

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 12, 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, 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 10 citizens.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Councilmember Biorn.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Planning & Zoning's Recommendation of the Special Use Permit for WD Laundry for a Dry Camp Business – Clerk Parkinson reported the Planning and Zoning Committee met last night for a public hearing and the consideration of a Special Use Permit for WD Laundry. Planning and Zoning did not make a decision for a recommendation and in fact didn't even discuss it. At the end of their public hearing the committee decided they wanted to hear more from other participants and so they scheduled another public hearing for Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 7 p.m. for a continuation. This item will be tabled to the next agenda.

BYU-Idaho Presentation to the City Regarding Area Youth/Mindy Jensen – Mindy Jensen was given the floor for a presentation. Jensen introduced her group as P.J. Hill, Erik Barrus, Joshua Noesi and Ezra Megran. Jensen reported studying the St. Anthony community for the last several weeks and identified some of the youth problems in the community as use of bad language, underage drinking, illegal drug use, bullying and a lack of good after school activities. However, the common thread is strong leaders in a strong community. Jensen's group is suggesting the city decide to create a Mayor's Youth Council using the strengths of the community, strong leadership. Jensen identified these strong leaders as Mayor Thueson and the members of city council, Darrell Burl and Kent Dumar of Fremont County Juvenile Probation, the principals and school counselors, community members such as Rachel Huber (who is a grant writer) and the youth of St. Anthony. Jensen's group provided a slide presentation. Barrus explained what a Mayor's Youth Council is, providing a mission statement and an application the youth would fill out. There would be five executive youth leaders, appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Leadership training would be provided at the Annual Association of Idaho Cities, bringing those skills back to St. Anthony. Noesi spoke about funding the program. The estimated cost is about \$2000 for a year round budget. Noesi said they were hoping to obtain the \$2000 from the city. Noesi said it is a small investment in the City of St. Anthony and in the city's youth. Noesi said the program is expected to start May of next year and can include as many members as apply. They played a video about St. Anthony showing some interviews with adults about the youth of St. Anthony. Barrus also showed a proposed T-shirt with logo. Mayor Thueson said they made a really good presentation. Thueson said he thought they have some really good ideas, but sometimes finding volunteers is hard. Councilmember

Biorn said the first time he went to the AIC (Association of Idaho Cities) conference he was really impressed with the presentations the youth gave at the conference and what they were doing. Biorn said he's always wanted a Mayor's Youth Council feeling it would benefit the community. Councilmember Rubert said it is a great idea and definitely deserves further discussion. Councilmember Bagley said in working with the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council in Rexburg as law enforcement they are able to play a huge role with the kids. Just the interaction kids have with law enforcement makes a difference. Councilmember Hill said our youth are a great resource and this would benefit them and council. Thueson asked if it is worth \$2000. Council all said they thought it was a good investment. Bagley said the youth had to come up with some of the money themselves by involving sponsors, so there are ways to see how involved the kids could be. Bagley said the city can assist. Hill thought many of the city's businesses are already hit up for so much and the city should make the investment. Noesi said there is a lot of money spent on infrastructure like the Skate Park and this is just a small investment which would bring bigger dividends back to the city. Josh Norman, member of the audience, said he is concerned about the kids just coming into the program to attend the "fun" camp and then drop out. Norman wanted to make sure the selection process could be strong enough to weed some of this out. Biorn said he felt there are kids in this town wanting to help and in fact it wasn't long ago one youth, Nathan Chelson, came to the city wanting to assist with such a program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment.

Josh Norman, representing the UVYA (Upper Valley Youth Association), reported the batting cage structures at the city ball diamonds blew down in a recent wind storm, destroying them. Norman wanted to know if the city can help by replacing them. The travel league baseball teams bring a lot of revenue to the town because of the great looking ball diamonds. They look better than they ever have. A lot of work is done by the Upper Valley Youth Association on those fields. Additionally, Norman would like to propose some other ideas at the ball diamonds. Norman said they would really like the batting cages be built out of something more solid with chain link on top and on the sides and then hang the net inside. Norman thought it might cost around \$4,000 to \$5,000. Councilmember Hill said the old structure from the high school may still be available and is in good condition and should be adequate for their use. Norman said there is currently only one field with lights, limiting play. He is proposing to place lights around the other ball fields so kids could play longer. They have commitments from J&K Electrical, they will do all the wiring to the lights and Fall River will dig and place the poles. All they need are the materials. The poles are extremely expensive; at about \$5,000 a pole and they need 12. They are looking at alternatives. Donation of poles from Fall River, however the lights themselves would be about \$20,000 for 12 poles. Additional the Snack Shack has no running water. PWS Butigan said there is no sewer available to bring to the shack and water can't be placed there without the sewer. Norman said they would also like bathrooms with running water and toilets and a shack expansion. The shack provides UVYA with about 60% of their revenue. Right now the shack holds a huge barbecue, rakes, shovels, sprinklers, and all their storage. The shack is a foul ball target since it is in the middle of the four-plex. Norman would also like the city to pitch in for some of the Diamond Dust next year, about \$2000 to \$3000. He said he would also like the city to spray for the burrs and to get some of the sprinklers to be changed and/or moved.

Norman said on another note, not having to do anything with UVYA, the Sand Bar Park where the old building was torn down would be a nice place for a possible sand volleyball pit. Thueson said these items should first be presented to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Norman said he would be happy to serve on Parks and Recreation. Butigan said the county could spray for weeds at the baseball diamonds and council advised Norman to contact them. He said he would. Thueson said council would talk about these projects and instructed Norman to bring bids to Clerk Parkinson for the batting cages.

Attorney Forsberg said since Josh Norman has given all his requests to council he has one request for him. A lease still needs to be returned from Pottersville, LLC. Norman said he will check into it.

Drex and Brandy Hathaway, 317 E 3rd N, would like permission to park their trailer in their driveway. It currently hangs slightly over the sidewalk. Drex said he was given a warning after parking it there for 11 years. Mayor Thueson asked Chief Smith for comment. Smith said a child hit his head on it while riding his bike. He was not seriously injured. Drex said the sidewalk is on the curb until it gets to his house then jaunts up eight to 10 feet away from the curb. Brandy said the sidewalk ends two houses down from their house. Thueson said he sees these trailers parked this way throughout town and it could be a real serious hazard. A child on a bicycle can be injured by it. Attorney Forsberg said he would have to review the law to see if there is anything that can be done and the law says one can not block the sidewalk. Forsberg said city council is not in charge of varying the law for one and not for another. Brandy said they are not allowed to park it on the street, either. There is a five day maximum for trailers visiting or be attached to a vehicle for a maximum of two days. Mayor Thueson said council does not have the authority to allow them to break the law. The options for the Hathaway's are to either move the sidewalk to the curb to give them more room to park their trailer or to move the trailer. Thueson thanked them for coming in and said he wished he could do more for them.

Jeff Dunster, 1000 N Bridge, said he was here to just visit.

INVOICES & CLAIMS - Payment Approval Reports were presented to Council. Following some questions where were satisfactory answered by staff, a motion to pay the invoices and claims was made by Councilmember Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

MINUTES – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2012 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 28, 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 they are almost done with the DUI grant. The red trailer for homeland security was given to Fremont County Search and Rescue. The city gave the shower facilities to Fremont County. Pioneer Days is coming up on July 26th through the 28th. The Police Summary was given to council for their review. The jails in the region are full. The city will cite and release as much as they can. The police department is still

involved in youth soccer and some youth have come up with suggestions for the Skate Park. The youth volunteered to raise the money to build an indoor skate park. A new camera is being looked at to purchase for the Skate Park and they are still gathering information. Councilmember Bagley asked about a June 17th salesman incident. Smith said he did speak to some transient sales persons in the city in which he made contact with and they apparently left the city.

PWS Butigan reported most the airport electricity lines are covered up and transformer boxes will be in on Tuesday. Rocky Mountain Power is scheduled for the first of August to pull in the power. Crews are trying to sweep the streets as much as they can before the parade on the 28th. Butigan said he is still waiting to hear back on when the county can chip and seal. The airport runway sealing won't be done until the commercial flyers are finished with their business flying. The airport will need to be closed for two days. It will be sprayed one day and the numbers painted the next day. Councilmember Rubert asked about when the removal of the kiosk will happen. Butigan said an electrician is scheduled to wire in the lights for the flag pole next week. So it'll happen after the completion of the wiring.

Attorney Forsberg requested Mayor Thueson to entertain a motion to go into executive session to consider a personnel matter.

A motion to enter into executive session pursuant to provisions of Idaho Code 67-2345, subsection 1 (b) was made by Councilmember Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. 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 excused everyone present except for the council members, Attorney Forsberg and Clerk Parkinson.

A motion to adjourn the 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. No decision was made in executive session.

Mayor Thueson brought the regular meeting back to order.

Attorney Forsberg reported meeting with Dave Alvarez, Engineer for District 6 Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) in charge of granting access permits. There have been some issues with the access in the Tascher Survey because the Clegg property has been purchased by the Fongs who wish to build a Chinese restaurant have no access to the Highway 20 business loop. The Fongs have applied to ITD for access. In his meeting, Alvarez informed Forsberg it was his intent to talk with the Ward's and Davis' because their access was placed in such a way there was not sufficient room between the existing access on the Ward/Davis property and the Assisted Living Property for an additional access to the Fong property. Alvarez did attend last night's public hearing to testify and reported after double checking the regulations it wasn't a 300 foot space that was required but in fact a 150 foot requirement. This is good news, as it will allow reasonable development for those commercial properties.

Clerk Parkinson reported city council has been entered into the Pioneer Days Parade for Saturday, July 28th. Council discussed attending and what they will drive. Mayor Thueson

said he would work something out to ride in a vehicle, since Councilmember Biorn is allergic to horses. Councilmember Rubert said it's important the council have a presence in the parade. Parkinson also provided council with what will be printing in the paper for the third quarter of the fiscal year. She also provided the monthly fund summary ending June 30, 2012, providing a short review. Parkinson said she will like to schedule a Finance Committee meeting shortly after receiving the second half of tax revenue from the county. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for September 13, 2012. Minutes of the last Parks and Recreation Meeting was provided to council. Parkinson also provided a notice from Fremont County on a Public Information Meeting on official roads July 31, 2012 at Fremont County Annex Large Meeting Room, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Council members have also received an invitation to the 2012 Forsgren Open Golf Tournament. The registration form was provided for them to register if they would like to attend. A list of current zoning and fence permits was also provided to council for their review.

Councilmember Rubert reported meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and he talked to them about safety issues on Bridge Street regarding walking across the streets where there is no intersections or cross walks. He asked the businesses to do what they could to encourage patrons to use the cross walks. The Chamber group asked about flags on the cross walks. There used to be flags at the corners and now they are not there anymore. Clerk Parkinson reported they are no longer there due to the theft of the flags. Rubert said he would report this back to the Chamber members. Rubert reported the Chamber is experiencing one of the largest expenses is the flowers. Councilmember Biorn said in the last couple of years the city has budgeted for a match in contributions from private citizens up to \$2000. It is up to the Chamber to provide documentation of these contributions to the city to request the match. Biorn said in the past years the city spent around \$21,000 per year on flowers. The first year the Chamber took the program over they did receive enough donations to earn the \$2000 match. The year after, the match from the city was only a little over \$250. This year there has been no request for a match from the Chamber.

Councilmember Bagley had nothing to report.

Councilmember Erickson had nothing to report.

Councilmember Biorn said there are commercial business advertisement signs on the state right of way. Biorn asked those businesses be contacted and ask them to remove the signs. Biorn said in reviewing the meters in the city there are still a couple of places, city parks, where there are no meters. PWS Butigan said on some of those parks adding a meter could be around \$2500 to \$3000. Butigan said he will start working on a plan.

Councilmember Hill had nothing to report.

Councilmember Willmore reported the Airport Fly In is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2012.

Mayor Thueson had nothing to report.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.


Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

