

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2015, 7:00 p.m.*

420 NORTH BRIDGE, SUITE A, ST. ANTHONY, ID, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Council Members Suzanne Bagley, Tom Erickson, Rick Hill, and Rod Willmore.

ABSENT: Mayor Neils Thueson (attending the Association of Idaho Cities Conference), Council Members Lisa Haeberle and Russ Rubert (attending the Association of Idaho Cities Conference).

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

Council President Willmore called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRAYER was offered by Council President 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 Councilmember Hill.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Citizen concern and suggestions regarding the Industrial Park and weeds / Beatrice Blain – Beatrice Blain lives next to the Industrial Park. Blain said she has driven around the city and it's neat and clean. The city building is looking great. The airport is getting help. Blain said for \$8,000 to take care of the weed patch sounds like a staggering amount. She said maybe a six foot fence would help and then after every wind storm an employee could go down along the fence and gather the weeds so they don't boil over on to her property. Council President Willmore asked where she heard it cost \$8,000. Blain said this is what they told her last time. Willmore said he doesn't recall that. He asked PWS Butigan to report on what has been done. Butigan said the first two lots are privately owned. Everything from there to the south, up to Summit Truss, city crews knocked down the weeds and leveled everything out. Fremont County Weed Control came in and sprayed for a broad leaf killer, which should kill everything except for grass. Blain said this sounds great. Butigan said the only section which hasn't been worked on is the little section by the USDA Building as the city is waiting to see if there will be water in the canal and if the canal is being used. The same thing will be done to this property as well. Hopefully, only grass will then grow there and there won't be any more tumble weeds. Butigan said the city doesn't have tumble weeds coming off of the city's property any more like they used to. This must be coming clear from across the highway. Blain said thank you and she appreciates what's been done.

Teton View Regional Plan Briefing on the Proposed Path Forward / Parkinson – Clerk Parkinson reported the Teton View Regional Plan has been completed. A copy of the final product was provided for council members' review. From this plan, this is where the city received some of the technical support it needed to apply for the planning grant for the

greenway. This plan has many other proposed projects which the city may look at doing. Currently, the city has picked one project and will begin to try to make this project happen. Parkinson asked council if they had any questions. There were no questions.

Review and Approve Proposed 2015 Capital Improvement Plan / Parkinson – Clerk Parkinson reported meeting with the Finance Committee, Mayor Thueson and PWS Butigan and together they updated the Roadway Capital Improvement Plan. Last time the update was done was 2014. Projects were ranked in order of importance. Council was asked to review the plan and accept it. A motion to approve the St. Anthony Roadway Capital Improvement Plan 2015 Update was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Hill. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

Bad Properties – Clerk Parkinson provided council with a list of properties which were given letters to clean up. Photos were taken at the time the first letter was sent, which was in April prior to the city wide cleanup. After the city wide cleanup, if the properties were still not cleaned up, then a second letter was sent inviting the property owner to come to tonight's meeting. Council President Willmore asked if anyone was present in the audience from the list. The list included Jeff and Tammy Curr, Augustine D. and Ellen Hernandez, Lyndon A. and Mary L. Rinehart, Gumesindo and Emily Hernandez and Catina Smith. Photos of the properties were brought up on the projector. Ellen Hernandez asked council about the vehicles. She said she has them all registered. PWS Butigan said, at the time, there were no license plates on any of the vehicles. Butigan thought there was about five or six vehicles. Ellen said they are all registered except the Galaxy and they are going to get plates for that one. Butigan said there is a body of an old vehicle with no motor, tires, snow machines and engine parts, all of which need to be removed or placed behind a fenced area so it is out of sight. Ellen said they have never placed plates on the Galaxy as it doesn't run. The Chevy is current. The vehicle with the blanket over the window they are currently fixing that, by putting an engine, front window, driver and passenger window and a back window in it and it will be licensed. Attorney Forsberg said the point Ellen Hernandez may not understand, is council understands what she is doing. It just can't be done on her property in a residential area. This is a place where people live and, in essence, Hernandez is conducting a commercial enterprise, fixing vehicles. The fact that this is what they are doing isn't an excuse. They must comply with the city's ordinances. Ellen said okay. Willmore asked if she could come up with a plan. Ellen asked what it is council wants her to do. Willmore said they need to get rid of the vehicles or move them to a commercially zoned place. Forsberg said they have the functional equivalent of an auto salvage yard. Ellen said she has a question about the tires. She said they have gotten rid of five, but the landfill wants five dollars a tire and everyone else wants five dollars a rim. Butigan said they need to be placed in a garage where no one can see them. Ellen asked if the landfill can waive the fee so they can get rid of them. Willmore said it is a county landfill and they collect and charge the fees. The city cannot help her. Forsberg said even if they send out one or two a week, as they can afford it, they can get the tires removed in a few weeks. Willmore asked about the snow machines. Ellen said they belong to her son. Willmore asked if her son lives there. Ellen said he does. She wanted to know if they covered them would that be okay. Willmore said they need to make things look neat. Council reviewed the other properties. Butigan said the other Hernandez, Gumesindo, has organized much of their yard. Willmore said if they don't get cleaned up citations will be issued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Willmore opened the floor for public comment.

Austin Galloway, Boy Scout, said he is working on his Eagle Scout Project which will be building a grass taxiway/runway at the Stanford Airport. Galloway said they started yesterday and they will try and get drought resistant grass seed to plant. Fundraisers will be set up to purchase the grass seed and his troop will help. Councilmember Hill asked where this is located. It is on the east side along the fence, which has already been designed for a taxiway. Council President said this should make it safer. Both Driggs and Rexburg have one built next to their runways. Councilmember Erickson said this sounds like a neat project. Austin's father asked if the city has any water rights at the airport. PWS Butigan said he is not sure and he would look in to it and see.

There being no other comments, Council President Willmore moved on.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Harris reported he just returned from the Association of Idaho Cities Conference in Boise where the Annual Chiefs of Police meeting was also held. Things are going pretty well, the department is struggling some as they are short an officer. Applications are being received and the last day to apply will be June 12th.

PWS Butigan reported the repairs are completed at the Sand Bar. Crews will begin crack sealing as soon as the weather breaks. Butigan said he is working with Fremont County for a good time to begin the chip and seal project. He said this year's project should just about complete the rest of the city which hasn't received any chip and sealing. This would include all of the streets going north and south, from 5th to 7th, Cedar View, East 4th North, 3rd from end to end, 2nd from end to end, 1st from end to end, East Main and down to the Sand Bar. Next year, fog coating will be done, which looks really good and holds everything together.

Attorney Forsberg had nothing to report.

Clerk Parkinson reported there will be a zero percent increase in health and vision insurance rates for the city's employees. In addition, Parkinson has requested moving the dental insurance into III-A (Idaho Intergovernmental Insurance Agency) as well, to try and curb any possible increases there. The III-A Program Manager is checking into it. The city will be getting reimbursed for the amount they paid into III-A for the reserves which the State Insurance Fund required. This will be reimbursed back to the city 25% next year and 25% each year thereafter until paid back in full. A smaller premium, the city paid the first year, will also be returned to the city beginning in October. The III-A board also voted to provide each employee of every city a group life insurance policy of \$15,000 per employee as long as they are employed. This is at no additional cost to the city or the employee. Parkinson said she is now looking at some other options in health insurance to see if there might be a trade off in the deductible to provide insurance for employee's dependents. The Program Manager is checking and will provide some rates for the city to review. Parkinson said she has asked to become a board member of III-A, because she thinks it is important smaller cities like St.

Anthony have representation. There may be an opening in the future for Parkinson to take on this role. In addition, Regence Blue Shield is now the carrier of the health insurance, providing to the employees a better response time in claims. Parkinson also provided council with the Fund Summary ending May 31, 2014 and the annual wage survey of Mayors' and Councils' pay. A preliminary budget should be ready for review either at the next meeting or the meeting following.

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 4-0.

MINUTES - Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2015 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2015 was made by Councilmember Hill and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Councilmember Bagley said Boy Scout James Bagley will be sending a letter to Clerk Parkinson to solicit for donations from the city's vendors. Letters would go to those vendors the city is paying when the city pays their bills. Attorney Forsberg said this would ultimately benefit the city and not an outside group, so this should be okay to do. Parkinson asked Bagley to just provide the information and she would take care of it.

Councilmember Erickson had nothing to report.

Councilmember Hill had nothing to report.

Councilmember Willmore had nothing to report.

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


Nels Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

