

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 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 (arrived at 7:33 p.m.), Rick Hill, Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

ABSENT: Council Member Lisa Haeberle.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Attorney Bill Forsberg, Public Works Superintendent Scott Butigan and 26 others in the audience.

Mayor Thueson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRAYER was offered by PWS Butigan. (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 Nate Marchant.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Introduction of the Mayor's Youth Council and Report – Councilmember Bagley introduced Challis Hirschi. Hirschi is a senior at South Fremont High School and a member of the Mayor's Youth Council. Hirschi said she is the Senior Class President. She said some of the activities the Mayor's Youth Council has completed this year are the Thanksgiving pies for the Free Thanksgiving Dinner and Shop With A Cop, including donated gifts. They are currently working on a project to obtain phone cards for some of the juveniles incarcerated at the Juvenile Corrections Center, so they are able to contact family members. Bagley said Hirschi is one of the recipients of the city's scholarship awards. This award will go towards the furthering of Hirschi's college education. Bagley reminded all the scouts in attendance to remain active in student government as it may just pay off for them as a recipient of a scholarship. Bagley thanked Hirschi for all her hard work. Mayor Thueson reminded Hirschi of the upcoming Greenway Cleanup and to stay involved in community activities and to remind her peers to stay active in the community. Thueson thanked Hirschi.

Before moving on to the next item on the agenda, Mayor Thueson asked all the boy scouts present to introduce themselves and to say why they are attending. Eight boy scouts got up and introduced themselves and said they were present for their citizenship and community merit badge. Thueson talked about the importance of working on their merit badges and to be part of their community. He also talked about getting their Eagle rank and how important it is.

Proposed Eagle Scout Project to add ADA equipment to Boyd Yancey Memorial Park/Boy Scout Nate Marchant – Boy Scout Nate Marchant introduced himself and said he is working on his Eagle Scout Project. Marchant said two months ago he volunteered at Excellence in Everyone. He said he got to know the kids and have fun with them. He said he

went to the park with them and did other activities. He learned there was no handicapped accessible playground equipment in St. Anthony. Marchant said he wants to work towards getting a piece of equipment to be placed in Boyd Yancey Memorial Park. He is doing fund raisers to make it happen and already has \$2500 promised to him from some of his fund raisers and from businesses in town. Marchant is doing a second fund raiser, which is a basketball game between the South Fremont Men's Basketball team and their fathers. It will be held on Saturday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. Marchant wants the City of St. Anthony to pay for the rest of the price of the equipment and to install it. Mayor Thueson said Marchant should get a hold of Challis Hirschi and utilize the Mayor's Youth Council to help him out with the fund raiser. Clerk Parkinson said donors are bringing money in to the city for this piece of equipment. Parkinson said council has in their packets the quotes for the piece of equipment. Evelyn Marchant has also figured out a way to get the piece to the city without the cost of the freight, thus saving \$1,100. Parkinson reported she has received from Marchant and other donors approximately \$1,500. Donna Forsberg, Parks and Recreation Chair, said they are very excited about the project. Councilmember Hill asked Parkinson about the budget, indicating there was money budgeted for playground equipment and some has already been spent. Hill wanted to know if there was some left. Parkinson said there was some money left in this year's budget and it would depend on the amount Marchant can raise which will determine if the city needs to reopen the budget to assist. Parkinson didn't think they would need to open the budget. Evelyn said they have sent out 50 letters to the community on Monday and are just beginning to receive some back. Thueson said the city is also looking at putting in ADA sidewalk ramps to Boyd Yancey Memorial Park. He continued by telling Nate the city appreciates him and encourages him to continue to work on it. The city will support him and find a way to make it happen. Evelyn wanted to know if they could put up a banner on city right of way for the fund raiser. Thueson said the best place would be on the fence by the water tank on Bridge Street. Kayla Lusk also stood up and spoke about the project saying they really liked the playground equipment picked. It fulfills their client's needs and promotes interaction. Thueson thanked everyone for coming.

Council Confirmation of Mayor's Appointment of Curt Neppl to the Parks and Recreation Board – Mayor Thueson requested council's approval of the appointment of Curt Neppl to the Parks and Recreation Board. Thueson said Neppl was a trail crew for the Big Horn National Forest in Wyoming and has done camp ground trails, recreation crew for Six Rivers National Forest and he currently works for the Caribou-Targhee National Forest in Ashton. Parks and Recreation Chair Donna Forsberg has met with Neppl and spoken to him. A motion to accept the appointment of Curt Neppl to the Parks and Recreation Board was made by Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0. Forsberg then introduced Debi Womack. Womack is the newest member to the Parks and Recreation Board previously appointed and confirmed by council.

Set 2015/2016 Budget Hearing Date/Suggest September 10, 2015 – Clerk Parkinson said the city must send notification to the Fremont County Clerk of when the city will be holding their public hearing for the 2015/2016 budget. Parkinson suggested Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. This is a regular city council meeting. A motion to set the public hearing for the 2015/2016 budget to Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. was made by

Councilmember Hill and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

Cross Walk Safety – Mayor Thueson said on Friday, March 13 three young men were struck by a car crossing in the cross walk on Bridge Street right in front of the city building. There is a cross walk attendant, who was standing in the cross walk with his stop sign out, prior to the accident. Thueson said this just scares him to death. Two were able to walk away uninjured and the other had to go to the hospital for x-rays. This young man just happens to be Councilmember Haeberle's son. Haeberle could not be present at tonight's council meeting, but wanted council to talk about cross walk safety and consider any ideas to improve cross walk safety. Thueson said he didn't know what can be done to improve safety. A letter was sent to the Idaho Department of Transportation (ITD) to let them know about the accident and requested they contact the city to try and find some means to provide additional safety. Thueson said one thing might be flashing lights engaged by the person crossing. They are eye catching and just don't flash continuously. These lights are expensive, which is why Thueson has asked ITD to assist in finding a resolution. This is their roadway, and as such, they should burden some of the responsibility for safety. Thueson asked for any other ideas from council. Councilmember Hill asked about the cost of such a light. PWS Butigan said he has heard they run anywhere from \$10,000 to \$30,000. Councilmember Bagley asked about flags which pedestrians carry. Thueson said a problem with the flags is they regularly disappear. Councilmember Rubert asked if additional officers can be placed to assist and watch for motorists. Thueson said officers are setting in their vehicles now using their lights to try and caution motorists. Thueson said if anyone can come up with other ideas to let him know. In the meantime, Thueson said he will try to get with ITD District 6 to see what ideas they might have.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment.

Debi Womack, citizen, said maybe flashing lights at the crossing can be placed on Bridge Street. PWS Butigan said the lights themselves are relatively inexpensive. However, getting power to the light is what is expensive. Butigan said the best option is solar powered lights. Womack said more notice with signs before the cross walk might be useful. Mayor Thueson said there is a sign on every block for four blocks prior to getting to the crossing. Womack said there are a lot of moms saying they will donate or do fund raisers to get flashing lights there. Thueson said because this is a road under the jurisdiction of the Idaho Transportation Department and they ultimately have the final say.

Another citizen, Samuel Merrick, said he has a concern about a dying tree and whose responsibility it is to care for it. He is worried branches may fall from the tree striking a person walking by. The tree is located on the north-west corner of Family Dollar. PWS Butigan said he would take a look at it and see who is responsible for it and get back to council on it.

John Bills, citizen, said he is concerned about the safety of children walking on the south side of St. Anthony. He said kids cross there on Bridge Street where the highway ramps are and

he's afraid someone will run them over. Bills said cars are not watching for kids at all and they don't want to wait for them to cross. Bills said there are no signs warning motorists. Mayor Thueson said he will talk to the Idaho Transportation Department about this. Thueson said he is aware of how many children are living on the south side of town. The city is currently working on a grant application to try and obtain more sidewalks on that side of town.

There being no other comments Thueson moved on to the next agenda item.

Councilmember Erickson arrived.

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 Erickson. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed -5-0.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PWS Butigan reported they are getting parks ready for the spring and summer by getting out the garbage cans and portable toilets. Butigan said they are also working on getting the Army tank moved into the shop to get it painted. Butigan said he and two other employees went to Boise for training last week. They learned about the new information they'll need for water and wastewater, including new products. The city won the taste test award for the best tasting water in Idaho. In February, there is a national rural water conference and the city can submit a water sample to them. Butigan thought the city has won the state award three times. The training they went to gives them educational credits toward their licensing in order to maintain their water and wastewater licensing. This equates to about 16 to 20 hours of training each year. The city did get Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approval for the new lift station.

Attorney Forsberg reported he has heard from two of the three proposers for solid waste collection in town. Forsberg said the deadline is March 31, at 4:00 p.m. Forsberg expects council will probably have three to review at their next meeting. Mayor Thueson asked about the discovery of some of the vacated properties in town. Clerk Parkinson said in working with the county GIS mapping person it was discovered there may be a few vacated properties which do not have recorded deeds. Forsberg said he will be reviewing each one to see if there is any action city council needs to do.

Clerk Parkinson reported she is working on the Greenway FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) application with JUB Engineers. The application is due April 3, 2015. There is a Finance Committee Meeting Monday, March 30, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Parkinson also provided council with the Fund Summary ending February 28, 2015. Parkinson also reported completing the request for the airport grant reimbursement. Bill Statham from the Idaho

Transportation Department of Aeronautics got back to Parkinson and there were some changes which needed to be made. Those changes were made and the reimbursement forms have been recent. There is about \$7,900 left on the grant to spend should the city do any more work. The city has already met the required match. Parkinson said she has hired another part time person to work only during the summer. The BYU-I student hired to replace the last BYU-I Intern will be leaving for the summer and returning in the fall. Parkinson hired Shannon Chelson, a school teacher, for the summer months.

COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Councilmember Rubert had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bagley had nothing to report.

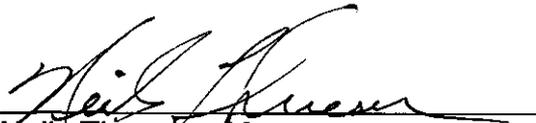
Councilmember Erickson wanted to know if all the property agreements have been received for the West Main Street Project. Parkinson reported there are about six left. They have been trickling in and the remainders have all been sent registered, return receipt mail.

Councilmember Hill had nothing to report.

Councilmember Willmore said he spoke to Paul Scoresby of Schiess and Associates and told him the Airport Study Grant is approved and Bill Statham said he is ready to get the project going. Willmore asked Scoresby to contact Statham about it. Scoresby said he would do this as soon as all the work is done on the West Main Street Project.

Mayor Thueson said he attended an event put on by the Idaho Historical Society where an award was given to the Frank Mackert Farm. The farm is 109 years old. Thueson said they were honored for having this family run farm for over 100 years.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m. by Mayor Thueson.


Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

