

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS*

PRESENT: Mayor Neils Thueson, Council Members Suzanne Bagley (arrived at 6:53), Tom Erickson, Lisa Haeberle (arrived at 7:03), Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

ABSENT: Council Member Rick Hill.

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

Mayor Neils Thueson called the meeting to order.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT 6:30

Commissioner Bill Baxter reporting – Mayor Thueson thanked the commissioner for the things they have assisted the city with; including the 12th Street LRHIP (Local Rural Highway Investment Program) Project. Thueson said the design of West Main Street is underway and construction will start early spring of 2016. Commissioner Bill Baxter said they are working on the construction of US Highway 20 over Ashton Hill. Crews will work mostly at night to allow for traffic to flow better during the day. This project will require a lot of road base. Council and Baxter talked about the Del Rio Bridge and how this project is expected to start the spring of next year. The closing of the bridge will mostly affect the people living on the east side of the bridge. Emergency traffic will have to take another route around on Highway 20. Thueson said the speed limit will change on Yellowstone, past Broulim's, to 35 miles per hour from 30 miles per hour. Bridge Street will remain at 30 miles per hour. The reason this was done was it conforms to state highway recommendations. This also eliminates the 45 miles per hour section right before changing to 55 miles per hour. Thueson said the city would like the county to assist them with the proposed work at the airport. Right now city crews are currently crack sealing the taxi way and want to repair it. The city received a bid for a one inch overlay and it would cost \$165,000. Instead, the city will do a chip and seal and would like the county to assist them in doing it. The city would like to do a fog seal and if they can do this it should make the taxi way really nice. The city estimates it would cost about \$65,000. The city is paying for this with a grant through the Departments of Aeronautics. Baxter said he received a letter from the State of Idaho where a company wants to build a large building about a 100,000 square foot building. Baxter said he didn't know the name of the business. He reported this business would allegedly provide about 60 jobs. Baxter said the city should contact the county's Planner to find out more information. Thueson said the Industrial Park could provide such a place, which would include water, sewer and electricity. Baxter said they are working on the transfer station out at the landfill. The county is still looking at a water line. They are having some issues with crossing the canal and negotiating with a

property owner who wants to hook up to city services. Thueson said if there is a request for just one hook up then it probably makes sense. However, if it's a request for hook ups for a subdivision, then they would have to evaluate the request. PWS Butigan said a 12 inch line is being recommended by engineers to provide for the requested 1500 gallons a minute for fire flows. Baxter said they need a generator out there and it is looking to be cost prohibitive. They are estimating a cost of \$350,000. PWS Butigan said the city just priced out a larger generator for about \$60,000. Baxter said the transfer station is expected to be up and running in the spring. Thueson thanked Baxter for coming and to share with the other commissioners the city's thanks for everything they do.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE was led by Councilmember Erickson.

GENERAL BUSINESS 7:00

Discussion of property located at the corner of East Main and South Bridge Street (old hotel/bank building) – Kenneth Matthews was present and said since the last time he attended a council meeting they have a beauty shop in the building. Matthews said he is the caretaker of the property. He said they have completed a couple of bathrooms and plan on replacing some of the windows. There is a new roof on the building and from that point they would like to see service oriented businesses in there. They don't want a second hand store. Matthews would like to see more housing for tourists; maybe a hotel/motel. Matthews said the economic situation in St. Anthony shows they are like a lot of other cities which are suffering. He said he would like to keep the building as historical as possible. Matthews said he could get single pane glass for the windows for not much expense and then later replace them. He would like to see the project complete. However, it's all about money. He said he apologizes to the city for the eye sore, but he would like to one day see it as an asset. Thueson said their concern is the appearance of the building and St. Anthony in general. Thueson said if there were windows and some paint it would really help a lot. This building is at the main corner of St. Anthony. Thueson said he would like to see something happen there. Matthews said they put what they can into it each year and said he will continue to work on it. Thueson thanked Matthews for attending.

Ordinance Amending Burning of Refuse/2nd reading – A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance Number 2013-04 by title only, an ordinance amending Title 8, Chapter 8.12, Section 030 to update current definitions in section 030; and repealing the current 8.12.120 through 8.12.150 and adding a new section 120 regarding the burning of refuse or garbage including general restriction and recreational fires and establishing the effective date thereof was made by Councilmember Rubert and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0. Mayor Thueson read the ordinance for the second reading by title only. This ordinance will be placed on the next agenda for its third and final reading and consideration for acceptance.

Resolution for Short Term Investments – Clerk Parkinson reported she has been working with Zion's Direct regarding short term investment opportunities for what the city is currently holding in a saving's account. The city has some savings which would

fit nicely into these short term investments instead of the current savings account. The current rate the city is earning on the savings account is .10%. This is one tenth of one percent. The city also has invested in some CDs which are currently earning 1.88% until December 2, 2015. These are probably going to stay where they are, as they are earning a better rate of interest. Zion's Auction Direct is a site where FDIC insured CDs and US agencies are earning anywhere from .35% to 1.25% depending on the term. This is a secondary auction site and would require the ability of someone to create an account and log in to purchase the investments. Terms can go from two months up to two years. This would be something the city could use to place some funds from the low earning savings account, using short terms no longer than a few months out, laddering the funds. The Finance Committee met and looked over Zion's Auction Direct and has created a resolution, No. 2013-05, to allow for the online investment in short term government insured or issued securities. A recommendation is being made by the committee and Parkinson to allow for the approval of the resolution. The resolution requires two officers of the city, one being the Treasurer, to execute the investments. Attorney Forsberg read the resolution in full. A motion to accept Resolution No. 2013-5, A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Anthony, Idaho, Authorizing Online Investment in Short Term Government Insured or Issued Securities was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment.

There being no public comment Mayor closed the floor.

INVOICES & CLAIMS - Payment Approval Reports were presented to Council. Following some questions for staff, which were satisfactorily answered, a motion to pay the invoices and claims was made by Councilmember Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Haeberle. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

MINUTES – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2013 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2013 was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Smith reported receiving the new patrol vehicle. There is a moose roaming around the east side of town and so everyone needs to keep their eye out for it. It is a small moose about a year old. The department has been monitoring it. Fish and Game are not very concerned about it.

PWS Butigan reported they are crack sealing the airport and will continue as long as weather permits. This year's budget allows for a new generator and Butigan has

received an estimate of \$49,100 for the generator and \$28,417 for the supplies. The total is \$77,517. The city budgeted \$95,000. Butigan wanted to know if this has to go out for a formal bid since the total is over \$50,000. Attorney Forsberg said the generator could be bid out separately, one for the generator and then one for the supplies. Mayor Thueson said what would it hurt to bid it out. Forsberg said the state puts out bid proposals all the time and the city could use one as a template. Councilmember Willmore said it is a good idea to see what else is out there. Butigan said sometimes the cheapest isn't always the best. Thueson said they will look at it. Forsberg said the lowest responsible bidder gets it, so creating the specifications is important to ensure the city is getting exactly what it needs. This does not cover the installation, wiring and the cement pad. It is possible to get as many as five estimates. Forsberg said the law requires three estimates. Butigan said he would contact some vendors for estimates and bring those back to council to see what they look like. Butigan said he looked into upgrading the rest of the windows in the city building and it would cost about \$18,000. There are a total of 22 windows left to upgrade. The budget has about \$35,000 for building maintenance. Mayor Thueson told Butigan to discuss some of these budget items for building maintenance with Councilmember Hill.

Attorney Forsberg had nothing to report.

Clerk Parkinson had nothing to report.

COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Councilmember Rubert reported the Chamber of Commerce had their meeting and their next meeting will be November 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chamber Offices. They will hold elections at this meeting. There was a show of support at the last meeting and so it looks like everything will move forward.

Councilmember Bagley reported meeting with two High School Seniors regarding the Mayor's Youth Council, Brady Robinson and Larae Ashcraft. Both seniors will be the liaison for the Mayor's Youth Council. They plan on attending a council meeting in the future to introduce themselves. They talked about service projects, one being the Free Thanksgiving Dinner and the Shop with a Cop Program. They did have some concerns about bullying issues and suggested a poster contest. They would like to have the city council judge them. Council thought it was an excellent idea and everyone was in favor of it.

Councilmember Erickson had nothing to report.

Councilmember Haeberle had nothing to report.

Councilmember Willmore had nothing to report.

Mayor Thueson had nothing to report.

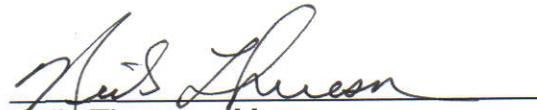
EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE (a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent – A motion to enter into an executive session pursuant to provisions of Idaho Code 67-2345, subsection 1 (a) was made by Councilmember Rubert and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. A roll call vote followed with Councilmember Rubert, yes; Bagley, yes; Erickson, yes; Haeberle, yes; and Willmore, yes. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Thueson requested everyone leave the room except for council and Attorney Forsberg.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayor opened the meeting back into general business.

Discussion of Retiring Chief of Police and/or Appointing a New Chief – Mayor Thueson recommended to council the appointment of Officer Terry Harris as his selection for Chief of Police upon the retirement of Chief Smith. Smith’s last day will be January 15, 2014. A motion to support Thueson’s selection to appoint Officer Harris as the new Chief of Police upon the retirement of Chief Smith was made by Councilmember Rubert and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0. Officer Harris was present and said he hopes he can continue to take the department in the same direction it is currently going. Thueson agreed and thanked Harris.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.



Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:



Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

