

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 26, 2015, 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, Rick Hill, Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Lisa Haeberle.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk/Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Police Chief Terry Harris, Attorney Bill Forsberg, Public Works Superintendent Scott Butigan and 12 others in the audience.

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

**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 Boy Scout Dallin Orem.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**City Council Briefing on the HUD Consortium Grant** – Clerk Parkinson introduced Special Projects Manager Jan Brown of Fremont County. Brown works for Fremont County specifically on the HUD (Housing and Urban Development) grant that produced the newly proposed Teton View Regional Plan. Brown provided the city council with a briefing on the grant and the proposed plan. Currently the consortium is in the public comment period which will last a month. A ten minute video was played providing a description of the four counties which participated and the commonalities and challenges between the counties. Brown then said the theme of the public participation has been “Because We Lead Regional Lives”. A PowerPoint presentation was given and Brown continued by saying, so many folks in Fremont County commute to Madison County to work. This is the same for Teton County, Idaho to Teton County, Wyoming. These four counties are very closely connected through commerce and commuting. Almost 80% of households in Victor commute to Teton County, Wyoming. In Fremont County it’s 50% who commute to Madison County to work. It becomes a very interconnected region. The grant has helped us recognize what we share in common is important and we can overlook and accept our differences and work together constructively for the future of our communities. This grant identifies some common objectives and goals where cities and counties can work in parallel towards or individually. This HUD grant began in 2012 with three agencies coming together in 2009. HUD, the Department of Transportation and the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) all came together to form the Sustainable Community Partnership with each agency allocating money towards programs. Fremont County received a 1.5 million dollar grant. Brown provided a breakdown of how the money was spent. The Teton View Plan is designed to help city and county officials to better coordinate their land-use planning, resource management and community development efforts for the region’s long-term benefit. Some of the guiding documents are a Model Development Code, the Greater

Yellowstone Framework for Sustainable Development and the Regional Analysis of Impediments. Brown then provided a breakdown of the plan by reviewing the table of contents. Brown said the City of St. Anthony is considered an Urban Cluster and because of some of the indicators the city can utilize these to better place them into grant opportunities. Brown then provided some information on some of the projects and initiatives. The City of St. Anthony has been identified in a Four Season Recreation Opportunity where Parkinson and the Mayor are now working on the Greenway as well as a Renewed Commitment to Rural Places where Parkinson is working on some partnerships with Habitat for Humanity in regards to West Main Street. Parkinson spoke about some of these proposed opportunities and thanked council for their support in engaging in these. Parkinson reported on a kick off meeting with the city partnering with Bureau of Land Management and others in order to apply for a FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) Grant. The meeting was also attended by Mayor Thueson and representatives from Fremont County. The application is due April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Parkinson believes the City will have a strong application. This would allow all parties involved to come up with a plan supported by all partners which would include possible funding sources. Brown invited everyone to attend the open houses being held March 12 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Ashton Community center and March 18 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Madison County Library in Rexburg. Brown encouraged everyone to take the survey and rank the proposed projects. Brown then thanked the City for being a consortium partner as it has made a huge difference.

**Randy Kirkham to discuss Garbage Collection Services** – Randy Kirkham said he is a small business owner and he would like to see the garbage collection be placed out to bid or a request for proposal done. Kirkham said if there is someone capable of doing garbage collection in this area they should be given the opportunity to bid on the job. Kirkham continued by saying, a local person who spends money here, lives here, pays taxes here, eats here, fuels their trucks here, they can support the community in that way. The more money we can keep here the better. Mayor Thueson said he agrees keeping money here is good, but the city also needs to protect everyone by making sure the city has hired someone with the ability to do the job well. Councilmember Hill said this would be a very sizeable investment on Kirkham's part. Hill asked Kirkham how big of an investment this would be for him. Kirkham said he has part of the investment already in trucks and such. In addition, he has a financial institution prepared to support him. Kirkham said he has friends who do garbage collection and they have provided him with the numbers and the studies to tell him what it takes and what he will need. He said he can easily handle this job and it would bring more jobs to the citizens of the city. Hill said this has been discussed in the Finance Committee and said he feels like the current service we have is really good. Service is something the city needs and we need to ensure we are getting the same kind of service. Kirkham said he thought the service would be better if provided by him, since he lives here. Councilmember Rubert asked staff when the current contract expires. Clerk Parkinson said it expires September 30, 2015 and is up for renewing six months prior to that. Thueson said now is the time to be looking at it if the city wants to renew. Thueson thanked Kirkham for coming.

**Consideration of extending the garbage collection contract with PSI Environmental Services, Inc.** – Mayor Thueson asked council if they might be ready to request proposals from waste disposal companies or if they just wanted to renew the current contract.

Councilmember Willmore said the city should ask for proposals if for no other reason than to keep everyone honest. Councilmember Rubert said the sooner the better. A motion to do an RFP (Request for Proposals) for the city's garbage service was made by Rubert and seconded by Councilmember Hill. All council members present approved. Motion passed 4-0.

**Consideration of approving the recommended proposed Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, revised text of Chapter 6-12 Stock and Fowl, changes to Chapter 2.44 and changes to Chapter 15.20 Sign Code by the Planning and Zoning Commission –**

Mayor Thueson said this is the third and final reading of the proposed Zoning Ordinances and would entertain a motion to suspend the rules and read them by title only. A motion to suspend the rules and read each ordinance by title only was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0. Ordinance No. 2015-01, an ordinance repealing Title 17 and adopting a new Title 17, Zoning, was read by Councilmember Willmore by title only. Ordinance No. 2015-02, an ordinance repealing Title 16, Subdivisions and adopting a new Title 16, Subdivisions was read by Councilmember Hill by title only. Ordinance No. 2015-03, an ordinance repealing Chapter 15.20, Sign Code, enacting a new Chapter 15.30, Sign Code, was read by Councilmember Erickson by title only. Ordinance No. 2015-04, an ordinance repealing Chapter 6.12 of Title 6, Stock and Fowl, and adopting a New Chapter 6.12 of Title 6, Stock and Fowl was read by Councilmember Bagley by title only. Ordinance No. 2015-05, an ordinance repealing sections 2.44.010, Appointment, 2.44.030, Term of Office, 2.44.050, Duties, 2.44.060, Other Duties, and Chapter 2.66, Public Hearings, of Title 2, Administration and Personnel and adopting new sections 2.44.010, Appointment, 2.44.030, Term of Office, 2.44.050, Duties, 2.44.060, Other Duties and Chapter 2.66, Public Hearings, of Title 2, Administration and Personnel was read by Councilmember Rubert by title only. Thueson said these ordinances have now been read by title only on three different days and are now ready to be adopted should council desire. Council will vote on them one at a time. Thueson said with these ordinances once adopted they will change the city's laws. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-05, an ordinance repealing sections 2.44.010, Appointment, 2.44.030, Term of Office, 2.44.050, Duties, 2.44.060, Other Duties, and Chapter 2.66, Public Hearings, of Title 2, Administration and Personnel and adopting new sections 2.44.010, Appointment, 2.44.030, Term of Office, 2.44.050, Duties, 2.44.060, Other Duties and Chapter 2.66, Public Hearings, of Title 2, Administration and Personnel was made by Councilmember Rubert and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. A roll call vote was taken with council members Rubert, yes; Bagley, yes; Erickson, yes; Hill, yes; and Willmore, yes. Motion passed 5-0. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-04, an ordinance repealing Chapter 6.12 of Title 6, Stock and Fowl, and adopting a New Chapter 6.12 of Title 6, Stock and Fowl was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Hill. A roll call vote was taken with council members Rubert, yes; Bagley, yes; Erickson, yes; Hill, yes; and Willmore, yes. Motion passed 5-0. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-03, an ordinance repealing Chapter 15.20, Sign Code, enacting a new Chapter 15.30, Sign Code, was read by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. A roll call vote was taken with council members Rubert, yes; Bagley, yes; Erickson, yes; Hill, yes; and Willmore, yes. Motion passed 5-0. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-02, an ordinance repealing Title 16, Subdivisions and adopting a new Title 16, Subdivisions was made by Councilmember Hill and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. A roll call vote was taken with council members Rubert, yes; Bagley,

yes; Erickson, yes; Hill, yes; and Willmore, yes. Motion passed 5-0. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-01, an ordinance repealing title 17 and adopting a new title 17, Zoning, was made by Councilmember Hill and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. A roll call vote was taken with council members Rubert, yes; Bagley, yes; Erickson, yes; Hill, yes; and Willmore, yes. Motion passed 5-0. Thueson instructed Clerk Parkinson to publish the newly adopted ordinances.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment.

Thueson welcomed Boy Scout Troop number 51 and asked them why they were attending. Five scouts stood up, giving their name and replied they were earning their Citizenship and Community Merit Badges. Thueson encouraged them to continue with scouting and to try and earn their Eagle Scout rank.

There being no other comments Thueson moved on to the next agenda 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 Hill. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

**MINUTES** - Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2015 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2015 was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Police Chief Harris** said the police department will be participating in a Highway Safety Grant beginning in March, enforcing seatbelts. Harris also provided some information on the concerns and impacts of a possible law called the CBD bill. This bill, known as Alexis' Law, allows parents of children suffering from intractable epilepsy to possess cannabidiol (CBD) oil to treat seizures in their children. Harris said this law would cripple law enforcement's ability to address illegal marijuana use. There is no way to determine the difference without sending for expensive lab tests. Harris also provided information for and against the bill. Councilmember Erickson said if this gets legalized, it just opens up the door for other things. Mayor Thueson said we are already seeing spillover from other states which have legalized some uses of marijuana.

**PWS Butigan** reported the work has been completed at the Sand Bar Park on the eroded areas of the retaining wall. City crews continue to work on equipment. They are working on the water truck and stuccoing the city shop. It may look like spring outside, but the ground is still frozen making some things difficult to do. Councilmember Erickson said he has reviewed a copy of the bridge inspections and wanted to know if city crews would be working on some of the identified issues. Butigan said water is now in the canals and so any work will have to wait

until there isn't water running under the bridges. Butigan said they will address the issues then. Thueson said a little paint would look nice on the bridges as well.

**Attorney Forsberg** congratulated council on passing the new zoning ordinances. Each ordinance will have a summary published in the newspaper which needs to be done in the next 30 days. Following that publication, on the day after publication, the ordinance will become effective. The Impact Area changes will become effective at the same time. The ordinance which exists says Fremont County has the right to comment on the ordinance. State law says if the city changes the boundaries of the Impact Area then the county and the city have to meet to negotiate the boundaries. The City of St. Anthony ordinance says if we amend any ordinance that affects the Impact Area, the zoning ordinance for example, we have to give them a comment period. This has been done.

**Clerk Parkinson** said in the council packets is a thank you note from the family of Arnold Rinehart. Rinehart was a past employee of the city who recently passed away. Parkinson requested council and staff to try to help her recognize past employees like this and the city will continue to provide condolences with a plant or flowers. Also included in their packets was a report from Teton Structural Engineers showing how the foot bridge over the canal would fail with just six inches of water against it, let alone an ice jam. The city of St. Anthony was awarded the 2014 Tree City USA award. Parkinson thought this would make it the 12<sup>th</sup> year in a row the city has been so recognized. The city will be celebrating Arbor Day this year on Friday, April 24, 2014. Parkinson reported she attended the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting this evening, prior to council's meeting, and updated the committee on the city's plans for apply for the FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) Grant for a master plan of the Greenway. At the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting there was a business in town, Excellence in Everyone, who is interested in assisting the city in applying for a grant for some ADA (American's with Disabilities Act) accessible playground equipment. Parkinson believes the city has a good chance of being awarded money for such a project. A Boy Scout is also requesting to participate in the project as his Eagle Scout Project. High Country Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. (RC&D) sent the city a thank you for their participation in the annual Cloud Seeding project. The support of High Country RC&D provides for grants, technical assistance and other benefits the City can utilize. They could be a resource to the City should the city obtain a grant for the proposed West Main Revitalization project. Parkinson said she was pleased to report the city received a five percent discount on ICRMP (Idaho Counties Risk Management Program) Insurance. More than 80% of the city's employees and elected officials successfully completed the requirements for ICRMP's Risk Management Discount Program. Parkinson also provided council with the Fund Summary Report for the four months ending January 31, 2015. A copy of the last Finance Committee Meeting Minutes was also included for council's review. The Greenway cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2015.

## **COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS**

**Councilmember Rubert** reported the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet was well attended. The Chamber saluted the law enforcement community, both the city and the county at the dinner. Chief Harris and the Fremont County Sheriff both spoke at the meeting.

Fisherman's Breakfast in on board for this year and the veterans are fully on board.

**Councilmember Bagley** had nothing to report.

**Councilmember Erickson** had nothing to report.

**Councilmember Hill** asked about the next Finance Committee Meeting. After some discussion between staff and council a new date was set for Monday, March 30, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Hill wanted to know what the city has done to ensure safe pedestrian crossing on Bridge Street, as Excellence in Everyone came to the city council a few months ago with concerns. The city has placed In-street Crossing Signs at every intersection on Bridge. Hill also asked Attorney Forsberg if there will be a time frame on the RFP for garbage services. Forsberg said there will have to be a time frame. The city will have to do this in plenty of time should another provider be chosen then there will be plenty of time to make the switch. Forsberg said the city will need to find the lowest possible contractor which can responsibly do the job.

**Council President Willmore** had nothing to report. Willmore did say he will be gone for the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.

  
Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

