

CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 26, 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, Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

ABSENT: Council Members Rick Hill and Suzanne Bagley

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Thueson.

Mayor Thueson excused Councilmembers Bagley and Hill.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Planning & Zoning's Recommendation of the Special Use Permit for WD Laundry for a Dry Camp Business Withdrawn – Mayor Thueson reported the Special Use Permit for WD Laundry for a Dry Camp Business was withdrawn.

Mosquito spraying and request for a no spray zone (Quayle) – Mayor Thueson reported Amil Quayle, 747 W 2nd S, has requested the city for a no spray zone at his residence. He is concerned the bees are being killed by the spray and thus his garden can not be pollinated. Thueson said he spoke to one of Quayle's neighbors and his neighbor says his garden is growing fine and requested the city to spray more often for mosquitoes. PWS Butigan says the spray has to come in contact with the bug to kill the bug. By the time the city is spraying, after the sun has set, the bees are no longer flying. Councilmember Biorn asked about using pellets in stagnant areas. Butigan said there is more running water and really no stagnant areas. Canals may create some stagnant areas in the bushes. Pellets won't benefit the city much. Butigan said they also do not spray during windy times. Biorn said when it was windy and the city didn't spray, the mosquitoes were terrible. There was no motion to change the way the city is currently spraying for mosquitoes.

Chinese Elm Trees on 12th West (Damon) – Mayor Thueson said he talked to Philip Damon of 130 South 12th West. Damon had requested the city remove a number of Chinese Elm Trees from city right-of-way. Currently the city has an ordinance requiring the property owner to take care of trees, sidewalk, curb and gutter in the right-of-way. Attorney Forsberg said a tree was taken down in the city right-of-way on a person's property in the past as it created a sight instruction in a heavily traveled area. It was taken down for the convenience of the city with an immediate concern for the safety of the city's residents. One tree was taken down, not all the trees in front of the property. Damon did ask if the city would block the road off with barriers. City crews said they would provide the barriers to block traffic and help by moving the trees off to the side to allow Damon time to chop up the trees at his

convenience.

Staff Report for South 12th West LRHIP Grant – Clerk Parkinson reported receiving a letter from the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) regarding the Local Rural Highway Investment Program (LRHIP) 2013 Construction Project. The letter states the city has been recommended for funding of the Pavement Rehab on South 12th West Street. The letter lets the city know the city will receive a check for \$100,000 as long as the Federal appropriation is made. Mayor Thueson said he spoke with Paul Scoresby of Schiess and Associates and this is a normal remark made by LHTAC. Parkinson said she provided council with an estimated cost of the project from Schiess and Associates of \$128,900. The city will request \$5,000 from the county as per their commitment at the time of the application and the city will budget for engineering and any contingency up to \$20,000. Schiess and Associates would like the city to contract the engineering from them. The grant application was completed by Schiess and Associates on behalf of the city. Thueson said he will go back to ask the county to split the cost of engineering with the county, since half the road is in the county. Council approved having Mayor Thueson sign the engineering contract with Schiess and Associates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public to comment.

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 Rubert and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

MINUTES – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2012 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2012 was made by Councilmember Biorn and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

DEPARTMENT, COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Police Chief Smith reported the Pioneer Day Parade is on track with the same route as last year. The COPS Grant Award packet came this week and will be sent out by the beginning of next week. Smith said Councilmember Bagley has asked Smith to be on the Mayor's Youth Council. There will be an Ashton Dam Emergency Plan review in Ashton and Smith will be attending as the representative from the city.

PWS Butigan reported the electrical at the airport is almost done. They need to replace a transformer base as it was backed over with someone's backhoe. As soon as there is a price for the replacement a bill will be sent to them. Chip sealing the streets will start maybe the second week of August. Currently the city has a variable frequency drive running boost pumps for water which is bad and not running. There is also one pump on the South side not running. The city has only two pumps currently running. There are some emergency fire pumps. However, if used they would over pressurize the system, since they only have once speed. One option is to place these pumps on a variable speed connecting them to the

SCADA system. Butigan is obtaining pricing for this and estimates it may cost about \$9,000 to upgrade each pump. Thueson said these pumps need to be used and it makes sense to get them connected to the system. Butigan said the wells are pumping sufficient water into tanks. Water is not getting pump out fast enough to the end user, thus creating a lower water pressure. Councilmember Biorn asked for firm numbers on the costs to getting these pumps on line for the next council meeting.

Attorney Forsberg reported the property on the North side of East Yellowstone had a request for a permit to place a dry camp there. This was heard by Planning and Zoning and that permit was withdrawn by the Davis'. One of the issues that came to light during the process was the lack of access off that side of the highway to those properties and Planning and Zoning did settle the problem. Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Engineer, David Alvarez, reviewed the regulations and determined he could grant three accesses, including leaving the Davis access in, if everyone responds in a timely manner to apply for permits. The City wants curb and gutter and ITD won't make it a condition of the permit since there is no drainage plan. Forsberg said this may be a good time in helping the Planning & Zoning Committee to come up with a way to plan for the city an approach for curb and gutters the city can enforce. Hiring an engineer to assist with this would be in the best interests of the city.

Forsberg also included a proposed copy of a resolution requiring property owners to guaranty the payment of all utilities used by tenants on the owner's property. It is becoming apparent there is an increase in rental properties where tenants are not paying their utilities to the city. Mayor Thueson asked for an ordinance to require owners to place utilities in their name. This shifts the burden from the city to the owners of the property. It's the owners of the property who benefit from having tenants. Owners have the power to collect. Currently, the city sends these accounts to collections. It turns out our current ordinance already only allows us to open an account with the property owner. However, this is not the practice of the city. This resolution will liberalize our ordinance and serve the city. It allows for two things. One, for the owner to place the utilities in their name and the tenant pays the owner for utilities; or Two, if is already in the tenants name they have 30 days following the passage of this resolution to come in and sign a letter guarantying the account. This will allow it to remain in the tenant's name. This resolution is only for their consideration and may be placed on the agenda if council desires. Mayor Thueson asked it be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Clerk Parkinson reported there will be a Finance Committee Meeting on Monday, July 30, 2012, 5:30 p.m. to work on the 2011/2012 budget and to prepare for a public hearing. Parkinson also provided the most recent Planning and Zoning Committee minutes for council's review as well as the current zoning and fence permits. An email was received from Jocelyn Tanner, requesting a volunteer project for a family reunion. Council suggested Parkinson notify her the Chamber of Commerce could use assistance in the flower beds weeding. Parkinson said she would let her know. There is also a letter from the Idaho Rural Water Association thanking the city for their continued support and a copy of the Idaho Community Trees newsletter.

Councilmember Rubert had nothing to report.

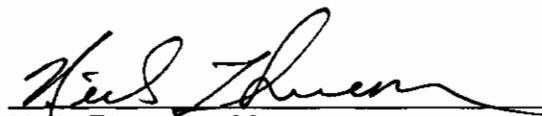
Councilmember Erickson asked if Smokin' Deals Truck Parts, 1557 South 7th West, has their fence completed correctly. PWS Butigan said it hasn't been done. Attorney Forsberg said he will send a letter.

Councilmember Biorn reported the Idaho Art Lab and the selected youth artists are working on the retaining wall at Keefer Park. Biorn suggested everyone go there to check their progress.

Councilmember Willmore asked Attorney Forsberg if the easement has been signed for the property at the airport now owned by the bank (previously Summit Truss). Forsberg said he calls and no one is returning his calls and there really isn't much for leverage to get them to sign. PWS Butigan said the slurry seal on the airport will be done at a time when the commercial flyers are done with spraying. The city doesn't want to interrupt their business. Once this is completed the city will apply for the grant refund.

Mayor Thueson reported meeting with Paul Scoresby regarding the West Main Project. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow at 9 a.m. with staff to make some decisions regarding the North side water line. Some decisions will need to be made regarding the preliminary design which should have been completed 30 days ago. Thueson is asking him to catch it up and he said he could. City Council will be in the Pioneer Days Parade on Saturday.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.


Nels Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

