

CITY OF ST. ANTHONY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
December 11, 2014, 7:00 p.m.  
420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**PRESENT:** Mayor Neils Thueson, Council Members Tom Erickson, Rick Hill, Russ Rubert (by phone) and Rod Willmore.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Suzanne Bagley and Lisa Haeberle.

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

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

**PRAYER** was offered by Councilmember Willmore. (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 Attorney Forsberg.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Resolution supporting the project identification submittal for the re-construction of West 7<sup>th</sup> South** – Councilmember Erickson asked Clerk Parkinson to introduced this resolution and its need. Parkinson said West 7<sup>th</sup> South is on the city's transportation list of improvements. She is working on applying for a federal grant through Idaho Transportation Department. Should the city be awarded the grant they could complete the reconstruction of West 7<sup>th</sup> South. This resolution gives Mayor Thueson and staff the authority to apply and submit for this grant. Erickson read the resolution in full. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Erickson. All council members present approved. The motion passed 4-0.

**Lease Agreement with Fremont County Sportsmen's Club** – Attorney Forsberg reported Chief Harris told council that last summer an organization, Fremont County Sportsmen's Club, Inc., was being formed to construct a gun range at the landfill. The city owns about 12 acres of this gun range and the current range is currently on this 12 acres. The Sportsmen's Club is a local group working on obtaining grants to complete the gun range to fit their needs. They are working with the NRA (National Rifle Association) on things like insurance and regulations to make sure it is compliant. The city will lease 12 acres to the club on a 20 year lease with two five year renewal options. The rental is one dollar a year. They must operate the range properly and they have to insure it and hold the city harmless of any liability. There is a 60 day cancelation notice. Forsberg said he is comfortable with the lease. He added the county is leasing 48 acres which is sitting around the 12 acres. Chief Harris said the gun range will be completely reconstructed to allow for not only a pistol range but also a rifle range. It also allows for the city employees (police department) access to the range. The range will be reoriented so the shooting will take place to the north making it safer. A motion to authorize

Mayor Thueson to sign the lease agreement between the City of St. Anthony and the Fremont County Sportsmen's Club, Inc. was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Hill. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

**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 Hill. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

**MINUTES** - Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2014 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2014 was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

Councilmember Rubert, who was on the phone, then left the meeting. Rubert explained before hanging up he was picking his boy up in New Mexico as he was being released from his mission.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment and thanked everyone in attendance. There being no comment Thueson moved on to the next item.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Police Chief Harris** asked Officer Neff to stand up. Harris said Neff has just returned from being trained on arrest techniques and is now a certified instructor in arrest techniques. Neff can now teach everyone in the department as well as outside the department. Neff said it will benefit the department and allow for cross training and self-defense. Neff said these trainings can be used to reach out to the community to train in self-defense as well. This is a P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training) course completed in Blackfoot. Harris said this is a weeklong training and having it in Blackfoot was a savings to the department as it is closer to attend. Mayor Thueson said it is important to stay up to date on training. Harris then asked Neff to step up to the council table in order to listen to a recorded phone call Harris received a week and a half ago. The phone call was from a citizen complementing the department on the actions Neff took during a call and thanking the department.

**PWS Butigan** reported they are still working on the generator as they are waiting for one more panel to show up. It was shipped last Thursday. Everything in the pump house is ready to go. The transfer switch is set up and ready. Butigan said they are still working on upgrading the lift stations. The motors have been purchased and the variable frequency drives are in place. One is finished and the other two should be finished in the next couple of weeks. Butigan said it has made a difference as one year the city put out \$20,000 in repairs of the pumps. This has decreased the amount of money spent on repairs. Crews are working on the water truck to get it ready for the summer and doing some maintenance on street equipment to be better prepared for any snow fall. Butigan reported the work at the Sand Bar was only partly completed. A wall and some footings were poured. There is still the middle to the stairs which

need to be poured.

**Attorney Forsberg** reported this past Wednesday, the Planning and Zoning Commission held its public hearing on the new zoning and development ordinance. There were two witnesses who testified. One, Jeff Patlovich, who is a professional planner and formerly a Fremont County Planning and Building Administrator, testified at great length. As a result, the commission has asked Forsberg and Planner Chase to review the testimony and recommend any changes to the code if appropriate, based on the testimony. The Commission will meet again the first Wednesday in January and they will review any changes and they will most likely vote for a recommendation to council at that time.

**Clerk/Treasurer Parkinson** reported since the last council meeting the auditors have finished their audit of the city's financial records. Based on this, the Fund Summary for the 2013/14 fiscal year was included in council packets. This is pending the official audit, which will be presented to council at the first meeting in January by Scott Bond, Auditor. A meeting with Mayor Thueson, Councilmember Erickson, Auditor Bond and Clerk Parkinson will take place prior to the council meeting for an in depth review. Parkinson provided council with the Fund Summary for the first month of the new fiscal year, 2014/15 and noted things look as they should for the first month. Parkinson made special note to council tax revenues do not come to the city until the end of January. Other items provided to council in their packets were the highlights of the Fremont-Teton Transportation Committee Meeting and some information on the ongoing Western Greater Yellowstone Consortium (four county HUD grant). Parkinson reported on the meetings she attended in Washington, DC as a HUD grant representative. She also talked about an upcoming meeting with JUB, the engineering firm looking at the railroad crossing for the Greenway. This meeting is scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup>. This could develop into more funding opportunities. Fremont County is also very interested in assisting the city with these opportunities and will also be sending a representative to the meeting. Mayor Thueson said there is a narrow section upstream of the river from the railroad bridge which may one day be a place for the county's Fun Farm Bridge. Parkinson also provided council with a letter from High Country Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. regarding the Cloud Seeding and some of its milestones. Parkinson reminded council of the Shop With a Cop Program happening this Saturday. Chief Harris said all of his officers will be attending as he is covering for them. Parkinson also reported the Administrator of III-A (Idaho Interagency Insurance Association) came and spoke to the city's employees about the switch from Meritain to Blue Cross as the new in-network provider. III-A is doing well financially and is beginning to take on additional taxing districts based on an actuary's analysis of the group. Parkinson also met with the State Insurance Fund representative and reports after next year the city should see a decrease in those rates as a large claim will be dropping from the calculation. This claim has affected the city's rates for the last three years. Because of this, the city may expect to see a 20% decrease.

## **COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS**

**Councilmember Erickson** had nothing to report.

**Councilmember Hill** had nothing to report.

**Councilmember Willmore** asked PWS Butigan when the power pole at the airport would be moved. Butigan said Rocky Mountain Power indicated it would be moved around Thanksgiving. Butigan said he would contact them again to see when they might be moving it. Willmore said he also noticed the last wind storm created a lot of tumble weeds up against the fence, which need to be cleaned up. Butigan said they had arranged to have some help from the Juvenile Detention Center. However, the day they had set aside to have them come it snowed and so it didn't get done. Butigan said they would contact the Juvenile Probation Officer again and see if they can find another day. Mayor Thueson asked about the grant reimbursement for the seal coating. Clerk Parkinson said she is working with Bill Statham from the Aeronautics Department of Idaho Transportation Department on getting it done.

**Mayor Thueson** said he met with Scott Ellsworth of the Local Highway Assistance Council, Paul Scoresby of Schiess and Associates and PWS Butigan about the final design of the West Main Project. There is still a few things the city has to do to help the project along. One is to contact Rocky Mountain Power and Intermountain Gas about some outstanding items. It was a long meeting, most of the morning. This was because they went page by page of the design. Thueson said one thing which is very important is to get those Property Use Agreements signed by the property owners. This has to be done. If not, then we cannot go on to a person's property. So, if they have an old sidewalk which needs to be removed, it cannot be touched. Thueson said he forwarded to Clerk Parkinson a request from TRPTA (Targhee Regional Public Transportation Authority) to place a notice in the next city's newsletter. Parkinson said she received it and would put it into January's newsletter. It is information about free rides for seniors. Thueson asked Parkinson to get copies of the flyers to the Senior Citizen's Center and the bulletin board. Thueson said he also attended an AIC (Association of Idaho Cities) meeting in Idaho Falls last week. He reported it was a very good meeting which was well attended by other mayors and legislators. One important thing is water rights. Cities should have an ordinance in place in regards to water conservation should one of the city's wells be shut down. Thueson said on a priority list for water, cities are fourth down from the list. First are households (drinking water), then mining, then agricultural, then municipalities. It might be something we should be thinking about. Thueson said another thing brought out in the meeting was changing our misdemeanors to infractions, which our city has done considerable work on. Thueson said they also discussed the special attorney for drugs and gangs, SAUSA, Special Assistant United States Attorney. This is a position AIC is working on to assist cities in counties in this type of prosecution.

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