

CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Neils Thueson, Council Members Suzanne Bagley, Tom Erickson, Lisa Haeberle, Rick Hill, Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

ALSO PRESENT: Public Work Superintendent Scott Butigan, City Clerk-Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Police Chief Jim Smith and approximately four citizens.

Mayor Thueson called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE was led by Councilmember Erickson.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Rotary's Request for City Corner Property for Flag Pole and Park/Tom Howell –

Tom Howell, member of the Rotary, reported there has been a lot of progress over the last couple of months and is prepared to provide a proposal to council. They have investigated other parks and in so doing have backed away from a Veteran's Memorial. They have approval from the (Idaho Transportation Department) ITD as long as the city also approves. The property is owned by the state, however, there is an agreement with the city to allow the city to use the property as they see fit. Howell said they are trying to get information from as many resources as they can, including Rotary members, Richard Law with the Parks and Recreation Committee, VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars), AFL (American Foreign Legion), and the Lions Club. They are requesting to develop a park like setting and proposing a development in a circle around a flag pole about 75 feet from Bridge Street and about 85 feet from the power pole and lines. This will be a multi-phase project with Phase I being the installation of a 70 foot flag pole. Howell provided council with a photo copy rendering of the project. Phase II will be to establish a theme and name for the park and to develop the area around the flag pole. Phase III would be to install objects, statues or structures (walls, plaques, etc.). Rotary will raise the Phase I funding required for the flag pole, installation and two flags through a raffle which will run from late May to late August. Howell described the fund raiser. The flag pole will then be installed in the fall. Howell provided council with a "Rotary Project" information sheet for council's review. Rotary would like the city's support in the following: Serve as a location for purchasing raffle tickets; Install wiring and a light to illuminate the flag at night; Take over maintenance of the park, including lawn mowing flag replacement, etc.; and Consult with Rotary before adding additional objects or structures. Mayor Thueson asked PWS Butigan the costs of wiring and lights. Butigan said it will be a matter for Rocky Mountain Power to see if they will allow the city to place a light on the existing pole. It will be cheaper for the city to put in a new meter base at the pole then it will be to run wiring from the city building. Butigan said a good option would be to have a pole with light fixtures already attached. Then power could be run to the pole. Howell said he would check into it. Butigan said if a new pole

had to be placed it could run as much as \$3,000. Councilmember Erickson said he is very impressed with the effort. Councilmember Haeberle said she likes having the high school involved. A motion to allow the Rotary to proceed with the development of the corner property as a park with a large flag pole as described by Tom Howell was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

Children’s Mental Health Proclamation – Mayor Thueson said good mental health is essential to overall health and provided council with a fact sheet regarding mental health. Thueson said he is proclaiming May 9, 2013 to be Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day in the city of St. Anthony. The proclamation was provided to council for their review and awareness.

Curb & Gutter Discussion/Decision on Business Loop 20 – Mayor Thueson said he has been discussing with ITD the curb and gutter along the business loop of highway 20. Engineer Paul Scoresby of Schiess and Associates said plans of the required curb and gutter were prepared and given to ITD. ITD felt the design of the curb and gutter was “piece meal” and they didn’t really like having it completed a segment at a time as development occurred. ITD’s proposal was to ask the city to be patient and they would program the curb and gutter along both sides of the road into their expansion funds. Scoresby said currently there isn’t a lot of funding for expansion. Eventually, this will bounce back. ITD wants to do it themselves with their own money. Mayor Thueson said when he met with ITD he asked when it could be done. ITD didn’t give him definite date. The choice before council is to go ahead and get the curb and gutter done in bits and pieces or to allow ITD to complete the curb and gutter. Thueson said he did ask ITD to place this project on their “future needs” list. Thueson thought it wouldn’t be a bad idea to allow ITD to complete the project themselves. Councilmember Willmore said it may be worth waiting for if they pay for it. However, the landowners there should develop and maintain the area until it is developed with curb and gutter to keep it looking nice. Councilmember Hill said all is being required is curb and gutter and at least something will be done instead of waiting for it. Scoresby said ITD has to approve any curb and gutter the city would do and so therefore it would require a change in the drainage and a possible turn lane into Fong’s Café. Hill said something is better than nothing. Willmore said if curb and gutter is placed in pieces then ITD might not program anything. ITD wants to program both sides of the road all the way to the city limits. Councilmember Erickson said with Thueson currently in office as Mayor and with his visiting ITD on a regular basis then it’s possible it’ll get moved up on the priority list. Councilmember Rubert asked if there have been any complaints. Thueson said he hasn’t heard any complaints. Rubert said he would like to see the city wait and allow ITD to place the curb and gutter. A motion to hold off on the curb and gutter and see if ITD will place it on their “needs list” for ITD to complete was made by Erickson and seconded by Rubert. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment.

There being no comments from the audience Mayor Thueson closed the floor.

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

MINUTES – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2013 were presented to council. One correction was noted. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2013 with the noted correction was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Smith asked Officer Packer to report on the Body Safety Program he is administering. Packer said Wal-Mart has granted the money for the city to do the Body Safety Program in the school district. Packer has contacted the School Board and Principals about the program. This program is very successful in getting children to disclose regarding inappropriate touching. The program is not sex education it's about awareness. It is a program going from kindergarten to high school, being age appropriate for each age. Smith reported the aggressive driving mobilization grant will continue until next Sunday. Smith provided the written police summary and reported two dogs are in the pound for being aggressive.

PWS Butigan reported they are cleaning the town by sweeping and as soon as the weather breaks they will start crack sealing. As soon as all the parts are in for the lighting, for the building, lights can be changed out possibly Monday or Tuesday. Mayor Thueson said the town looks really good and to thank the crew for the work they are doing.

Clerk Parkinson reported there will be and ECHO (Eastern Counties Highway Organization) meeting at 2:30, Tuesday, April 16 at the Fremont County Annex Building. Parkinson reminded council the Capital Improvement Plan and Transportation Plan will need to be updated prior to applying for the next LHRIP (Local Highway Rural Investment Program) grant. Grant application will be due by December of 2013. Parkinson also reported receiving more money from Fremont County to share in the engineering fees on 12th Street. Parkinson also included information on the AIC (Association of Idaho Cities) Annual Conference. Parkinson also reported having one of the part-time front office personnel (Celeste Walker) resign today. Parkinson will immediately start reviewing applicants to replace her.

COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Councilmember Rubert reported attending, along with Mayor Thueson, the Chamber of Commerce Banquet on March 30th. He said they were low in numbers but high in

spirit. Rubert was the auctioneer for their annual fund raiser.

Councilmember Bagley reported the Mayor's Youth Council will assist the library in moving their books next month. The library is getting new carpet and paint and they need a place to move their books during the construction. The city is allowing the library to move items into the council chambers until they finish their paint and carpet project. The Mayor's Youth Council is also aware of the annual clean-up and Greenway Clean-up Day on May 11th.

Councilmember Erickson had nothing to report.

Councilmember Haeberle had nothing to report.

Councilmember Hill reported the Finance Committee is making progress in their meetings and continue to work on next year's budget. Their next meeting will be in a month.

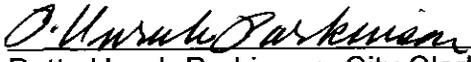
Councilmember Willmore reported there will be an Airport Board meeting next Friday night at 7 p.m.

Mayor Thueson had nothing to report.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.


Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

