

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS*

PRESENT: Mayor Neils Thueson, Council Members Tom Erickson (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Lisa Haeberle, Rick Hill, Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

ABSENT: Council Members Suzanne Bagley.

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk/Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Police Chief Terry Harris, City Attorney Bill Forsberg and nine others in the audience.

Mayor Neils Thueson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER was offered by Mayor Thueson. (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 Councilmember Willmore.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Crosswalk Safety/Lori Olsen – Lori Olsen is a part owner of a business called Excellence in Everyone. Excellence in Everyone is a business working with adults and children with disabilities. Olsen relayed a story regarding three of her participants and one of her staff trying to cross Bridge Street at Bridge and First. She said the four were nearly hit by a vehicle. She and her staff are out and about all over town, to the bowling alley, the parks and everywhere. Olsen said the cross walk there isn't marked very well with one sign missing at that particular intersection. She said it is a consistent thing where drivers are not paying attention and it is really scary. Olsen provided council with photos of the intersection being discussed. She said she spoke to John Malar from the City of Rexburg. Malar oversaw the safety regulations for Rexburg. Prices of flashing pedestrian crossing signs or flashing lights cost from \$100,000 to \$1,000 depending on what is purchased. Mayor Thueson said he understands crossing a four lane road is dangerous and he has asked the police department to step up their patrol to watch for pedestrians and vehicles. Thueson said this is something he will have staff and the police department take a look at. Chief of Police Harris said should the city choose to go with solar powered lights they'll want to make sure they'll run with the amount of sunlight we receive here.

Pedestrian Safety Signs in the Area of Highway 20 overpass/Parkinson – Clerk Parkinson said she has received a complaint from a citizen saying there needs to be more signage in the area of Highway 20 and the overpass by Maverick for people to cross. There is also a cross walk right by Keefer Park. It is not very practical to place the cross walk signs in the street in the intersection by Maverick or the Exxon since that is a center turning lane. Thueson said because this is the Idaho Transportation Department's (ITD) responsibility as it is the Business Loop of Highway 20. Anything the city will want to do will have to first be presented to ITD for

their approval or permission. Thueson instructed staff to begin working on this with ITD. Councilmember Willmore said ITD should share in the responsibility.

PSI (Sanitation Vendor) Requests 2% cost of living increase to be implemented on October 1, 2014 – Clerk Parkinson reported this letter wasn't received in time to be added to the agenda and since it is something that needs to be on this agenda to be effective by the requested date it needs to be added. A motion to add to the agenda PSI's request for a two percent cost of living increase to be implemented on October 1, 2014 was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0. Parkinson said PSI is requesting a cost of living increase of two percent to be implemented on October 1, 2014. This equates to approximately 13 cents per month for residential and six cents per yard for commercial customers. Councilmember Hill asked if this request is within the contract time frame. Parkinson said it is. The limit is set to the Western Region Consumer Price Index and the budget for next year includes this possible request. The Western Region Consumer Price index is 2.1%. Their contract with the city expires in 2015 and the city staff is very happy with the service they have been providing. A motion to accept the two percent cost of living increase to be implemented on October 1, 2014 to PSI was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Hill. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Zoning Issues Outside Area of Impact – Mayor Thueson said he has some concerns of a possible 1200 head cattle feed lot being put in just outside the area of impact. He said he has concerns regarding the possible odor of a feed lot and its impact on the city. Thueson asked Attorney Forsberg if the city has any legal rights in this regard. Forsberg said our jurisdiction is within the city limits and by agreement we have some regulatory controls in the Area of City Impact. Once outside of that, we are citizens of the county and governed by county ordinance and state laws about what we can and cannot do. Forsberg said the city has no legal authority or jurisdiction other than to comment during a public comment period should it come before the county in some sort of permit. Thueson said he has spoken to Fremont Commissioner Miller about it, expressing his concerns. Thueson said he would like to send a letter on behalf of the council to the commissioners regarding the concerns they have as a council and as citizens. Councilmember Hill said with it being outside our jurisdiction there is nothing we can do. Councilmember Rubert said we are allowed our opinion and we should at least do that.

Resolution Amending Utility Deposit Policy – Clerk Parkinson said she is presenting to council an amended resolution for the current Deposit Policy. This amendment changes the word "customer" to "property owner" and allows for the city to waive the deposit should a property owner be able to provide a good credit history. If you are not a property owner a customer will pay the deposit and it will be maintained on the account until that person moves. The city currently pays interest on all deposits as set by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. Councilmember Erickson asked if the city is checking people's credit. Parkinson said she does not check a person credit. Instead, that person must bring in something showing a history of paying on time for the last 12 months. A motion to adopt Resolution # 2014-06 Amending the Utility Deposit Policy was made by Councilmember Rubert and seconded by Erickson. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fly-In Report - Jerry Cain said he wanted to thank everyone for not only what they did for the Fly-In but also for the resurfacing of the taxi ways and the painting of the numbers. Jerry said it is very important for safety. Jerry said he was at the meet and asked for Myrna Cain and Krista Zefal (both of the Fly-In Board) to report on the Fly-In. Myrna said the Fly-In was a very successful event, serving approximately 200 lunches. There was a "Children's Corner", a bouncy house, face painting, arts and crafts and prizes raffled off every 10 minutes from eight in the morning until one in the afternoon. The board received food contributions and they did come in under budget slightly. What was left over will be used as seed money for next year's Fly-In. Myrna said this was a wonderful city activity where families could go out and spend nothing and have a good time. Mayor Thueson said St. Anthony should be proud of the things they do. There are many activities in our city starting off with the Fisherman's Breakfast, The Pioneer Days Parade, Summer Fest, The Fly-In and the Drag Races. Thueson said these things are done very well because of folks like this. Thueson thanked them for their efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment. There being no one in the audience wishing to comment Thueson moved on to the next item.

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 present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

MINUTES - Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2014 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2014 was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS CONTINUED

Police Chief Harris reported the city police department has been requested to supply two officers to the Regional Tactical Team. This includes Madison County, Teton County, Fremont County and the city jurisdictions within them. This will give the city access to a tactical team should we ever have need for one, such as a barricaded suspect or similar. Mayor Thueson said he thinks this is money well spent giving the city more safety. Harris reported the department now has five reserve officers. Two of the reserves are level one, which means should the city need them, they could cover a shift in a patrol car by themselves. This is one reason Harris requested an increase in the training budget. Reserves donate their time and the least the city can do is train them properly and keep them certified. This includes 40 hours a year of P.O.S.T. certified training. Harris said he has been asked to participate in the Regional Juvenile Justice Council. Harris is the law enforcement representative. Harris said he has also been asked to participate in the Idaho Chief of Police Accreditation (ICOPA) process. This is a set of standards and policies agreed on statewide in which departments' policies can be checked to see if they meet this standard for accreditation. Harris said he

would help them in this region. Councilmember Erickson said it is a neat thing he is on this, but does it take a lot of time. Harris said accreditation happens once every three years and there are about 20 departments in this area. He said he just did one in Idaho Falls today and it took two people about seven hours to complete. There is one individual who is assigned and paid by the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association and then one person volunteers. Harris is the volunteer for this region. Harris is working on getting the St. Anthony's Police Department ICOPA accreditation for the first time. This means our policy and procedures will meet the state approved standard for a police department. Mayor Thueson said he would like to have a report of what the officers are doing. Harris said he would do this.

City Attorney Forsberg reported he has reviewed the five separate ordinances being worked on by the Planning & Zoning Commission. This is something council needs to read and ask all the questions they need to. Forsberg said what the planner came up with is excellent. There are a few changes he would like to see and is still up for discussion. Forsberg said council will probably not see a more important law in their time as city council than these updated ordinances. Planning & Zoning will be meeting on Wednesday, October 01, 2014 and will be moving forward to schedule a public hearing.

Clerk/Treasurer Parkinson reported crews finished fog coating the streets recently chip sealed. There is an invitation in council packets from High Country RC&D on the Eastern Idaho Cloud Seeding Project. Anyone interested in attending should go. The monthly Fund Summary ending August 30, 2014 is available in the packets. The city's funds are all looking good. Parkinson reminded council they all need to complete the online ICRMP courses for the city to receive their five percent discount on insurance. The City of St. Anthony received a very nice letter from Danny and Kelly Brock complimenting the city on the beautiful flowers. Parkinson read the letter out loud. Parkinson also reported she and her staff attended the Annual ICCTFOA (Idaho City Clerks, Treasurers and Financial Officers Association) Conference in Boise. She provided a short report on some of the important new legislation affecting the city offices. She thanked council for the continued support for this important ongoing training.

COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Councilmember Rubert had nothing to report.

Councilmember Erickson wanted to know how far along the new water lines are on West Main. Mayor Thueson said everything is done except for the city's dog pound. They hit some lava rock and so it will take a little more effort to get this line in. With this done the city will be ready to start construction any time the Idaho Transportation Department is ready.

Councilmember Haeberle had nothing to report.

Councilmember Hill had nothing to report.

Councilmember Willmore said if you haven't been out to the airport you need to go out and take a look. It really looks nice. Willmore said he gave several airplane rides to kids who have

never flown before and it was a lot of fun.

Mayor Thueson said everyone should take a look at the city's new generator behind the city building. It should be up and running here pretty quick. Thueson said he has been talking to PWS Butigan about getting the repairs done at the Sand Bar Park. The water lines on West Main are done except for the dog pound. The contractor doing the work was pulled off the job for another job, but will be returning to finish the dog pound line. The airport is done and really looks good. The fog coating is done. The city has a lot of projects just finishing up.

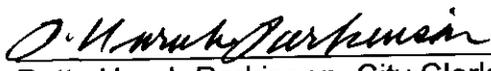
GENERAL BUSINESS CONTINUED

West Main Property Use Agreements/Information and Packets – Mayor Thueson said packets (three ring binders) have been prepared for the West Main Street Project. Properties have been split up into different packets for council members to make contact with property owners regarding the Property Use Agreements which need to be signed. Thueson assigned a packet to Councilmembers Willmore and Hill, one to Haeberle and Bagley and one to Erickson and Rubert. Thueson said he would also take a packet. Parkinson explained how the packet was divided up, with maps and Use Agreements. Council members are charged with trying to obtain signatures on the Use Agreements so the city can go on to their property and remove the old sidewalk. Without the Use Agreement it is possible there might be some properties with an old sidewalk and a new sidewalk right next to each other. Thueson said everyone will be getting a new mail box as part of the project. Parkinson said if there is a need for a Spanish speaking person to contact the Police Department as the city has a number of employees who can assist.

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


Neil Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

