

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 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, Rick Hill, Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

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

Mayor Thueson called the meeting to order.

PRAYER was offered by Councilmember Rubert. (This is a non-denominational offering and anyone who would like to offer prayer may do so by request.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE was led by City Attorney Forsberg.

PUBLIC HEARING

2014/15 Budget Hearing – Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment on the proposed 2014/15 Budget. No one signed in to speak either for, against or neutrally and no one come forward from the audience to speak. City Clerk/Treasurer Parkinson reported the council may choose to take a three percent increase in taxes should they choose to do so. Councilmember Hill said the Finance Committee reviewed taking the three percent increase and decided against taking it this year as General Fund Reserves are in a good position. They also reviewed the Water, Sewer and Sanitation Funds and felt like small increases should be taken to continue to fund depreciation, reserves and operational increases. A one percent increase in water revenue, a three percent increase in sewer revenue and a one percent increase in sanitation revenue are built into the 2014/15 budget. Parkinson reviewed with council the proposed increases which would begin in October. Councilmember Rubert said with the increases in water, sewer and sanitation it might be a good idea to give the tax payers a break on property taxes. Councilmember Bagley said as a member of the Finance Committee it is important to have enough in reserves should an emergency occur there is funding available so there would be no need to go to the taxpayers for a large increase. Bagley said, personally as a household, it is easier to take a little increase versus a \$50 or \$75 increase and then it's a panic. Councilmember Erickson said as a member of the Finance Committee he also agrees with the revenue increases. Councilmember Haeberle said she supports what the Finance Committee came up with and thinks the budget looks good. Councilmember Willmore said if the Finance Committee reviewed the increases and feel like we need the additional revenue then he is good with it as it's not that big of an increase. Thueson said costs are going up and there will certainly be an increase in Sanitation expenses. Willmore said no one's wages are going up. Hill said the city did take a three percent increase in taxes last year and with no increase

this year and with the increases in sanitation revenue he feels good with it. Thueson said the city is running really well with some money in the bank and so it is warranted the council not increase the tax levy. Thueson again asked if anyone from the public would like to comment. There being no comment from the public Thueson closed the public hearing.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval of the 2014/15 Budget Ordinance No. 2014-02 2015 Fiscal Year Final Appropriation Budget – Mayor Thueson said the first item for business was to approve the 2014/15 Budget with Ordinance Number 2014-02. This ordinance reflects no tax levy increase. A motion to suspend the reading of Ordinance Number 2014-02 on three different days and the ordinance be read one time by title only was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All councilmembers were in favor. Motion passed 6-0. The ordinance was read by title only by Willmore. A motion to adopt Ordinance Number 2014-02 the 2015 Fiscal Year Final Appropriation Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014, appropriating the sum of \$5,465,434 to defray the expenses and liabilities of the City of St. Anthony was made by Councilmember Hill and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. A roll call vote followed with Councilmember Willmore, yes; Hill, yes; Haeberle, yes; Erickson, yes; Bagley, yes; and Rubert, yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Approve Resolution 2014-03 Adopting a new Water rate for Water Services – Councilmember Hill read Resolution 2014-03 Adopting a New Water Rate for Water Services in full. A motion to adopt Resolution 2014-03 was made by Councilmember Rubert and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All councilmembers were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

Approve Resolution 2014-04 Adopting a new Sewer rate for Sewer Services – Councilmember Haeberle read Resolution 2014-04 Adopting a New Sewer Rate for Sewer Services in full. A motion to adopt Resolution 2014-04 was made by Councilmember Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Hill. All councilmembers were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

Approve Resolution 2014-05 Adopting a new Sanitation/Garbage rate for Sanitation/Garbage services – Councilmember Erickson read Resolution 2014-05 Adopting a New Sanitation/Garbage Rate for Sanitation/Garbage Services in full. A motion to adopt Resolution 2014-05 was made by Councilmember Haeberle and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All councilmembers were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion of Sand Bar Park Retaining Wall Repair and redirecting funds – Mayor Thueson said he and PWS Butigan have been looking at the retaining wall at the Sand Bar Park. The concrete has been eroded and washed out pretty badly. If it isn't repaired and falls in then the city would have to close the park and the expense to repair it would be much greater than if it was repaired now. Butigan said to repair it now would

cost around \$3500 to \$4000. It requires digging down below the water line and pouring in some concrete behind the wall. Now is the time to do it with water at its lowest point. If the city waits then the erosion may be even worse and it may cave off. The problem is this is not a budgeted item in the Parks Department. Butigan said it needs to be addressed now because if next spring is anything like it was two years ago the wall may be lost. The best time would be when school starts as then there would be less use of the park then. In addition, when the power plant starts up that will also bring the water level up a bit making it more difficult to make the repair. Councilmember Erickson said there is not a lot of room between the wall and the water. There used to be quite a bit of sand and the sand is now gone. Erickson wondered if dumping more sand there to fill in the hole would maintain the wall. Butigan said in the past that has been done, but the sand only washes away each year. Usually, the city will dump between 60 and 70 yards of sand. Once the kids dig in it and the water washes it away it looks no different. Going under it with cement will mean the water will wash up against the cement and not under it, as it is doing now. Clerk Parkinson said the city has a contingency fund in this year's budget which would cover the expense of the repair. Council just needs to approve the use of the contingency for this purpose. All the council members agreed to have this repair done and to have the money moved from contingency to the parks department for this purpose. Erickson asked if more sand will be dumped there. Butigan said they will, next spring, bring in more sand.

Discussion of alley way W 3rd S (Brown's & Butterfield's) parking

problem/concerns with EMS and recreational use/possible signage – Mayor Thueson said there is an alley which runs between Brown's and Butterfields (W 3rd S). Thueson said there is also a park there and the Brown's are concerned with people parking in the alley to use the park. It is prohibited by city code to park in an alley, section 10.20.030. The police department should be notified when people are parking in the alley and warnings or citations will be issued to the offenders. Chief Harris said he has never received one call about people parking in the alley. Thueson said placing a sign probably won't make any difference. Councilmember Hill asked if there is available parking for the park. PWS Butigan said there is parking available for about eight cars. Harris said it is a small park where people go to play basketball. Butigan said signing the alley way would cost about \$200. Thueson suggested before purchasing signs the police department should first begin issuing citations. Harris said the police department will check the alley way. Councilmember Willmore asked about having something placed in the city newsletter reminding people about the ordinance. Everyone agreed this was a good idea. Clerk Parkinson said something would be in the next newsletter addressing the current ordinance of no parking in the alley-ways.

Discussion of Allowing or Banning Dogs in City Parks – Mayor Thueson said there has been some concern of dogs in city parks. Thueson wanted to know if council had any interest in banning dogs from city parks or from certain city parks. Thueson said if you are going to ban dogs somewhere it should be from the Sand Bar Park. Chief Harris said the current city ordinance requires dogs be leashed and to be picked up after. Harris said a complaint was received and so he contacted juvenile probation who set up a detail of juveniles who picked up the park. Harris said you wouldn't believe

how much there was to be picked up. Harris said it is an issue. Councilmember Rubert asked what the city would need to do to impose a ban. Attorney Forsberg said it would be a change in the city ordinance which would require a public hearing. Council may consider banning from just the Sand Bar Park or Keefer Park. Councilmember Hill said the city has a current ordinance now and if we can't enforce it then why create another ordinance. Harris said the difference is officers have to sit and watch to make sure someone picks up after the dog versus if they just see a dog they can issue a citation. Hill said maybe signs should be used indicating people need to pick up after their dogs. Willmore thought signs would be a good idea to remind people. Councilmember Erickson said a reminder in the city newsletter would be good. Rubert thought notice in the newsletter and signs should be done first then council could always change the ordinance if it doesn't improve. Councilmember Bagley said she likes that idea. Councilmember Haeberle said she likes the idea of banning dogs from the Sand Bar Park. Haeberle said she can understand why dogs and small children may not mix well at the Sand Bar Park and small children can be scared of dogs. Councilmember Hill said he likes the idea of putting something in the newsletter and placing signs in the parks about having dogs leashed. Councilmember Willmore said he suspects that the dogs which are causing problems are not on leashes and the leash law should be enforced first. He thinks if this is done it may solve the problem of people not picking up after their dogs. He also likes the idea of giving the public a notice and a chance by putting something in the newsletter. Thueson instructed Harris to begin by enforcing the city's current leash law. Harris had a question about dogs being under the control of an owner without a leash. Attorney Forsberg said section 6.08.090 addresses a Running at Large Exception where the city council may designate areas of a public park for the use of such areas for the training or exercise of dogs where such areas need not be controlled by leash or chain. Forsberg said at this time there are no such designated areas by city council so Harris can fully enforce the leash law with dogs running at large.

Cancel next meeting for Summer Fest – Clerk Parkinson said the next regular scheduled council meeting takes place the same night as Summer Fest, Thursday, August 28. Parkinson suggested council may want to consider cancelling the next meeting as everyone may want to participate in the Summer Fest activities. A motion to cancel the next scheduled council meeting, Thursday, August 28, 2014 was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Thueson said the city doesn't cancel meetings just to cancel them. He said he feels like council needs to represent the city at Summer Fest and attend the activities.

INVOICES & CLAIMS - Payment Approval Reports were presented to Council. Following some questions which were satisfactory answered by staff, a motion to pay the invoices and claims was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

MINUTES - Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2014 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2014 was made by Councilmember Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Haeberle. All

council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment. There being no comments from the public Thueson closed the floor for public comment.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Harris reported there was a small problem at the 100 Foot Drag Races but felt everything was resolved to everyone's satisfaction. On August 7th there was a meeting of the newly formed Fremont County Sportsman's Club where board members were elected. This club will be in charge of the new shooting range. They are requesting some assistance from the city in the building of the range. The range will be used for both law enforcement and city residents. Mayor Thueson said the city should try and participate and help out where they can since it is open to city residents and law enforcement use. Thueson said with the opening of this shooting range it should hopefully reduce some of the garbage from people shooting out in the county. Harris said he has a request for some defense training for women in the community. Harris said he is looking into some classes and will be offering a basic course specifically designed for women and tentatively scheduled for October 20, 21 and 22nd, three hours for three nights. This would be at no cost for the community other than the officer's time for the class.

PWS Butigan reported the new generator for the city building should ship between the 20th and the 23rd of this month. It is currently too wet to pour the cement due to all the recent rain. The conduit is in. Crews will begin to replace water lines on West Main in the next few weeks. Four are done out of about 14 or 15. Three fire hydrants will also be replaced. This will cover 20 or so services. Butigan said they will continue to sweep up chips from the chip and seal as time allows and then a fog coat will be applied.

Attorney Forsberg reported he is reviewing the new city code. A review for city council could be expected by October.

Clerk/Treasurer Parkinson said there will be a Finance Committee meeting Monday, August 18, beginning at 6 p.m. to review this year's budget. Parkinson also reported on the old A&W building. She has been in contact with Donna Parker who spoke to the family and has since contacted a local resident to assist with the clean-up of the property. A copy of the email between Parkinson and Parker was provided for council review. Parkinson also provided council with an email regarding the compliance strategy for the Affordable Care Act. The City of St. Anthony is not affected by the proposed compliance because they employ less than 100 employees. However, it is being provided for council's review. III-A does have an insurance policy which the city could offer to their part-time employees and it would be council's decision to make this offer. The city has two employees which this could be offered to. It is unlikely either would choose this offering as it is still expensive. Parkinson provided council with a public hearing notice from Fremont County Planning & Building. The notice is in

regards to a property outside the city limits and beyond the Area of Impact. Parkinson also provided council with the Idaho Community Trees Summer newsletter. Parkinson also reported on attending the most recent HUD Consortium meeting and provided council with some information provided by the Brendle Group. Brendle Group collaborated with the consultant team in preparing a Regional Housing Needs Assessment and collected feedback from the four county region (Fremont County, Madison County, Teton County and Teton County, WY). Parkinson suggested council review the responses by county as it provides insight into what people are feeling about living in this region.

COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Councilmember Willmore reported there was a bit of a problem at the airport during the 100 Foot Drag Races. The Airport Board will be meeting to discuss this and a few other things. Willmore said the problem Saturday was Neil Shupe was flying as he had a job that needed to be done. He called to have the races held until Shupe was finished with his job. This didn't make the drag racers happy. However, it is an airport first. In the end, they were able to have their drag races later. Willmore had concerns regarding the liability of the Drag Races. Clerk Parkinson said the city does receive an insurance binder from the Muscle Car Club each year. Willmore said he would like a copy of the binder for the next Airport Board meeting. Willmore said the Idaho Transportation Department of Aeronautics recently completed an inspection of the airport and reported on some of the things the city needs to do. The main thing is the lights. PWS Butigan said he will contact the contractor about when the slurry seal will be done. It is probably pushed back due to the wet weather.

Councilmember Hill said the flowers are looking very nice and North Fork Nursery is doing a really good job with them.

Councilmember Haeberle had nothing to report.

Councilmember Erickson wanted to know when they should begin talking to the property owners on West Main to explain what the city will be doing with sidewalks. Mayor Thueson said the city will take out the old sidewalk and replace where the sidewalk was with what was next to the old sidewalk. Everything from there to the new curb, gutter and sidewalk will be the responsibility of the property owner. There is a list of property owners the city still needs to make contact with to discuss with them what will be happening with the new road construction in front of their property. Thueson said council should break into teams and begin to try and make contact with the property owners. Thueson instructed Clerk Parkinson to put together some information to provide for the teams in the next week or so.

Councilmember Bagley had nothing to report.

Councilmember Rubert had nothing to report.

Mayor Thueson asked Councilmember Bagley about the ongoing Eagle Scout Project. Bagley said her son, James, is working on some paper work and talking to Sugar City about what they did. She said James would like to get some feedback from the community about the type of rock or stone they would like to see. Thueson said the city needs to obtain permission from the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). Clerk Parkinson said she would complete the application for the city to place the welcome sign on ITD right of way.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.


Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

