

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 24, 2014, 7:00 p.m.  
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS*

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

**ABSENT:** Council Member Suzanne Bagley.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Attorney Bill Forsberg, City Clerk/Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Police Chief Terry Harris, Public Works Superintendent Scott Butigan and 14 others in the audience.

Mayor Neils Thueson called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE** was led by Boy Scout Cash Crane.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment. Mayor thanked everyone for coming and requested those present to stand up and introduce themselves and the reason they are attending tonight's meeting.

Nathan Crane, Boy Scout, stood up and introduced himself saying he was here to earn his Citizenship in Community Merit Badge.

Cash Crane, Boy Scout, said he was also here to earn his Citizenship in Community Merit Badge.

Mayor Thueson reminded the boy scouts to work towards their Eagle Badge and the importance of what they were doing.

There being no other comment, Mayor closed the floor.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Ace Hardware Request to Lease Portion of Parking Lot/Nathan Wadsworth or Daniel Moldenhauer** – Nathan Wadsworth, employee of Ace Hardware, said they want to put up a greenhouse in the city's parking lot behind their building. This greenhouse would take up four parking spaces, 20' x 20'. The greenhouse would be there from the beginning of May and to go through the summer. It will be a temporary structure to be taken down in the fall. A diagram was projected for council to look at where the greenhouse would be placed. Councilmember Erickson asked if they have spoken to any of the other businesses which use the parking lot. Wadsworth said they haven't spoken to the other businesses, but last year they were okay with it. Mayor Thueson

asked if the parking lot was ever full. Wadsworth said he has never seen it full. Councilmember Haerberle said the only time she has seen the parking lot full was during Summer Fest. Thueson asked how much they would be willing to pay for the lease. Wadsworth said his boss, Moldenhauer, suggested \$100 per season. Thueson asked if they would be interested in tending to the three flower beds in the parking lot instead. He thought they could plant the flowers and take care of them through the summer. Donna Forsberg, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee, said she understands the Chamber of Commerce is in charge of those particular flower beds. She said she also has a bid for someone to take care of the flower beds. She thought it would cost more than \$100 to take care of those flowers. Councilmember Rubert said this is in the Chamber's plan. However, they are short of volunteers and materials for all those flower beds and would welcome any help received. Rubert said he believed the maintenance of those three flower beds would be over \$100 and if they are willing to care for them for the season everyone wins. Councilmember Erickson thought this was a good idea. Councilmember Haerberle agreed. Councilmember Hill also agreed. Thueson asked Wadsworth to bring back a plan. Wadsworth asked if they could set the greenhouse up now to bring the plants in and provide a plan next week. A motion to allow a lease for a 20' x 20' greenhouse to be placed over four parking spaces as described in the provided diagram in exchange for caring for the three flower beds in the parking lot was made by Councilmember Rubert and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

**Flower Bed Bids/Donna Forsberg** – Donna Forsberg, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee, presented to council the different bids and options for the flower beds in the city. Three different proposals were provided. One from Northfork Nursery of St. Anthony, Spruce It Up Landscape of Rexburg and Merrill Landscape of Rexburg. Each proposal was slightly different. Forsberg said plan one was to accept the proposal made by Northfork Nursery of \$6,400 which doesn't include watering or fertilizing, bark or mulch. Plan two is to accept Spruce It Up's offer of \$11,590, but this has gone down to \$10,055 if you take out Ace Hardware. Forsberg said it is hard to compare and decide since the bids have differing amounts of perennial plants and flats of flowers. Spruce It Up didn't include any annuals. Mayor Thueson said he asked Forsberg to look for alternatives for the flowers since the Chamber of Commerce appears to be struggling. These flower beds are city property. The Chamber tried really hard and they have done a really good job, but it is getting harder and harder for them. Thueson said if you want the town to look good then we need to look good. The Chamber is even talking about this being the last year for the Free Fisherman's Breakfast. Thueson said he would rather see the Chamber put its efforts into the Fisherman's Breakfast and the city take care of the flowers. There are three proposals in front of council for them to look at and decide which way to go and decide how to finance it. Councilmember Willmore said when the city was doing this before it was spending around \$20,000 per year. These proposals are much lower. Willmore said he was on council when it was decided to get rid of the flowers. He has heard more about this than anything else. Many people want the flowers back. Willmore said he hates to see the flowers go. The city had to do what it did when they did it. Now, the city is in a better financial position. There is a contingency in the budget. Willmore said he would like to see the city's

money spent within the city. Forsberg said Spruce It Up is willing to purchase the flowers from Northfork Nursery and they would maintain them. Willmore had concerns Northfork Nursery was short on manpower. Councilmember Rubert said Northfork Nursery has a history with the city and desires to continue their pursuit to maintain the flower beds at least at the on and off ramps by the highway. Thueson said Northfork did some of those beds on their own last year. Rubert said he would like to give the local businesses the opportunity to serve. Clerk Parkinson said the city has in the past, when they purchased the flowers spent around \$2,000. This was for annuals. Councilmember Erickson thought the proposals presented were reasonable and the flowers should be pursued. Councilmember Haeberle said she agrees this should be kept local. Spring is coming and the flowers will look nice. Councilmember Hill said he knows flowers were not budgeted for. Parkinson said a contingency has been budgeted for and council can decide to spend some of it for the flowers. Hill said he likes Northfork and the city should stick with them. Willmore said the flowers should be purchased from Northfork and contract out someone else to do the maintenance. Rubert said the proposal from Northfork looks like a packaged deal and they will do the maintenance. Thueson said he would like to see everything done locally. Rubert asked if the proposals could be split up. Thueson said he would like to see a professional landscaper doing the landscaping. This year there is an initial cost and next year the cost should go down as this year has so many shrubs and perennials. Erickson said if Northfork can commit to doing all the work then we should let them do it. Thueson said all of these proposals take care of everything south of the river. Everything north of the river is being taken care of by the Chamber. Businesses should be taking care of things right in front of them. Following further discussion of differences in proposals a motion to authorize the Mayor to go with Northfork Nursery and to discuss with them a proposal closer to the other two with fertilizing, watering, planting, taking care of them, cleaning up in the fall, with a comparable cost of annuals, shrubs and perennials (88 flats of flowers and about 150 perennials or better) and to move the current perennials away from the fence and to do this before the next council meeting was made by Willmore and seconded by Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

**Request for Prayer at Council Meetings** – This is a tabled item from last council meeting. Mayor Thueson asked each member of council for their opinion. Councilmember Willmore said he is good either way. Willmore relayed a story from his fifth grade school teacher, Mrs. Orville, saying she brought in a story about Red Skeleton about the Pledge of Allegiance. He remembers the words “one nation under God” and we should remember him and include him in on all our decisions. Willmore said he would probably be in favor of doing a prayer as long as it doesn’t cause a big rift with anyone else and he would be willing to offer a prayer. Councilmember Hill said he feels a lot in the same way and would vote in favor of it. Councilmember Haeberle says she is still not in favor. She would be totally fine with a moment of silence where we could all offer our own form of meditation or prayer. Councilmember Erickson said he is in favor of it and it should be opened up to the entire community to participate should they want. Councilmember Rubert said he agrees and is certainly not opposed and would be willing to offer the prayer himself. Rubert said he believes we need to

consider other's feelings and could support either direction. Thueson said the way he would want it to be done, should council vote in favor of prayer, he would like to see individuals come to him to say they would be in favor of offering a prayer. Anyone who would like to volunteer could do this and it would be opened up to all denominations. Thueson said he feels we have had a lot of help in the last four years, because the city has done very well, and he thanks the man up above. Rubert said as a matter of public notice and to perpetuate continuity to invite other leaders or denominations. A motion to have a prayer to begin each council meeting by invitation was made by Willmore and seconded by Erickson. Four council members present were in favor and one was opposed (Haeberle). Motion passed 4-1.

**Generator Bids/Butigan** – Public Works Superintendent Butigan said a request for bids was advertised for the generator for the city building and water pump. The bids were opened Monday April 14<sup>th</sup>. A list of the results was given to each council member. There was a total of seven bids of which two qualified. One was from EC Power Systems for \$86,347 and the other from Energy Management for \$83,594. \$90,000 was budgeted. This is with the soft start. Mayor Thueson asked how much it will cost to install. Butigan thought a good estimate would be about \$10,000 or less. This would include concrete pad, conduit, all the wiring and installation. The installation would include hooking it up to the well house and the city building. Once everything is hooked up Energy Management would come up and ensure everything is properly hooked up and the generator and transfer switches work. Energy Management is a company located in Boise. They do have a service technician located as close as Pocatello. EC Power Systems is located in Boise. Butigan didn't know if they have a technician any closer. A motion to accept Energy Management's bid of \$83,594 and pursue the installation was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present approved. Motion passed 5-0.

**Airport Resurfacing Proposals/Willmore** – Councilmember Willmore said the city has a \$100,000 grant from ITD (Idaho Transportation Department) to resurface the airport taxiway and runway. The city has to come up with 25% of the \$100,000 as a match. Match may be "in-kind" work. Willmore said the match should be easy to get to. Last council they talked about the two proposals for the work, one from Imperial Asphalt of \$53,925 and the other from Klinger Asphalt of \$47,151. PWS Butigan said after finding out some different facts about the application of the product and what could happen if it was applied too heavily the city asked Imperial Asphalt to provide a quote equivalent to Klinger's. Klinger, on the runway, was proposing a spray coat and not a squeegee coat. A squeegee coat is laid on heavier and there is a possibility it may peel up or make the runway real slick. Mayor Thueson said he has also spoken to Paul Scoresby of Schiess and Associates and Scoresby concurred with Butigan's conclusion. Having a slick runway is a concern when landing an airplane. Now with the proposals being the same, Klinger comes in as the lowest bidder. Butigan said both vendors say their product is superior to the others. Butigan said he just doesn't know since he hasn't done much of this type of work on airport runways or taxiways. However, with the new bids it is looking at the same application. The difference is \$6,000 more. Willmore recommended Klinger Asphalt for this application. Willmore said there are other

improvements which could be done to bring the total of work up and over the grant amount. Other improvements will be made to try and maximize the grant funds. Butigan said they will work on extending the taxi way and complete some asphaltting needed on the taxiway. A motion to accept Klinger Asphalt's bid of \$47,151 which also includes striping, was made by Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Hill. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Thueson, seeing there were more people in the audience, opened the floor for public comment.

Matt and Jed Blanchard, residents of the city, introduced themselves and Jed said he is a boy scout working on getting his communications merit badge. Mayor Thueson asked Matt how the ball diamonds look. Matt said they are looking really good.

There being no other comment, Mayor closed the floor.

**INVOICES & CLAIMS** - Payment Approval Reports were presented to Council. Council had a few questions regarding the invoices. One invoice to Newdale Towing was questioned. Chief Harris said this invoice is an error and belongs to Fremont County Sheriff's. A motion to pay the invoices, less the Newdale Towing invoice, was made by Councilmember Rubert and seconded by Councilmember Haeberle. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

**MINUTES** – Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2014 were presented to council. Councilmember Erickson said only the odd pages of the minutes were present in the packet. Clerk Parkinson apologized and said she will reprint them and place those minutes into the next council meeting.

**Ace Hardware Request to Lease Portion of Parking Lot/Nathan Wadsworth or Daniel Moldenhauer Ace Continued** - Nathan Wadsworth said he would like council to withdraw their motion to lease the four parking spaces for the greenhouse in exchange for the caretaking of the flower beds. Wadsworth said his boss, after speaking to him, would rather just pay the city \$100 for the use of the spaces. A motion to withdraw the earlier motion and allow Ace Hardware the four parking spaces in the back of their building in the city parking lot to set up a greenhouse for the spring/summer season for \$100 was made by Councilmember Haeberle and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Chief Harris** reported he is working on next year's budget. The department is in the midst of an aggressive driving grant. They are also stopping and addressing vehicles with tinted windows. The department will issue "fix it tickets". The standard must be 35% plus or minus 3%. At 5%, which is considered limousine tint, it is so dark people at

night have to roll their windows down to see what is behind them. Mayor Thueson asked Harris to tell his officers thank you for everything they do.

**PWS Butigan** reported they are working on crack sealing the airport, weather permitting. The flower beds at the north end of the freeway bridge have no water because a valve has broken. In order to make the repair the city must complete an "Encroachment Permit" because this is work on or near the state highway. The permit has requirements. In order to meet the standards set by the state the city must have the work they want done engineered. The engineering will cost the city around \$1800 to \$1900. The boring to place in the water line will cost around \$3000, depending on the type of rock. If lava rock is there, it may cost more. Butigan wanted to know if council wants to spend upwards of \$5,000 to get water to these flower beds. Mayor Thueson asked Clerk Parkinson to show council some of the options. Parkinson projected a couple of photos showing native grasses and rocks located in a dry area. Thueson said to make the repairs, anyone coming north would have a hard time getting in to town as the ramp would have to be closed and the Del Rio Bridge will also be closed. He didn't think it is something the city will be able to do this year. Councilmember Erickson asked if this is the only thing the water is used for. Butigan said the water would only be used to water the flowers. Parks Chair Donna Forsberg said she could ask Northfork Nursery if they have any ideas for dry landscaping with grasses. Council all agreed to sit on this for a year and have our chosen landscaper create some sort of dry landscaping there

**Attorney Forsberg** reported receiving email from the Fremont County School Board Attorney Scott Marotz regarding the St. Anthony Mini Park or the tennis courts. Marotz is inquiring about what the city might propose. If the city does not want to do anything with the tennis courts nor the block in question would they be interested in withdrawing from the agreement they are a party to so the school board can look at finding someone else to take care of the tennis courts, such as Fremont County or the City of Ashton. Forsberg said he did advise Marotz he didn't believe the city was interested in bringing the tennis courts up to standard, due to the cost. However, if the school board was willing to bring it up to standard then the city may have some interest in taking over that obligation. Forsberg thought the school board was meeting this coming Thursday. Mayor Thueson said if they brought the tennis courts up to a reasonable condition then the city would entertain taking care of the entire block. The city already maintains some tennis courts on the south side of town. The city will still need to put some money into the block with a sprinkler system, including watering and mowing. It is a pretty nice piece of property and the tennis courts need to stay there based on the agreement with IDPR (Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation). The field gets used a lot and so do the tennis courts. Councilmember Hill said he doesn't see the school board taking care of anything or bringing it up to a reasonable repair. A motion to give Mayor Thueson the authority to attend the next school board meeting to propose the school board bring the tennis courts up to a reasonable, acceptable condition then the city would consider taking the entire block off their hands was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

**Clerk/Treasurer Parkinson** reported Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center (EIRMC) has decided to terminate its contract with Aetna. If the contract dispute continues, beginning July 1, 2014, Parkinson said she will notify the city employees that EIRMC is no longer a PPO network provider and will refer employees to Bingham Memorial Hospital or Portneuf Medical Center for elected procedures. Mayor Thueson will be sending a letter to the CEO of EIRMC to try and encourage him to reconsider the contract. Parkinson reported a thank you note was received from former Mayor Bill Beck and provided a copy for council. High Country Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. (RC&D) is requesting all council members complete a survey. Once the survey is complete Parkinson will collect them and get them returned. A copy of the second quarter of the fiscal year financial statement was provided to council along with the fund summary ending March 31, 2014. Parkinson reported she is currently working with staff on next year's budget and will prepare a work sheet for the Finance Committee. A work meeting will be scheduled probably Monday, May 12, 2014 to meet with the Finance Committee.

### **COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS**

**Councilmember Rubert** had nothing to report.

**Councilmember Erickson** had nothing to report.

**Councilmember Haeberle** had nothing to report.

**Councilmember Hill** had nothing to report.

**Councilmember Willmore** reported the airport beacon has been fixed for \$66. Willmore said he replaced the motor himself.

**Mayor Thueson** had nothing to report.

**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 9:00 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.

  
Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

