

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS*

PRESENT: Mayor Neils Thueson, Council Members Suzanne Bagley (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Tom Erickson, Lisa Haeberle, and Russ Rubert (by phone for the first 20 minutes) and Rod Willmore.

ABSENT: Council Members Rick Hill and Russ Rubert (absent after the first 20 minutes).

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Superintendent Scott Butigan, City Attorney Bill Forsberg, City Clerk-Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Police Officer Terry Harris Smith and approximately six citizens.

Mayor Thueson called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE was led by Councilmember Haeberle.

INVOICES & CLAIMS - Payment Approval Reports were presented to Council. Following some questions, which were satisfactorily answered by staff, a motion to pay the invoices and claims was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Haeberle. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

MINUTES – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2013 were presented to council. Clerk Parkinson pointed out a correction. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2013 with noted corrections was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

TRPTA Report/Thueson – Amanda Ely of TRPTA (Targhee Regional Public Transportation Authority) provided council with a number of reports showing the kinds of trips taken to and from St. Anthony. TRPTA is requesting a donation from the city to help in providing services of rides to and from St. Anthony. They completed over 800 trips last year. Ely said it costs a minimum of \$21 for a trip. Mayor Thueson asked council if the city was ready or willing to provide some funding. In December of 2010 the council said they would consider giving \$1000 towards the program. Councilmember Erickson asked Ely if the money given will be enough to continue the program. Ely said it would help and she will continue to seek funding from other cities and entities. Erickson asked if TRPTA fell short would they eliminate the program in St. Anthony. Ely thought that would be highly unlikely, especially if support from the city is provided. Councilmember Haeberle asked who is taking the bus. Ely said people with

disabilities, seniors, some go to the low income clinic here in St. Anthony from Rexburg. Erickson said he knows of some people going to the Development Workshop in Rexburg. A motion to support TRPTA with the requested \$1000 was made by Erickson and seconded by Haeberle. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0. Ely thanked the council for their time and support of the program.

Idaho Art Lab Report & Request for Sponsorship/Kara Hidalgo – Jocelyn Haeberle was in attendance and introduced herself as being a member of the Idaho Art Lab Board. Dan and Kara Hidalgo were also present and stood up for a presentation to council providing them some written flyers and information on the Idaho Art Lab. Dan reported on the number of artists who came in and provided instruction to locals. He reviewed the different types of things that can be done at the Art Lab, including, cartoon animation, computer lab, easels and drafting tables, lapidary, painting in all mediums, pottery, scroll saw woodworking, screen printing, sculpture and photo darkroom. Dan read their mission statement saying the Idaho Art Lab promotes the visual arts and provides opportunities to people of any age, ability or economic status to engage in the arts by offering art education programs, gallery exhibits and a gathering place for residents to be involved in the arts as part of their daily life. Dan said there is a lot of community involvement and art benefits the community by raising the quality of life. Dan reviewed the number of different and ongoing activities. Many of the programs are free due to different grants, one being an Art & Education Grant, which is allowing them to get into the schools to provide education on arts and pottery. The mural project at Keefer Park has been a huge success as there has been no additional graffiti in the painted section. The Hidalgos are requesting additional funding from the city of \$1,500 to continue the mural projects. Dan said Rocky Mountain Power is committing for four more murals and they would like to get enough funding for four more for a total of eight. Kara said there are 37 teens who are requesting to create a mural for the wall. Kara would like to have a council member on the board of interviewers to assist in the selection of the next set of murals. Councilmember Haeberle volunteered. Dan said they will make the selection the same way as they did last year, providing a review of the selected pieces of art to council prior to painting. Mayor Thueson said the wall at Keefer Park creates a lot of pride in St. Anthony and is a very positive thing for St. Anthony and what its citizens are doing. Councilmember Bagley said they are doing a fabulous job. Bagley asked if there is anything they are in need of. Kara said they are in need of folding chairs. Thueson said the city is looking at replacing the current folding chairs in the council chambers and so will keep this in mind. Kara said they also need a wood stove to help heat the building. Councilmember Erickson said he is very impressed with everything they have done. Councilmember Willmore said the city should continue to support what they are doing by providing what they spent last year, \$1500, to paint the wall. Willmore said the city would spend that amount in just covering up the graffiti. A motion to provide \$1500 to the Idaho Art Lab to continue the murals on the Keefer Park wall was made by Haeberle and seconded by Bagley. All council members present were in in favor. Motion passed 4-0. Tom Howell, Rotary member in the audience, asked Dan and Kara to solicit the artists currently working on the Fremont County project.

Arbor Day Proclamation – Mayor Thueson read the Arbor Day proclamation making Friday, April 27, 2013, Arbor Day in the City of St. Anthony. Clerk Parkinson invited anyone wishing to attend to please do so. The city will again be inviting the first graders from Henry's Fork Elementary to plant trees in the city and each will be given a seedling of their own to plant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Howell, Rotary member, was present and wanted to provide council with a drawing of what the proposed flag pole would look like on the corner lot next to the city building. Mayor Thueson said he has reviewed the proposal and asked Tom Howell to speak about it. Howell said the Rotary is proposing the small corner lot next to the city building, owned by the Idaho Transportation Department, have a Veteran's Memorial, including a large flag and pole in the center, built there. The pole will be about 60 to 75 feet tall and the flag itself will be about 20 to 25 feet wide. It will be a nice focal point for the city and the city building. Howell said there will be four walls which could include individuals which have participated in foreign wars, either missing in action, killed in action or even potentially participants. Each wall could contain up to 200 names. Howell said there have been quite a few individuals from Fremont County that have gone overseas and never returned. Howell wanted to know if the city would be interested in this being another Veteran's Park. He reviewed the different parks in the city having recognition for veterans, including the dough boy, tank and other memorials. Howell said he spoke to members of the VFW and they told him they support this project. Howell said the Rotary will begin fundraising efforts to purchase the flag and pole. Mayor Thueson said he met today with ITD and they fully support this project as well. Thueson reminded everyone the property is owned by ITD, not the city, and should they ever decide to change the roadway there at the corner then any improvements may be taken out. He said any improvements should remain behind the set-backs. Right now there is plenty of room to place the project behind the required set-backs. Thueson asked council if they felt this park should be another veteran's memorial and wanted to know how council felt about it. He said as long as the VFW approves of another memorial he couldn't see why the city wouldn't. He said he would add this as an agenda item for council to vote on the direction Rotary should take to proceed. Councilmember Willmore said he really likes the idea. Councilmember Haerberle said it looks really good. Councilmember Erickson said it is a good fit for this end of town. Councilmember Bagley asked if there could be more input from the VFW and any other group being affected by this. Officer Harris said areas like this promote themselves for motorcycle rallies either starting or ending in town, bringing additional business into the city. Thueson asked Howell to bring back to council something more definite of what they want so the city council may vote on it. Thueson said he will then place it on the council's agenda.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Officer Harris reported on the surplus list provided to council with the number of items the police department would like to get rid of by either donating to other departments or to dispose of. The police department needs to have council approval for

disposing of it. Following a short description of some of the items, a motion to declare the listed police department items as surplus was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members present approved. Motion passed 4-0.

PWS Butigan reported he has been calling around getting prices for oil for chip and seal. The city can purchase about six miles for about \$108,000. Right now the city has about \$92,000 in the budget for chip and seal so it may require the city opening the street budget to do all six miles. Clerk Parkinson said this is something the Finance Committee can review and provide a recommendation to council on. The county will spread it for us and as soon as the weather permits crews will be prepping the roads for the chip and seal by crack sealing. They can't start doing any crack sealing until it gets to be about 40 degrees and dry. There has been lift station problems with the sewer. The one lift station will cost about \$20,000 or more to repair. This is the lift station down on Fifth Street.

Attorney Forsberg reported perceiving a need to develop or train or have trained a DRE (Drug Recognition Expert). Forsberg said he is recently aware of more and more stops for drug involved DUI's. POST (Peace Officer Standards & Training) provides training which takes about 30 days and upon completion an officer would be qualified to determine if someone is under the influence of drugs versus alcohol. In the past, the city has relied on DREs from Madison County or the City of Rexburg. However, in recent days, the city hasn't been able to get anyone to respond with a DRE certification. This has led to some prosecution issues. It is important and prudent for our police department to have someone certified. Obviously, this will need extra coverage and budgeting. Forsberg asked the council to understand this and how important this need is for the city and to take this under consideration.

Clerk Parkinson asked council members to take a look at the new street light pole banners displayed at the back of the room. Next winter these banners will replace the old ones which are in very poor condition. She also reminded everyone of the Finance Committee meeting Monday, March 11, 5:30 p.m.

COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Councilmember Bagley reported visiting with County Clerk Abbie Mace about their needs at the Food Bank. Bagley said they are in need of diapers and protein. Things like chicken and tuna. Bagley is requesting each council member provide five cans of protein to get them started. Bagley would also like the Finance Committee to consider a couple of scholarships for the Mayor's Youth Council as an incentive. This could be a small scholarship and a letter of recommendation to the college of their choice.

Councilmember Erickson reported the city just received the grant money for the 12th West Street project. The city is ready to now put this out to bid. Mayor Thueson said he is in contact with the city engineer, Schiess & Associates, and it'll probably be June or July for construction to begin. Thueson said Schiess & Associates will be at a council meeting for a report in the near future.

Councilmember Haeberle had nothing to report.

Councilmember Willmore had nothing to report.

Mayor Thueson reported he met with ITD today and ITD is ready to begin the Del Rio Bridge replacement project. It'll have at least an entire summer of the road being closed. There will be a public hearing. It will be held here in the city council chambers. We will also be getting our bridge on Bridge Street painted. ITD provided some color choices, green. Council reviewed the colors and picked a very nice, subdued green. The lighting along the on and off ramps will be installed this year as well. And finally, the speed limit signs are in the signature process.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25p.m. by Mayor Thueson.


Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer