

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2014, 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, Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

ABSENT: Council Member Rick Hill.

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Bill Forsberg, City Clerk/Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Police Chief Terry Harris, and 16 others in the audience. Public Works Superintendent Scott Butigan was in training in Boise.

Mayor Neils Thueson called the meeting to order. Thueson said Councilmember Hill asked to be excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE was led by Councilmember Willmore.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Boy Scout Troup No. 163 Citizenship Badge – Mayor Thueson welcomed Boy Scout Troup No. 163. The boys introduced themselves saying they were present to work on their Citizenship in the Community Badge. Thueson said he was glad all of them were here. Thueson encouraged the boys to continue in their scouting and to work on their Eagle Badge.

Eagle Scout Project/James Bagley – James Bagley introduced himself as the son of Lane and Suzanne Bagley of St. Anthony. Bagley said he is a freshman at South Fremont High School and currently serving as Freshman Class President. He said he plays football, wrestles and runs track. Bagley said he is very interested in receiving permission to start an Eagle Project with the city. He would like to work on a “Welcome” sign that says “Welcome to St. Anthony”. Bagley provided council with some examples of signs from Sugar City. Bagley said the city should have a sign to show we are proud of who we are and where we are from. Councilmember Willmore asked how much money it would take. Bagley said he is still looking at prices. Council members all agreed this is a very important project. Councilmember Erickson asked Bagley to come back to council with estimated prices and estimates on how much he expects to raise and how much he expects the city to provide. Thueson said this is a really good project and asked how he is planning on raising money. Bagley said he is in the planning stage and needs approval first from the city to start his project. Thueson said he has council’s approval and when he comes back to council to also come back with a plan on where he would like to see the sign. Bagley said he would. Thueson complimented him on his presentation.

2014 Arbor Day Proclamation – Mayor Thueson proclaimed 2014 Arbor Day by

reading the 2014 Arbor Day Proclamation in full. Arbor Day will be held in the city Friday, April 25, 2014. The city will plant trees as they do each year.

Discuss bids received for Generator and VFD/Approve or Reject Bids/Butigan –

Mayor Thueson said there were four bids received for the generator and variable frequency drive (VFD). The bids were opened Monday and one bid failed to bid on the VFD, so it was thrown out. The other three bids all came in over the amount the city budgeted. The city budgeted \$90,000. The bids came in at \$100,000, \$117,000 and \$123,000 and change. Thueson said he spoke with Public Work Superintendent Butigan and after some lengthy discussions and consideration they thought maybe the better alternative would be to put in a “soft start”, instead of the VFD. Thueson described how a soft start would operate. This would then probably make the bids come in closer to the budgeted amount. Council agreed they would like to stay within the budget and place in a soft start, since that would also decrease the amount of electricity used. A soft start would provide savings on electricity and probably pay for itself. Thueson proposed re-bidding with specifications of providing a soft start instead of a VFD. Council agreed to re-bidding with specifications for a soft start.

Idaho Art Lab/Report & Update/Daniel Hidalgo –

Daniel and Kara Hidalgo thanked the city for their support and how good having the Art Lab is for the entire community. In addition, Fremont County has agreed to support them for another six months. Daniel said it is always a tight vote with the County Commissioners and asked if anyone were to contact them to let them know how thankful they are for their assistance. Last month Kara completed leadership training with the Idaho Commission on the Arts. This is a real big honor as only 12 leaders are invited each year to attend. What’s been going on at the Art Lab is the recent Shawn Williams Showcase, a BYU graduate from Sugar City. Daniel provided council with an article, out of the Post Register, showing what a success the Big Art Expo was. Daniel described the event. Arts and Ed is what is going on right now. They have partnered with Henry’s Fork Elementary and Daniel provided some of the artwork to show. One was a painting done by a second grader, which was truly remarkable. Cowboy Poetry is coming up and they will help with this as well by doing their Western Art Show at the same time. Don Goodwin from Mountain Home is the next Artist in Residency. They will be inviting Steven Hatcher from the Idaho Commission on the Arts. He is a folk art expert from Boise. The next Artist in Residence will be Don Goodwin from Mountain Home doing some lapidary work. He said they are also inviting Daniel Burrup, a potter, from Shelley. Burrup will be “throwing” pots and giving a demonstration and workshop on double walled pottery. Daniel also provided a couple of letters of support including one from the Governor. Mayor Thueson asked if they will continue to work on the wall in Keefer Park. They said yes and April is when they begin the process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment. Mayor thanked everyone for coming.

Phil Winters, of St. Anthony, said he has some concerns about the leadership of the city council and thought probably another time to address this would be better. Mayor Thueson said that would be just fine and to get on the agenda. Winters said he has tried that and was rejected. He said in his opinion the leadership of city council is micro managed and he is concerned about that. Winters said he thinks there are three people here who are more or less trying to run it their own way and he doesn't know if the rest of the people know what's been going on or not. Winters then said he is not here to give anyone any trouble. Thueson said okay and advised him to get on the agenda and council would listen to him then. Thueson then thanked Winters.

Kara Hidalgo said she knows someone that would help with the Welcome to St. Anthony sign. Hidalgo suggested contact with Burch Drake, councilmember of Sugar City. Hidalgo said Drake was a great help in the signs at Sugar City. Drake is also a volunteer at the Idaho Art Lab.

There being no other comment, Mayor closed the floor.

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

MINUTES – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2014 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2014 was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Harris reported meeting with some representatives of the Sheriff's Office, Fish and Game and the County Commissioners regarding putting in a public range at the landfill where the public can shoot. Some funding for this is coming from Fish and Game. The plan is to place the range next to the city's police range. It is a win-win for the police department because the current range faces east and housing is beginning to develop there. The new range will face north where there are no buildings to be concerned about. The city's donation is to allow them using a portion of our range for public use. Financially the city doesn't need to put anything into it. There will be a range for law enforcement and a pistol range and rifle range for the public. Harris presented Councilmember Rubert with the Level Two Reserve Certificate. This comes from the training he completed in Idaho Falls through Bonneville County. Harris said both Rubert and Mayor Thueson volunteered to become Level Two Reserves for the city which means they could be called on in cases of emergencies were extra officers are needed. An example of this might be a natural disaster.

Attorney Forsberg reported about asking to be placed on the South Fremont School

Board Agenda regarding the St. Anthony Mini Park. These are the tennis courts on fourth north. This came about because of an attempt to get some grant money from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to help improve our parks. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation said the school district wasn't keeping up with its obligations on a grant done in 1978 for the Mini Park and thus any application from the city wouldn't be looked at favorably. The school district has preliminarily come back with a couple of opportunities for the city. One such scenario involves giving the tennis courts to the city for the city to maintain, including the entire block. This obligation would be perpetual and would never end and would require the city to maintain an open space park acceptable to the state. This is something that will be coming to the council in the future and Forsberg said he would report back after attending the school board meeting.

Clerk Parkinson reported the city once again completed the ICRMP Risk Management Discount Program earning a five percent discount on their insurance rates. This equates to a savings of around \$2500. Parkinson also reported on attending the HUD Consortium Meeting in Rexburg last week and the Henry's Fork Watershed Council Meeting in Island Park on Tuesday. She provided a brief summary of the agenda items and invited council to attend any of the meetings in the future. Parkinson also reminded everyone to "Go Green" by signing up for e-bills or paperless billing.

COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Councilmember Rubert had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bagley reminded everyone the Mayor's Youth Council will be at the next meeting. There are two seniors on the council who are preparing college applications and may be requesting letters of recommendation from the Mayor and Council for their service on the Mayor's Youth Council. They have one last project they are working on and will provide information at the next council meeting.

Councilmember Erickson had nothing to report.

Councilmember Haeberle had nothing to report.

Councilmember Willmore reported there are some runway lights that need to be repaired. In addition, the rotating beacon is no longer rotating. It appears as though the motor is broken. Parkinson said a work order will be created and given to PWS Butigan.

Mayor Thueson reported Leishman Electric has a monitoring system on their telephones with cameras and asked Chief Harris to call them about pricing and how it's done. Harris said he understands it is being done by the Internet. Thueson said he needs to find out what this cost and to look into how this might work for the city. Harris said anyone interested in seeing how the range will be laid out he can show everyone by pulling it up on google earth.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE 67-2345, subsection 1 (b) –
There was no motion to go into executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m. by Mayor Thueson


Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

