

CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 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, and Rod Willmore.

ABSENT: Council Members Russ Rubert.

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

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

PRAYER was offered by Councilmember Hill. (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 Chief Harris.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion of Greenway and the possibility of leasing the rail road bridge to cross the river for a continued loop – Mayor Thueson reminded council about the ongoing work JUB Engineers is doing with the City and the Rail Road regarding the possibility of crossing the river on the Greenway. If the City had a crossing, a complete loop of the Greenway could be accomplished. JUB has contacted the Rail Road about allowing the city to utilize the rail road bridge in one way or another. The Rail Road said no, saying the rail road is still active even though the bridge is no longer used. JUB would like to go back to the rail road and ask if they would lease the bridge to the city. If they did this, the bridge would then become part of the city's inventory and could be used for crossing the river. The city would then look into the cost of retrofitting the bridge for a pedestrian crossing. Thueson asked if council would be interested in allowing JUB to pursue this possibility. Councilmember Hill asked if the city were to lease the bridge would the city assume liability. Attorney Forsberg said it is something the city would add to their list of assets. Thueson said having this loop would be something really unique to the City of St. Anthony and a lot of people would use it. A motion to allow JUB Engineers to pursue with the Rail Road a request to lease the bridge crossing the river on the Greenway was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Hill. All council members present approved. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion of Payment Service Network and having the city pay for people who set up payments via Check – Clerk Parkinson explained to council how the city utilizes Payment Service Network (PSN) to allow patrons the ability to pay with credit/debit cards and checks via on line. Currently patrons pay all the additional fees associated with these payments. Parkinson said should the city pay for the check transactions PSN would lower the fee from

one dollar to fifty cents. The city has about 75 customers who are on automatic payments and the cost just for sending the statements showing the payment has been made is 48 cents in just a stamp alone. Moving to PSN would be quite a savings for the city. In addition, more patrons would be more willing to set up their payments this way as they get to choose the date the payment is made. Parkinson would like to promote the check service as free and start paying for this service. In addition, more patrons would likely use the paperless billing options; another savings to the City. A motion to allow Parkinson to pursue the change with PSN to have the city pay for check or Electronic Fund Transfers for patrons was made by Councilmember Haeberle and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members present approved. Motion passed 5-0.

Request for ADA Assessable Parking on 1st West and 1st North – Mayor Thueson said there has been a request for ADA assessable parking at First West and First North. Chief Harris reported having an assessable parking space in this area would solve the problem of people encroaching on the corner, blocking visibility. A business on First North requested a space in front of their business. However, First North is a very busy block with many cars parking there. Moving it around the corner would be just as effective. Harris said there is a strip of grass between the sidewalk and the curb and it would need to be filled in with cement to make it work. This would be on the east side of First West. Harris thought it would be easier to use than an angle parking spot. Painting would be required. PWS Butigan said it would cost around \$300 or \$400 with paint, signs and concrete. A motion to add an ADA Assessable parking spot at the corner of First West and First North was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0. Harris said he would speak to the business requesting this to let them know what the city will be doing.

Request for Stop Sign at North 4th and 4th West – Mayor Thueson said there has been a request for a stop sign at Fourth North and Fourth West. This is the street where many of the teachers at Henry's Fork Elementary park. As the teachers come out from parking and drive on to Fourth North, some are not stopping. There was a close call there in the intersection, thus the request for a stop sign. Council discussed how there should be one there any way. A motion to install a stop sign on Fourth West before proceeding out on to Fourth North was made by Councilmember Haeberle and seconded by Councilmember Hill. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

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 Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

MINUTES - Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2014 and Special Council

Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2014 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2014 and Special Council Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2014 was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Harris reported Officer Hunter just returned from training in Boise to learn how to perceive deception in hand written statements. Officer Hunter was present and reported it was one of the best trainings he has attended in 14 years. He said it will be very valuable to the department. Hunter said he will be able to share this knowledge to all the other officers. Mayor Thueson said it is nice to have officers well trained. Officer Packer is working on the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training. This allows the trained officer to be able to evaluate individuals beyond the use of alcohol. Packer has completed the class room portion of the training and passed the final test with a score of 92%. Packer now has to complete a practicum in the field to finish his training. This will take place in Phoenix, AZ.

Public Works Superintendent Butigan reported crews will be done with the new water lines on West Main next Monday or Tuesday. Two fire hydrants were replaced during this work. Some of the old fire hydrants have dates stamped on them from 1912 and 1884. Butigan said they will take one of the oldest ones and clean it up so the city can use it as a decoration. The new line has been placed at the dog pound. It was difficult to get it any deeper as they hit lava when laying the line. The generator is here. The soft start was shipped last Monday. Once the soft start is installed, Butigan will contact the power company who will schedule a time to cut the power to test the generator. This will most likely be on a Saturday. Hopefully, by the end of the month the generator will be up and running. Butigan said the water truck for the 2014/2015 budget was purchased and will be painted white and orange.

City Attorney Forsberg reported Planning and Zoning met last Wednesday. They spent about an hour and a half going through the marked up proposed ordinances for the new zoning. They are about half way through. They will be meeting again next Wednesday to possibly finish. A public hearing is expected in November.

Clerk/Treasurer Parkinson reminded council to please complete their ICRMIP (Idaho Counties Risk Management Insurance Program) training. Completing this online training will save the city five percent on insurance charges. There is some Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) training in Idaho Falls, November 13, 2014. Anyone interested in attending should contact Parkinson and she will get them registered. It is excellent training to keep everyone updated on legislative issues and important reporting issues. It will also be a good opportunity to meet Seth Grigg the newest employee of AIC. Grigg replaced Ken Harward and is AIC's appointed Executive Director. Parkinson also reported she and Chief Harris attended the PRIMA (Public Risk Management Association) training in Pocatello today. Parkinson encouraged participation by any council member and thanked council for allowing her to attend. Mayor Thueson agreed it is very important for employees to attend to learn about ways to reduce the risks associated with being a public employee. Parkinson reported the old A&W has been boarded up and the graffiti painted over. It looks pretty good and doesn't appear to be as much of an attractive nuisance. Fall Cleanup will be the first week of

November. Parkinson also reported III-A (the city's health insurance for full time employees) is changing to Blue Cross beginning January 1, 2015.

COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Councilmember Bagley reported she will be gone for the next meeting as she will be in training for her day job.

Councilmember Erickson had nothing to report.

Councilmember Haeberle had nothing to report.

Councilmember Hill had nothing to report.

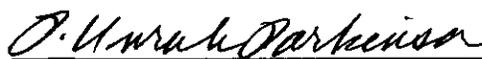
Councilmember Willmore had nothing to report.

Mayor Thueson said he received a complaint about a neighbor leaving their garbage cart out in the street too long. The city does have an ordinance requiring all empty containers to be withdrawn off the city right-of-way as soon after collection as possible on the same day. Thueson instructed Clerk Parkinson to put something about this in the next newsletter. Thueson also reported he has contacted all but two people on his list of West Main contacts to sign the Property Use Agreement so the city can have access to their property while completing West Main. He said it was really easy to do. Everyone he talked to was really excited to hear about the proposed improvements.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.


Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

