

CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Neils Thueson, Council Members Suzanne Bagley, Bryant Biorn, Tom Erickson, Rick Hill (arrived at 7:03 p.m.) and Rod Willmore.

ABSENT: Council Member Russ Rubert.

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Superintendent Scott Butigan, 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. Thueson excused Attorney Forsberg and Councilmember Rubert.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Clerk Parkinson.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Schiess & Associates Report on West Main Project/Paul Scoresby – Scoresby reported the Concept Report has been approved which triggers this project to be on the Idaho Transportation Department's Improvement Plan and is now slotted for construction. The cultural resources is another critical path item and it's been submitted to be reviewed by the state. They have discovered there are no buildings on West Main Street which qualify for a historical status. This frees the city up a bit to treat each property the same. There will be another meeting similar to what was done before. Everything is on schedule and nothing is behind that would affect critical path. When the state looks at its Transportation Improvement Plan for the year this fall the city will be scheduled into the plan as a construction project.

Schiess & Associates Report on Airport Study/Paul Scoresby – Scoresby said he wishes he has more to report; however Bill Statham has not returned any phone calls. Councilmember Willmore said he has spoken to Statham and was told everything was approved and ready to go. Scoresby said he will continue to try and contact him. Willmore said he would also continue to try and contact him.

Schiess & Associates Water Proposal and Discussion/Paul Scoresby/Ted Hendricks (Thueson & Biorn) – Paul Scoresby of Schiess & Associates and Rick Miller of The Development Company (instead of Ted Hendricks) came to the city to talk about a proposal for some water projects. Scoresby said he has spent some time with PWS Butigan and Mayor Thueson reviewing the water study done a few years ago. The water study is as good today as it was when it was completed. Following this review, Schiess & Associates provided a seven page report defining the water project priorities and cost estimates. Scoresby said the city's first priority would be to install an emergency generator for the North well. This could also help to run the city building as well, as the city building is considered a key facility as it runs the SCADA systems and other important functions for the city. Homeland Security may provide some possible funding if the city were to choose to pursue this project. It would

be a pretty expensive project by the time it is done. Priority two is to loop the waterline across Main Street at Third West. Priority three and four would be to replace the Second North waterline from Third East to Eighth West and to replace the First South waterline from Third West to Eighth West. This would be replacing some two inch lines to six inch lines. All four projects were estimated to cost a total of \$1,168,000. Some of the projects could be scaled back. Mayor Thueson asked about 12th West in which the city was just awarded an (Local Rural Highway Investment Program) LRHIP Grant. Scoresby said a contract has yet to be prepared and once prepared he will bring to a later council meeting. Rick Miller of The Development Company introduced himself to council saying he helped the city with their last project, the Phase III Waste Water Project. Miller said he spoke to Thueson about how to obtain grant funding for their first priority of obtaining an emergency generator for their well. There is a \$500,000 Block Grant available from the Idaho Community Block Grant Program. Those grants are quite competitive and do require a match. These are awarded to communities considered to be low to moderate in income. A survey was done in the city which does qualify the city for these grants. They then look at the city's needs and whether or not they are considered high priority projects. Right now there aren't a lot of high priority issues. They then look at the city's rates for water and sewer asking if the rates are comparable to other communities. Currently the city's utility rates are really quite low. Right now there are not a lot of communities involved in large projects due to the economy. The Department of Commerce doesn't think there will be many projects because of the economy, so now may be a good time to try and put in an application. Funds can also be received from DEQ by loan or by bonding for it. The city would need to qualify and be placed on a high priority list. The city may be able to prove their projects are considered a high priority. Mayor Thueson said the first decision is a commitment from the city for a match or a possible bond. To be competitive the city really needs a match of \$400,000 to 500,000. Miller said another option is the Army Corp of Engineers. They have some additional funding and their match is 30 to 70 percent. These can be shown as a match towards a block grant. Scoresby said there is usually a way of getting help. Miller said right now is the time for getting loans as interest rates are very low, however this needs to be weighed against how much of an increase can be accepted by the utility customers. Getting loans now is expected to be cheaper than four or five years from now. Thueson said these things need to be looked at. The water system is getting old and is a high priority next to streets. Thueson said they'll need some time to look this over and discuss.

Idaho Art Lab's request for money for painting murals on the retaining wall at Keefer Park/Daniel Hidalgo (Biorn) – Daniel and Kara Hidalgo introduced themselves saying they are with the Idaho Art Lab and they came tonight to request some money to paint some murals on the retaining wall in Keefer Park. Daniel first thanked the city for their efforts working with Rocky Mountain Power to obtain permission to paint the retaining wall. Daniel explained the project in detail saying each teen artist (ages 13-18) will get a ten foot length of wall to complete. Each section would be unique to the artist but carry through the concept of the river and what it means to them. After the mural was completed three thick layers of varnish would be applied in order to protect it from future possible graffiti. The Idaho Art Lab did apply for some grants and will continue to apply to help with this project. Kara said if a section is completed it might motivate the community to become more involved. Kara asked if the city could fund the first 100 square feet which would cost around \$1200 to \$1500 dollars. There would be about eight sections. Councilmember Biorn said this year's budget for the city did not include the revenue for the newly adopted franchise fee ordinance with

Rocky Mountain Power. The wall is owned by Rocky Mountain Power. Biorn said it makes logical sense to use some of the money coming in to the city in the form of franchise fees for the murals to the retaining wall. Mayor Thueson said he has always been an advocate of making St. Anthony a beautiful place to visit. Biorn asked if the mural done on a building owned by Thueson had ever had graffiti on it. Thueson said it never has been. Kara said there are 12 murals within the city and only one has ever had graffiti placed on it. Kara provided council with a list of the costs associated with a section of the wall. A motion to donate to the Idaho Art Lab for the purpose of creating a mural on a portion of the retaining wall at Keefer Park in the sum of \$1500 to be taken from the General Fund was made by Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0. Daniel and Kara thanked the council for their donation.

Fremont County's Response for Airport Contribution (Willmore) – Councilmember Willmore said he went to the Fremont County Commissioners and requested \$11,200 for their assistance in getting electricity to the hangars at the airport. The Fremont Commissioners sent the city a letter saying they would provide \$6,000 towards the project. Mayor Thueson said a thank you letter would be in order from the city and the airport board.

Finance Committee Report and Discussion on Airport Board's Request for Electricity to the Hangars (Biorn) – Councilmember Biorn said the Finance Committee discussed the request for electricity to the hangars. Biorn said this again deals with Rocky Mountain Power as they would be the providers of electricity. The Airport Board has determined after funding received from Fremont County, Airport Fund Reserves and current Airport Revenue there would be an additional need of about \$5200. Biorn suggested the city use the franchise fee revenue from Rocky Mountain Power in this year's budget for this request. In addition, whenever any hangar owner connects to the electrical line they will pay back to the city a "connection fee" of \$250. This fee will have to be done as an ordinance/resolution which would include regulations in regards to connecting to the electricity and enforcement of disallowing hangar owners who might decide to "borrow" electricity by running extension cords. This proposed connection fee would then eventually go to pay back the General Fund. A motion to transfer \$5200 from the General Fund to the Airport Fund to help in paying for the electricity and to begin the draft of an ordinance/resolution for a connection fee of \$250 per connection was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0. Mayor Thueson reminded council the ordinance and resolution will need to be placed on another agenda for public hearing prior to passage.

Sister City Consideration with St. Anthony, MN (Thueson) – Mayor Thueson said citizen, Lila Gold, thought it would be a good idea to establish a Sister City relationship with a town in Minnesota also named St. Anthony. Thueson said Gold contacted the Chamber of Commerce who also thought it was a good idea and contacted the Mayor of St. Anthony Village, Minnesota. Their Mayor would like a formal letter from the City to establish this relationship in a more formal manner. A motion to send a letter to the Mayor of St. Anthony Village, Minnesota from Mayor Thueson to establish a Sister City relationship was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment.

There being no public comment Mayor Thueson closed the floor.

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

MINUTES – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2012 and Special Council Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2012 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2012 was made by Councilmember Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0. A motion to accept the Special Council Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2012 was made by Councilmember Bagley 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 Police Department is working on the Aggressive Driving Campaign until Monday. The Homeland Security Project is still not finished. One camera is up and working. The others still need to be installed and worked on. The dog pound is getting used a lot. The river is supposed to get up to 7.18 feet which is .18 above flood stage. If anything, it may only flood Boys Town Park. Smith said he has had more chickens, ducks and dog breeding complaints. Planning & Zoning will be discussing a possible chicken ordinance at its May 2nd meeting. Until then complaints will be reviewed but the police department will not issue citations until there is an updated ordinance from Council.

PWS Butigan reported the sprinkler system is in at the Sand Bar. The sod will be delivered next week. The crack sealing is being worked on at the airport. They couldn't get any crack sealing done today due to the rain. Bids are being received for the slurry seal. City crews are also working on patching roads with the DuraPatcher. Mayor Thueson said he has received a few complaints regarding the flower beds having weeds in them. Thueson said he spoke to Sherri Jackson, President of the Chamber, to ask what the city can do to help. Butigan said city crews will spray and kill some of the weeds and go back and till them up to help them out. Thueson asked Butigan to work on all the beds except those with the tulips in them and the ones by the highway as Jackson said those will be handled differently.

Clerk Parkinson reminded everyone that tomorrow is Arbor Day and celebrations will take place at the Sandbar Park at 10:00 a.m. Parkinson also reminded the council to review the first chapter of the newly drafted zoning ordinance and to contact her for any comments. Parkinson also asked if any council member is interested in attending the 2012 AIC Annual Conference to please complete their registration forms and return them to her. Parkinson also provided council with the month end fund summary for March as well as the Planning & Zoning Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2012. The next Planning & Zoning Meeting is scheduled for next week Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmember Bagley just wanted to comment on the grant for the after school program

given to the school district which did not pass the school board's approval for acceptance. Bagley said she was very disappointed in the vote. Bonnie Moon and Rachel Hubert did a lot of work on this grant and Bagley said this is a great loss for our community.

Councilmember Erickson had nothing to report.

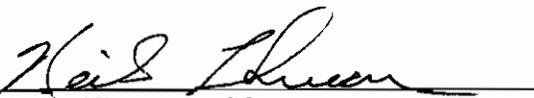
Councilmember Biorn reported on the last Finance Committee meeting and the ongoing budget process. Most of the requests have been received from the department heads and will be finished up in the next meeting. The committee will then begin to discuss the needs of each of those budgets.

Councilmember Hill reported he was late tonight because he was at the school board meeting and he encourages all to call their board members, maybe attend a meeting or two, and let them know how you feel about their votes. Hill said there was a board member there who said they were unable to provide the match. Citizen, Daniel Hidalgo, said the grant proposal was stated in years with a graduated match. Citizen, Kara Hidalgo said they are planning on talking to Moon and Hubert to help them see if there is another funding source to apply somewhere else for funding of their proposed After School Program.

Councilmember Willmore had nothing to report.

Mayor Thueson asked everyone to keep in mind May 7th to 11th for the city wide clean up. This is only one week this year, not the usual two. Councilmember Biorn asked about deficient properties. PWS Butigan said there are a few and letters will be sent out to those considered a nuisance. Thueson reminded everyone Saturday, May 19th, is the Annual Greenway Clean up. Thueson said there is some lumber to build the trails in the swampy area on the Greenway. This would extend the trail quite a bit. Councilmember Erickson said some of the youth can be taken to help out with placing those boards on the trails. Butigan said if given enough lead time they can cut the boards to size for easy installation. Thueson also said the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) will be placing lights on the highway on and off ramps at their expense. The design is underway and placement is scheduled sometime next year in the fall. There is an Emergency Planning Meeting on May 16th and Thueson asked if Chief Smith can attend. Chief Smith said he will be out of town. Thueson said Butigan will go in place of Smith. Smith said he could also send another police officer. Councilmember Hill said there was a 24th of July Committee and Board meeting and they discussed having a problem with the dumpsters at the Fair Grounds and wondered if they could get a garbage truck there to help. Butigan said there shouldn't be a problem getting one out there for them. Hill also said the committee has invited the city to participate in the parade. Clerk Parkinson suggested having the Mayor and Council Members participate in the 24th of July Parade. Parkinson volunteered to make sure the city gets an entry into the parade this year.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.


Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:

P. Unruh Parkinson
Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

