

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 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, Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

ABSENT: Council Members Suzanne Bagley and Rick Hill.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Police Chief Terry Harris and Attorney Bill Forsberg (arrived at 7:27) and nine others in the audience.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Boy Scout Treyton Bishoff.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayor Thueson welcomed a number of Boy Scouts who were in attendance to earn their Communicator and Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badges. Thueson encouraged each to work towards their Eagle Scout rank.

ICRMP Risk Management Training/Intersections/Parkinson – Clerk Parkinson explained the city is enrolled in the ICRMP (Idaho Counties Risk Management Program) insurance reduction program. When 80% of the employees and council members complete this program the city receives a 5% discount on the insurance premiums through ICRMP. Part of the program is online and part is in-person training. Parkinson explained this in-person training is in reference to driving and intersections in particular. Parkinson provided council with some written facts and information saying vehicle crashes are the most frequent cause of claims to ICRMP. Learning about safety in intersections, among other topics, is one more way to try and reduce the city's claims. Parkinson provided a short presentation regarding intersection safety. Mayor Thueson said he also attended the training Parkinson put on for the city's employees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment. One audience member, Megan Orem, said she loves the town. There being no other 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 Rubert and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

MINUTES - Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2014 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2014 was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Harris provided council with an activity report since 2009 to current indicating the different trends in such things as felony arrests, misdemeanors, citations, incidents and drug incidents. Harris reported the department has seen a steady increase in traffic stops. This doesn't necessarily mean a citation is always written. There has been a decrease in felony arrests. Harris thought this may be because felony arrests take a little longer to investigate and the city's police department is working with fewer officers. There is a steady increase in drug incidents. A traffic stop can turn into a drug incident. The city no longer has a dedicated officer working drug incidents and this may be why officers are catching drugs in their traffic stops. Councilmember Erickson asked if the city needs to assign an officer to drug incidents. Harris said if an officer is assigned to drug incidents then it is difficult to fill the shifts. Officer Hunter was present and said it is difficult for a patrol officer to accommodate the hours in which drug incidents are taking place. Hunter said it is a 24/7 job and it's just about all one officer can do. Harris said he was at one time, before man power became so low, a full time investigator on drug incidents and sex incidents. When there wasn't a sexual offense going on he would then dedicate all his time to investigating drug incidents. Since man power has gone down, most of these incidents have been forwarded to the county for them to work on. That worked fairly well, until the county cut their man power. Harris said it is for council to decide how much time is spent working these cases versus patrolling. Mayor Thueson said he appreciates and likes this type of report. Councilmember Rubert said this report shows some trends that may need to be introduced in the future and provide some platforms to know which direction to move in the future. Harris also reported he promoted Officer Hunter to Sargent. Hunter was present and said it is a position he has always wanted to have and a dream realized for him. Councilmember Rubert said it has definitely been earned. Thueson said he appreciates all the officers and especially those going the extra mile.

Clerk/Treasurer Parkinson reminded council the AIC (Association of Idaho Cities) Fall District Meetings are going on throughout the state with the closest one happening in Idaho Falls on November 13. Parkinson encouraged all the council members to attend and become updated on important information on legislative issues, financial reporting law, policies and local issues. AIC is a very important organization to the city. Mayor Thueson is signed up to attend. Parkinson also reported there will be an open house for the National Main Street Program. A panel will be present to introduce the proposed program to interested individuals. The program will be Tuesday, November 18, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The following day there will be an all-

day event in Ashton at the Ashton Community Center. Anyone interested in attending, please let Parkinson know and she will register you. This is available through the HUD Consortium Grant. Parkinson also report, the Annual Employee/Volunteer Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th, in the Senior Center.

COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Councilmember Rubert had nothing to report.

Councilmember Erickson said he and Rubert have been going to the residents on West Main to talk to them about the West Main Project. During this, a question came up from one resident about the newly installed meter cover and shut off cover being too low. Erickson would like to have PWS Butigan take a look and see if there is something which can be done. The address is 825 W Main. Parkinson said a work order would be created for Butigan. Erickson said they have completed all the property agreements assigned to them except for one. Parkinson said to go ahead and get the packet back to her and she'll follow-up on it.

Councilmember Haeberle reported she has almost completed all the property agreements assigned to her and Councilmember Bagley.

Councilmember Willmore had nothing to report.

Attorney Forsberg reported the Planning and Zoning Commission met last Wednesday. They reviewed the balance of the newly proposed zoning ordinances. They agreed on the changes which should be made. They instructed Clerk Parkinson to schedule a Public Hearing for Wednesday, December 3, at 6 p.m. to have the ordinance heard. It is expected the ordinance will be ready for council consideration at their first meeting in December.

Mayor Thueson had nothing to report.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.


Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

