

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 24, 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 7:09), Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by PWS Butigan.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Request from Daniel Moldenhauer regarding old JCPenny Building and changes to the back parking lot – Daniel Moldenhauer provided council with some photos and a diagram he drew on the white board to describe what he wants to do with the back of the old JCPenny Building and city parking lot. Moldenhauer suggested keeping the ingress and egress just as they are and making the alley jut out a bit into the parking lot going only one direction. He said most of his customers will be coming and going from the back of the building and the cash register will be in the back of the store. Moldenhauer said flower pots and trees will be planted to push vehicles out and away from the building's back entrance. Mayor Thueson asked about striping to show it as a pedestrian walkway. Moldenhauer thought a little bit of striping could be used. Thueson asked the owner of the bowling alley, Troy Willmore, what he thought. Willmore said he doesn't like the idea of a one way alley. PWS Butigan said the original alley currently isn't a two way alley as it isn't really wide enough for two way traffic. Butigan said people will just look and move out of the way of others approaching, as they are currently doing. Butigan said there are natural gas and sewer lines through there and anything needing work would be taken out and replaced at the owner's expense, if ever repairs were done. Councilmember Biorn said he didn't think striping is enough to keep cars out of the area. Biorn suggested a barrier of some type. Thueson said it can be tried with striping and then changed later if needed. Councilmember Hill asked how much it will cost and who will be paying for the changes. Moldenhauer said he would pay for everything except for the striping, parking lot signs or barriers. Butigan estimated a cost of about \$2,000 to \$2,500 plus labor (at about \$200 to \$300) for paint, parking lot signs and barriers. Councilmember Willmore said since they would be using city property, a lease would be required of \$100 per year. Moldenhauer said they would be willing to supply the city with flowers in exchange for the lease. Thueson said the flowers are purchased by the Chamber of Commerce. Moldenhauer agreed to the \$100 lease. A motion to designate the alley as pedestrian and to move the vehicle traffic further east was made by Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

Smokin' Deals Truck Special Use Permit Discussion and Consideration of Revocation – Travis Froehlich, owner of Smokin' Deals Truck Parts, said he is using containers as a

fence. Using containers as a fence is not allowed in the Special Use Permit for Smokin' Deals Truck Parts, LLC. The city informed Froehlich he was out of compliance and invited him to tonight's council meeting. Froehlich created a drawing on the white board describing how semis come in and need room to turn around. Completing a fence to enclose the perimeter of the salvaged vehicles wouldn't allow room for the trucks to turn around, thus the containers. Councilmember Biorn said the permit reads the only portion needing fenced is where the salvaged vehicles sit. Based on the information provided by Froehlich, a 50 to 60 foot fence would appear to provide most of the required perimeter around the fence. Mayor Thueson thought that would work. A motion to amend the permit to require a 60 foot fence on the north side of the property to partially enclose the salvaged vehicles and to remove the containers now acting as a fence was made by Councilmember Rubert and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members approved. Motion passed 6-0. Thueson instructed Attorney Forsberg to amend the Special Use Permit.

Schiess & Associates/Paul Scoresby/Engineering Contract for South 12th West and West Main Street Status Report – Paul Scoresby of Schiess & Associates reported West Main is on schedule and the next milestone is June the 27th, the preliminary design. The area between the road and the ball park has emerged as a nice place to attenuate storm water. The area will get bigger when the new road is placed in. It appears to be cost effective and adequate in size with the correct drainage. Scoresby then provided a contract for the South 12th West work for the LHTAC (Local Highway Technical Assistance Council) Grant of \$100,000. Scoresby is asking for council's approval for Schiess and Associates to be the designated engineer on the South 12th West Project. Parkinson will contact Jim Zier to see when the LHTAC agreement is coming. Mayor Thueson said he will place this item on the next council agenda.

Ordinance/Resolution for Charging a Fee for Hangars Hooking Up to Electricity at Stanford Airport – Mayor Thueson asked council if everyone had a chance to review the proposed draft ordinance and resolution. Councilmember Willmore said he thought the ordinance couldn't be passed until the power is installed and available. Thueson requested Clerk Parkinson to schedule a public hearing for June 28th to receive public comment on the proposed hook-up fees for electricity to the airport hangars at Stanford Airport.

Rocky Mountain Power Contract for Electricity at the Airport – Councilmember Willmore said the total contract for electricity at the airport came back about \$2,500 to \$3,000 more than originally quoted. PWS Butigan said this is because of the additional distance where the new hangars are being built. A motion to accept the contract for electricity and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract was made by Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

Review and discuss proposed 2012/13 Budget – Councilmember Biorn reviewed the proposed budget as prepared by the Finance Committee. Biorn said the Street Budget has an additional \$100,000 for repair and construction maintenance, which is about \$10,000 more than last year's budget. There is also a capital purchase of a street sweeper of \$90,000. Councilmember Erickson said there is a definite need for a sweeper and repairs are needed for the street. Erickson said the budget should continue to provide for street repairs year after year. Councilmember Hill said streets are a priority and to try and put as much into streets as the city could to make some progress on streets. Councilmember

Rubert said if we need it to get it. Bagley and Willmore agreed. Hill said the sweeper the city has now isn't working very well. Butigan said the old sweeper will be kept to work on the streets getting chip sealed saving the new sweeper to save on the fan. Trading in the old sweeper won't provide much advantage back to the city. There is a sense of urgency in getting the sweeper and to send a letter of intent to Ada County Road and Bridge so the city can get a reduced price and reserve a sweeper. No deposit is required. Biorn continued with the budget by discussing the increase in the Building Fund. Repairs to buildings have increased from \$8,000 to \$40,000. There was no discussion on that item. Biorn continued with the Police Department Budget. Chief Smith said the C.O.P.S. match would be less than indicated as it would be around \$15,000 instead of \$25,000. Biorn asked Clerk Parkinson to make the adjustment. The salary line item also includes for a part time office staff of 19 hours per week. Biorn continued with the Water Fund. Expenses are not too different. However, the distribution system has some problems and as discussed earlier in a prior council meeting the Finance Committee talked about setting aside \$1.50 per account to build up a reserve to have real cash to match towards a large grant. Councilmember Willmore said he is concerned about those people who struggle to pay their water bill now. After some discussions of the pros and cons of increasing water rates it was decided to continue with the proposed 9% increase and to request for a public hearing to hear back from the public. Dropping the increase can always be done, however increasing it can not. Mayor Thueson asked Biorn to put together some information to provide to the public to try and get the public to come and participate in a hearing. Biorn said he thought the idea can be sold and talked about in a positive way. Biorn continued by saying the Sanitation Fund has a 3% increase and the Sewer Fund will also have a 3% increase. The reserves the city used for the sewer project need to be replenished and so a small increase is included to begin to rebuild the reserves providing for about \$40,000 towards replenishing reserves. The entire budget also includes a 3% COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) in wages and steps (raises) for those employees qualifying. Councilmember Hill said people in the area are not getting raises and he doesn't think the economic time is right to give an increase in wages. Councilmember Bagley wanted to know how the step and grade program was implemented. Biorn said former Mayor Charles Sorensen implemented the step and pay scale system. Attorney Forsberg said the Mayor has the authority to make the decision for raises as long as council provides the funds. Bagley asked how he makes those decisions. Mayor said he has to justify a raise and since everything comes from taxes and if the folks that are paying taxes aren't getting a raise he couldn't see how he can justify the employees getting a raise. The last time a step increase was given was 2008 and the last time a COLA was given was last year. Council discussed at length the pros and cons of providing for increases. Councilmember Erickson said guaranteed step raises really bother him. He said he was okay with a 3% COLA and felt that it should be average across the board. Biorn said his opinion is a little different. He said three years ago staff was cut from seven people on the police force, now there is four going from eight hour shifts to ten hour shifts to 24 hour shifts. Road, streets and sewers have the same staff and are expected to do the same amount of work and with the spending of more money on streets they are expected to continue to do the same amount of work as well as the additional amount now increased. The Front Office staff used to be three full time people and now it's one full time and two part time, all expected to continue to do the same amount of work as they were doing with three full time people. Biorn said if you have hard working people, when asked, cut their budgets and do the work, and they are not asking for more full time people, a minimal 3% COLA and step raises to be used by the Mayor and Department Heads decided, should be allowed. A motion to provide for the public a proposed budget with the following changes; a reduction in

the C.O.P.S. match from \$25,000 to \$15,000 and an increase in the Water Fund rates of 9% was made by Biorn and seconded by Willmore. All councilmembers were in favor except for Erickson, who was opposed. Motion passed 5-1. Clerk Parkinson will prepare the budget for the public hearing already scheduled for August 9, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

A motion to enter into an executive session pursuant to provisions of Idaho Code 67-2345, subsection (d) was made by Councilmember Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. A role call vote followed with council members Rubert, yes; Bagley, yes; Erickson, yes; Biorn, yes; Hill, yes; and Willmore, yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor asked for the room to be cleared except for the City Attorney and the Clerk.

A motion to exit executive session was made by Councilmember Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. A role call vote followed with council members Rubert, yes; Bagley, yes; Erickson, yes; Biorn, yes; Hill, yes; and Willmore, yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Thueson brought the regular meeting to order reported no decisions were made in the executive session.

Discussion of renaming the West Side Ball Fields – Mayor Thueson reported he has received a request to rename the West Side Ball Fields after an individual and wanted to know what council thought about such a request. Councilmember Willmore said he likes the name of the ball fields as the West Side Ball Fields. Councilmember Hill said he didn't think it was a good idea to start a precedent of naming things after people. Hill said there are a lot of good people in the community and it inevitably creates problems. Councilmember Biorn said he felt the name of the fields is fine just the way they are, but council needs to do something to create some sort of guidelines for such requests. Councilmember Erickson agreed, saying it's hard to choose people when there are so many good people in our community. Councilmember Bagley also agreed it should be left as is. Councilmember Rubert said the ball fields have their own identity and should remain as is. Mayor Thueson asked if there should be a policy created for such requests. A motion for a draft policy to be created by the city's attorney limiting council's ability in naming public or city properties was made by Bagley and seconded by Rubert. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Thueson instructed Attorney Forsberg to prepare a draft policy for council's review.

INVOICES & CLAIMS - Payment Approval Reports were presented to Council. A motion to pay the invoices and claims was made by Councilmember Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

MINUTES – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2012 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2012 was made by Councilmember Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

DEPARTMENT, COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Police Chief Smith reported the seat belt grant is under way. The department has a couple of reserve officers in the works. The wires on the south end of the building are cleaned up.

There is a bike rally coming up on Saturday, June 9th. Officer Packer is spear heading the rally and is also obtaining donations from local merchants. Donations will be used for the Skate Park.

PWS Butigan reported crews continue work on the streets as weather permits. Mayor Thueson said the streets are really looking good. Butigan said there is a lot more to do.

Attorney Forsberg reported council should be aware there has been some dog activity by the police department. Chief Smith said there are a couple of pit bulls in the pound determined to be vicious. Citations have been written and the owners have obtained council.

Clerk Parkinson reported she will be meeting with a Financial Advisor from Zion's Bank to look at refinancing the cities sewer bonds. Interest rates are at a rate where it may make sense to refinance and save the city money in interest. Tomorrow is Fisherman's Breakfast and if the city has a booth then staff will be attending to give away free dog tags and to meet and greet the public.

Councilmember Rubert had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bagley reported County Treasurer Pat McCoy will be retiring and the Republican committee will be accepting applications for the selection of a new County Treasurer. Bagley said it sounds like an interesting process to go to and witness. Bagley said McCoy has done a wonderful job with the county's money and it will be a big loss for the county. Bagley also reported graduation is next Wednesday and asked for the Police Department to be aware of traffic control.

Councilmember Erickson reported attending a meeting in Ashton for Fremont County regarding hazardous materials within the county. The city has three locations where hazardous chemicals are stored. The city and county has a list of these items and Erickson provided the city with a manual for responding to such emergencies. Chief Smith was given the manual.

Councilmember Biorn said Mayor Thueson had asked about a welcoming rock to the City of St. Anthony and wanted to know where it might be placed. Thueson thought a nice place would be next to the tank by the bridge or close to the highway. Biorn said it might be a good idea to have a rock with one side saying "Welcome to St. Anthony" and the other side having a list of past Mayors. Biorn asked council to think about it.

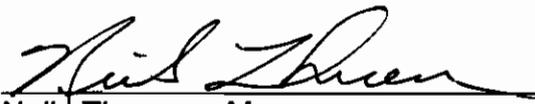
Councilmember Hill had nothing to report.

Councilmember Willmore reported one of the hangar owner's wants electricity. PWS Butigan said he needs to contact Rocky Mountain Power for the connection and it will be about the first of July before electricity will be available.

Mayor Thueson reported the Saturday Greenway Clean Up went really well. Thueson said Kyle Babbitt (Greenway Consultant) said the bridges really look nice and he agrees. The city should be getting \$500 from Wal-Mart as well, as there were a number of employees also participating in the clean up. Councilmember Hill asked about street work being done on the

west side and if there are some property owners that don't have asphalt in front of their homes can they get it. PWS Butigan said the chip and sealing will only be 24 feet wide. Hill wanted to know if a homeowner wanted it done could they pay for it to be done. Butigan said it has been done in the past and is up to city council. Attorney Forsberg said the city could provide the service. Thueson said he read in the newspaper the county is claiming the landfill will be shut down in the next year. Thueson said he did attend a local Mayor's meeting in Island Park with three other Mayors and Bill Baxter the new county commissioner. Mayor said he talked to Baxter about the landfill and if the city will have to start hauling garbage to a transfer station how that may affect the city. This was not addressed in the city's 2012/13 budget. Thueson wanted council to keep this in mind as the year progresses.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.


Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

