

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

ABSENT: Council Members Lisa Haeberle and Rick Hill

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

Mayor Neils Thueson called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE was led by Chief Smith.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1020 S 4th W/clean-up of abandoned property/CitiFinancial, Inc. – Attorney Forsberg said proper notice has been sent. The next step is to find out who owns the major pieces of rolling stock to try and provide them an opportunity to move the items off the property. After that, it is his opinion to send in city crews to clean up the property. Forsberg said it is his understanding the real estate is owned by a bank, CitiFinancial, Inc. Forsberg will continue to work on finding out who owns the two trailers located on the property and staff will organize the clean-up once it is determined who owns the trailers. Chief Smith said Chet Angel claims he owns one of the trailers. Mayor Thueson asked Forsberg to continue to work on this to get the property cleaned up.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment.

Sherry Jackson, President of the Chamber of Commerce, was present. Jackson reported Summer Fest is coming up in August and the Annual St. Anthony Fly-in will be held in September. She said they are still trying to find members to participate the in Chamber.

There being no further public comment Mayor closed the floor.

INVOICES & CLAIMS - Payment Approval Reports were presented to Council. Clerk Parkinson provided a copy of the invoice to Environmental Dynamics International in the amount of \$78,231. This invoice is for the sewer pond's new aeration socks. This includes all parts and labor. PWS Butigan said they were really good to work with and everything is back up and running. Following some additional questions for staff, which

were satisfactorily answered, 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 – Special and Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2013 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Special and Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2013 was made by Councilmember Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Smith reported he went by the David Knowles property, 510 W Main, and there has been a lot of improvement. All vehicles except for one will be registered. Smith said he received a call from Ben Burke, Traffic Engineer of the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) District 6 in Rigby, who is working on the speed limit zone. Burke said he is working on the speed limits on East Yellowstone Highway. Burke said they also want to increase the speed limit on Bridge Street from 30 mph to 35 mph. Smith wanted to know what council's desire was about the speed limit on Bridge Street. Councilmember Erickson said he thinks 30 mph is fast enough as there is a lot of traffic and pedestrians on the street. Chief said the state determines speed limits on their highways, but would consider council's input. Mayor Thueson said the state's street in Sugar City is down to 25 mph. Councilmember Rubert said our city has experienced several incidents where pedestrians have been hit in cross walks and this would exasperate it. Rubert said Smith indicated the police department can receive a grant to patrol cross walks. Smith said there is a grant they will be working on from the 7th to the 12th which will emphasis pedestrians and bicyclers. Rubert said at an earlier Chamber meeting it was mentioned it is safer to jay-walk than to use the cross walks. Smith said there was once a flag system for crossing at intersections in the past and it didn't get much use as well as there being theft of the flags. Councilmember Bagley said our downtown is getting busier in the evenings and there is a lot of pedestrian traffic and keeping the lower speed limit just makes it safer. Bagley said increasing the speed wouldn't be beneficial. Thueson said it shouldn't be increased. Council was unanimous against increasing the speed limit, due to heavy school traffic twice a day, short blocks, businesses and residences. Smith said the DUI Grant ends tomorrow and the Aggressive Driving Grant begins the 19th. Officer Distelhorst is at P.O.S.T. Academy and reported back to Smith he is pleased it isn't as stress full as military basic training. Thueson said now that the new street is finished on 12th West people are driving faster on it. Smith said he has placed the radar trailer on the road to let people know how fast they are going. This seems to be helping. The speed limit there is 30 mph.

PWS Butigan reported the work on the sewer ponds is done and everything is running. It will be another month or two before discharging into the river can begin. Crews are working on the streets getting them ready for chip sealing. The county is looking at the last week of July to begin helping. The new buoys are in at the Sand Bar Park. The murals at Keefer Park are done and have been clear coated. Water has been turned back on at the park. Mayor Thueson said the murals look really good and are very

attractive.

Attorney Forsberg reported there was another dog bite incident which happened on the 4th of July. The person was bit on the back of the knee. The dog is impounded and Forsberg has spoken to the owner as the dog is from the county. It was a pretty serious dog bite. Staff will follow city ordinance and this sometimes leads to the destruction of the animal. Forsberg just wanted council to be aware of the incident.

Clerk Parkinson provided council with the third quarter fund summary. A condensed version of this is what will print in the paper. Parkinson also provided some emails received from the general public through the city's web site. One was in regards to the sand dunes, which Parkinson replied to, and the other was a compliment to the city on how nice the building grounds looked with the flowers and new trees. Council spoke a little bit about the email regarding the sand dunes. This person had received negative feedback from a Fremont County Deputy and some business owners and wanted to express his concerns. Council was surprised by his email and Mayor Thueson said he would mention it to the Sheriff the next time he spoke with him.

COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Councilmember Rubert had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bagley said she would like council to consider canceling the next meeting due to all the community activities surrounding Pioneer Days including the community play, family reunions and other things. Mayor Thueson said Councilmember Hill has already indicated he would be unable to attend and so there may not even be a quorum. A motion to cancel the July 25th council meeting was made by Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0. The next meeting will then be Thursday, August 8, 2013. Clerk Parkinson will post a cancelation notice.

Councilmember Willmore said it would be nice to put something into the next newsletter about the people who are taking care of the flowers. Willmore said he sees Roger Orr in the flower beds early in the morning and late at night all of the time. He said he is doing an outstanding service for the community and should be recognized, along with all the others who volunteer their time. Thueson said the newsletter also needs to have something in it regarding tall dry grass and weeds. Thueson said he has been receiving some complaints and tall grass and weeds present a fire hazard as well as depreciate a person's property and neighbor's property. It is not the city's responsibility to mow down private property grass and weeds. Property owner's need to take pride in their property and community and should take care of their property.

Mayor Thueson reported the foot bridge is still being worked on and today the city received a phone call from the Army Corp of Engineers requesting some additional information. Once the Army Corp of Engineers approves the permit the foot bridge can be placed. A company came in with a bit of a lower bid on a pre-built bridge designed

by an engineer. This bridge will be ordered and placed directly onto the footings.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.


Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

