember Biorn** reported high country RC&D will be having their annual meeting on April 2-3, 2012. Biorn said he will try to attend the meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Biorn asked staff when the city will be reading meters. Staff replied the first week of April will be the first reading after the winter. This is where average winter usage will be determined. Biorn said he observed a runner with a dog on the airport runway. Biorn wondered how someone would think this would be okay to do. Attorney Forsberg asked if the airport is posted with signs. Willmore said there is a sign saying "Authorized Personnel Only". Biorn wondered if this shouldn't be addressed. Chief Smith said if someone calls while it's happening, officers can go out there and make contact. Biorn said Bridge Street is becoming busier than it has been in the past, with its new businesses and the theater and bowling alley now open. He said he is witnessing people crossing the street through the parked cars instead of using the designated cross walks. Chief Smith said it is not illegal to cross in that way and it is not considered "jay-walking" unless a person is crossing between two signalized intersections. Biorn wondered if the council should consider making a law to make it illegal to cross the street in the middle of the street or to place signs up saying to use the cross walks. Biorn would like this item placed on the next agenda to try and come up with a plan to try and stop people from cutting in the middle of the block.

**Councilmember Erickson** had nothing to report.

**Councilmember Rubert** encouraged everyone to support the Chamber of Commerce and consider attending the annual banquet.

**Mayor Thueson** reported the city will have a booth at Fisherman's Breakfast. Information on Business Licenses and free dog tags will be given out. Thueson asked if the police department might have some extra D.A.R.E. products to give away.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.

  
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Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

