

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 9, 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, Rick Hill, Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

ABSENT: Council Member Lisa Haeberle.

ALSO PRESENT: Public Work Superintendent Scott Butigan, City Attorney Bill Forsberg, City Clerk-Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Police Chief Jim Smith and approximately 10 citizens.

Mayor Neils Thueson called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE was led by Clerk Parkinson.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayor Thueson said he wants to change the agenda a bit and at this time would like to introduce everyone to some new employees in the city. Thueson started with the newest police officer, Mark Distelhorst, the new Deputy Clerk, Sid Smith and the new Deputy Treasurer, Kathy Lehman and the new Evidence Clerk in the Police Department, Michael Sawyer. Mayor and Council welcomed the newest employees to the city.

Councilmember Bagley made a motion to add to the agenda a request for scholarship money for the Mayor's Youth Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Pottersville, LLC lease at Roxy/Benjamin Clark – Benjamin Clark contacted Clerk Parkinson and said he couldn't make it to this meeting and wanted to know if they could postpone the meeting. Councilmember Willmore wanted to know if Pottersville has paid for the lease on the Ace Hardware property. Parkinson reported billing the owner of Ace, Dan Moldenhauer. He did pay the outstanding balance. There is no lease for the property behind the Roxy, also owned by Pottersville. Leases are per property and not by owner. Councilmember Erickson said Josh Norman, part owner of Pottersville, told him the chain was up behind the Roxy due to a vehicle running into the gas meter next to the building. However, the chain impedes traffic flow through the alley. Mayor Thueson tabled this item for consideration at the next meeting.

Confirmation of Newest Airport Board Member Travis Eva – Mayor Thueson said he has appointed Travis Eva to the Airport Board. There was no objection from council and they confirmed the Mayor's appointment.

Report on S 12th W Project – Mayor Thueson reported there were eight bidders and provided a Bid Summary to council showing all the bids. Depatco provided the lowest bid of \$91,521.00. The highest bid was \$127,569.30. A motion to accept the bid of \$91,521.00 from

Depatco pending final review of the city engineer, Schiess & Associates, was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Hill. All council members present approved. Motion passed 5-0. A motion to allow Mayor Thueson, PWS Butigan and Engineer Schiess the ability to authorize small change orders to the work was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present approved. Motion passed 5-0. Thueson said there is a pole fence on the Chavez property next to the bridge that needs to be moved back by three feet. Thueson has spoken with the owners to let them know the fence will be moved. If the city does it, it saves on the bidding. Since the city will be moving the fence themselves the Mayor would like to purchase a new pole rail fence as the old fence is rotted. Mayor said this is good public relations and will make replacing the fence easier. There was no objection from council.

Report on Pedestrian Bridge Across Canal – Mayor Thueson provided council with a proposal for the pedestrian bridge across the Egin Canal. There are two proposals, one with a 44 pound I-Beam for \$23,583 and another for a 68 pound I-Beam for \$25,075. These options include construction of the bridge. Council needs to decide which option they would like to take. The bridge will have a wooden deck, which the city has the wood for. Thueson asked council which option they would like to take. Councilmember Erickson said this bridge is a good idea as it will provide the safety so much needed for pedestrians getting across the canal. Councilmember Hill wanted to know if the city should into getting quotes from other businesses. PWS Butigan said the price for the I-Beam alone is around \$10,000. Councilmember Willmore said most of the expense is in the I-Beams. Hill said he thought maybe there was someone else in the community wanting the work. Butigan thought the only other builder might be Davis Machine and he didn't know if they could build something that big. Erickson asked if this is the price built and installed. Thueson said yes, with the help of city employees for installation. A motion to proceed with the Egin Canal Pedestrian Bridge using the 21 X 44 pound I-Beams was made by Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present approved except for Hill, who opposed. Motion passed 4-1.

Idaho Art Lab Report, Request for Funding & Approval of Teen Mural Project – Dan and Kara Hidalgo thanked council for their support and taking the time to hear them. Dan said they are committed to staying in the City of St. Anthony. A part of staying in St. Anthony is financial and Dan said he is here today to ask for financial assistance. Dan said they would like to have the city provide \$500 per month or \$3000 for the year to help support them with their operating costs. The major benefit they bring to a community is raising the quality of life. Dan said the Teen Mural Project is one of the many projects the community is involved in and he provided council with the next nine mural drawings which will go up this year. With the financial assistance of the city for four murals and Rocky Mountain Power for four, eight of the nine are already paid for. They just need to find a sponsor for the ninth. Dan said this is a great group of kids. They are Abigail Carlos, Porter Moore, Bryndi Rigby, Mari Marillon, Sarah Thueson, Cody Abegglen, Hailie Ann Burch, Raylee Ammons, and first alternate Alisabeth Gardner. Dan explained the guidelines the youth needed to follow and talked about their work. Dan said there is space for 23 total and with these eight there will be 13 on the wall when finished. Dan and Kara provided council with a copy of the Idaho Art Lab's budgets from fiscal years 2012 and 2013. Council approved of all nine drawings. Councilmember Hill wanted to know if this

request for funding will be ongoing or do they see themselves as one day being self-sufficient. Kara said they see themselves as being self-sufficient next year. She said the move from their store front on Bridge Street was more expensive than they thought. Bob Bauer, Idaho Art Lab Board Member, invited council to come to the facility and take a tour. He said before they consider helping with the funding they should go through the facility to understand everything being provided to the community. Bauer said it is mind boggling all of the things they can do. Dan agreed, saying to please come out and see what it is they are being asked to fund. Attorney Forsberg asked if they are a 501c. Dan said they are a project of a 501c, the Idaho Art Guild. Forsberg said the concern here is how to differentiate them from any other business. Since they are a 501c it is appropriate to consider funding should council desire. Mayor Thueson said this is something the Finance Committee could look at and provide a recommendation to council. Hill said he would add this to the Finance Committee Agenda. Thueson said this will be placed on the finance Committee Agenda and on the next council's agenda for recommendation and consideration. A tour was scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 6 p.m. prior to the next council meeting. Dan thanked council for all their support.

Request for Mayor's Youth Council Scholarships/Bagley – Councilmember Bagley said since they have started the Mayor's Youth Council a number of different projects have been completed. Their first project was the Thanksgiving dinner. In December they did the Shop with a Cop program and, because of the kids, they were able to add nine more families. January they took a break, but they are right back at it working with the library and working on the food drive. There were two exceptional seniors and next Monday Bagley would like to recognize them with a small scholarship at the 9:15 a.m. school assembly. Bagley would like to provide a scholarship for these two seniors of \$300 each to help further their education or for books. Bagley believes these scholarships will be a motivation to other teens and emphasized all the service being done in the community by the Mayor's Youth Council. Mayor Thueson asked Attorney Forsberg if this is legal for the city to do. Attorney Forsberg wasn't sure and needed to check up on it to see. Councilmember Hill thought it was a good idea. Councilmember Rubert agreed. A motion to provide two \$300 scholarships to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, pending legal review, was made by Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment.

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

Draft of Bench Regulations – Attorney Forsberg provided council with a proposal to allow private parties to place benches in the city. Forsberg said this will require an ordinance and not a resolution and would like some feedback from council. Forsberg had some questions for council about some of the basic concepts, i.e. public safety on the sidewalks, bench placement, bench maintenance and concerns about absentee ownership of benches. Some other issues would be whether or not the business having the bench in front of it having any say in what is being advertised in front of their business and set backs or where are they placed on the sidewalk. Our current sidewalk ordinance prohibits these things and would need

to be amended. In addition, will these rights be transferable. Forsberg advised each person needs to be a licensed business and then each bench would require a permit. The alternative is for the city to provide the benches and sell the advertisement. The city would then have the initial cost of benches. Mayor Thueson asked Forsberg about asking the person who wants to place the bench to build it according to city specifications and then being required to donate it to the city. The city then manages the advertisements by permit and maintains them for future use. The city can then place the benches at suggested sites or wherever they are needed around the city. Thueson asked Forsberg to look at that option again and council will take it up again in two weeks with another draft.

INVOICES & CLAIMS - Payment Approval Reports were presented to Council. Clerk Parkinson reported Lenz Electric brought a bill in late and is requesting the bill be approved for payment tonight. A motion to pay the invoices and claims including the late bill from Lenz Electric was made by Councilmember Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

MINUTES – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2013 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2013 was made by Councilmember Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Smith reported the Seatbelt Grant is coming up on May 28th and ending on June 2nd. Officer Distelhorst will leave for P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training) July 7th. The same door to door salesmen from last year were in town and came without obtaining a license or background checks. They were cited and left town. Smith said the police department is reviewing ATV requirements and what is required to be licensed to drive on the roadways and are regulating them. Wal-Mart provided a \$1000 check for the Body Safety Program. Smith also provided council with the Police Summary Report.

PWS Butigan reported crews are trimming the alleys and finished today. They are now trimming up the trees in the streets. Crews are trying to crack seal whenever they can, weather permitting.

Attorney Forsberg explained the letter from Abbie Mace and the judgment document from Pacific Corp versus the Idaho State Tax Commission. The county is required to pay back to Pacific Corp that portion of taxes which were invalidated by a court decision. The total amount is \$513.57. This amount will come out of this year's tax proceeds. Council has an option to increase taxes to recover this amount. No one on council wanted to increase taxes to recover this amount.

Clerk Parkinson reminded council this Saturday, May 11, is the Henry's Fork Greenway Clean-Up Day, starting at 9 a.m. Mayor Thueson said there will be many activities and there should be a lot of participation. A lot of help is needed on the highway. Parkinson provided council with a thank you letter from High Country Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. This is the same organization the city provides funding for cloud seeding each year.

Parkinson also reminded council of the upcoming AIC Conference and asked for a final head count of those attending. She will get everyone registered and requested a count for those seeking hotel accommodations. Thueson said the Grove Hotel is a good place to stay as its within walking distance of the conference. Parkinson provided meeting minutes from the Finance Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission. A list of Zoning and Fence Permits was also provided.

COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Councilmember Rubert had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bagley had nothing to report.

Councilmember Erickson had nothing to report.

Councilmember Hill had nothing to report.

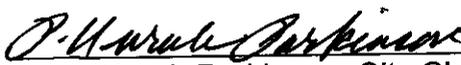
Councilmember Willmore had nothing to report.

Mayor Thueson had nothing to report.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.


Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

