

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
June 25, 2015, 7:00 p.m.*

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

**PRESENT:** Council Members, Tom Erickson, Lisa Haeberle Rick Hill, Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Neils Thueson and Council Member Suzanne Bagley.

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

Council President Willmore 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 ALLEGIENCE** was led by Councilmember Haeberle.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Request to change Ordinance requiring curb, gutter and sidewalks/Jesus Espino**  
– Jesus Espino said a zoning permit was issued to remove and replace an old single wide mobile home with a used double wide manufactured home. The permit was approved with the requirement of curb, gutter and sidewalk to be installed on the north east side of the property. The applicant was the landowner, Leann Versuluis. Espino said they are not able to place curb, gutter and sidewalk as the manufactured home owner is a single mother with no resources. Attorney Forsberg said this was a condition of building the home. Under the previous zoning there was a provision allowing the city to treat waiving of the requirements as a variance. In the city's current code it restricts variances to set backs and lot sizes. Under the current laws in St. Anthony, they have no choice but to put in curb, gutter and sidewalks. Espino said their neighbors do not have curb, gutter and sidewalk. Council President Willmore asked when this needs to be done. Forsberg said it is required before they can obtain a certificate of occupancy. This has been waived in this case, as they said they would be putting in the sidewalk this summer. Forsberg said the owner of the property has the obligation to complete the work. This property is located at 407 W 6<sup>th</sup> S. Forsberg said if council wants to do anything they would have to repeal the ordinance and replace it with something else or just repeal it. Willmore said he likes the idea anything new should have curb and gutter. Councilmember Rubert asked if there were neighbors who don't have curb and gutter. Espino said to the left and to the right do not have curb and gutter. PWS Butigan said the four-plex does have curb and gutter. Butigan said a previous double wide was placed next door and they were granted a variance by the city council so they didn't have to put in curb, gutter and sidewalk. Rubert said this must be why they are asking

for the same variance. Forsberg said this was done under the old ordinance, which allowed for it. The new ordinance does not allow for such a variance and council no longer has any authority to grant such a variance. Forsberg said there are areas all over St. Anthony which do not have curb and gutter. The curb and gutter ordinance triggers when curb and gutter needs to go in. In some point and time every parcel will trigger curb and gutter. The problem which has cropped up has been the city has an obligation to shoot a grade that is common in a block area. However, this is not the case here. In this case, they have an adjoining property with curb and gutter and they can go off that. Forsberg said the proper party to make this request for a change in the ordinance is the owners. Forsberg said they may be able to get a power of attorney from the owner to act on behalf of the owner. A motion to table this to the meeting held July 23, 2014 was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

**Discussion of an Ordinance to restrict dogs in parks/Thueson** – Clerk Parkinson reported Mayor Thueson wanted council to discuss this. There have been some complaints regarding dogs defecating at the Sand Bar Park and Clyde Keefer Memorial Park and no one cleans up after them. Councilmember Erickson said they discussed this last year and placed something in the city newsletter. Erickson wanted to know if this helped or changed anything. Chief Harris said nothing has changed. Harris continued by saying it is really hard to catch dogs off lease or defecating in the parks. There is a lot of foot traffic and people in those parks and it might be best to ban dogs from those parks all together. Councilmember Haeberle said they have gone to the Sand Bar Park and dogs just come into the park, unleashed. Councilmember Rubert said he agrees something needs to be done. A man in the audience, Nolan Vanderlinden, asked if he has 100 percent control over his dog if he is required to keep him on a leash. Harris said yes, it is a city ordinance. Vanderlinden wanted to know what he needed to do to designate a dog friendly park where dogs could run without a leash. Forsberg said this is something not currently on the agenda. Willmore said this could be looked at if Vanderlinden wanted to request it be added to a later agenda. Forsberg said if council wanted to ban dogs from any parks council may do this by resolution. Willmore requested the city attorney to write a draft resolution for the next council agenda restricting dogs from the Sand Bar and Keefer Park.

**Pioneer Days Parade Entry/Parkinson** – Clerk Parkinson wanted to know if council wanted to be in the Pioneer Days Parade. All council members agreed they should do as they have in past years and ride in the parade, throwing taffy. Parkinson said she would submit the entry form.

**2015/2016 Proposed/Preliminary Budget/Parkinson** – Parkinson reported the Finance Committee met the beginning of June and finished the preliminary budget. The minutes from the meeting were included indicating the highlights. A review of the enterprise funds, water, sewer and sanitation was done and it was proposed to increase revenues on water and sewer by one percent and to not increase revenues in garbage. Department Heads spoke to the committee about some of the proposals for each fund. It was decided to allow for a 3% cost of living increase and a 3% merit increase to be

built into the budget and for the Mayor to determine how, if any, would be given. It was decided to allow for PWS Butigan the opportunity to sell the sweeper and both loaders to try and obtain two new loaders as long as he spent no more than \$50,000. This was not budgeted for as it will be determined on his ability to sell the other pieces of equipment. Should this occur, then the budget will be opened to reflect the revenue from the sale and expense for the purchase. There was no proposed increase for property taxes. The police department has requested another officer (total of six police officers) and car be built in to the budget. Now is the time to add or change anything in this budget prior to going to public hearing. Councilmember Haeberle said she would like to talk about adding into the general fund the cost of an electronic sign to replace the city's marquee by the bridge. It would cost around \$20-25,000 dollars. Haeberle said there is a warranty. The sign itself would allow for four lines. However, there are many different options and can be done from the office, smart phone or even from home. Haeberle had photos she shared which were projected for everyone to see. The city could request other entities like Rocky Mountain Power or the Rotary to help out with the costs. The council members present wanted to have some more time to review and asked this item be added and for the preliminary budget to be tabled to the next city council agenda on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Council President Willmore opened the floor for public comment.

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

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

**MINUTES** - Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2015 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2015 was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Chief Harris** reported an offer of employment will be extended to replace the lost officer. The lock out tools purchased have been a good investment as the police department has used them on average around two or three times a week.

**PWS Butigan** reported crews are working on the tank. The tank should be painted in the next couple of weeks or so. Fremont County has tentatively agreed to assist the city with chip sealing the first week of August. Crews plan on chip sealing 14 miles of city roads. This is about half the city. Everything going north and south to 7<sup>th</sup>, Cedar View, by the high school and the junior high, 5<sup>th</sup> street, East Main, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> streets.

They will also finish off South Yellowstone Highway out to Hathaway's.

**Attorney Forsberg** had nothing to report.

**Clerk Parkinson** reported the health insurance rate for employees was set with the renewal rate to decrease by 1%. This is remarkable, considering the average is an increase of 25%. A letter from the Idaho Independent Intergovernmental Authority (III-A) was provided to each council member detailing the changes. Vision rates will be realigned and changed based on the different categories of single, spouse, children and family. This will affect the city's total amount they pay, but not significantly. Rates did go up there a few dollars, depending on the type of coverage. Parkinson is checking on how the city can get the dental plan into III-A and also checking on what it might take to get dependents covered under the health plan. Parkinson also reported the Planning and Zoning Commission met last night and made a couple of decisions. One was for a variance for a garage for Craig and Deanne Chandler, 505 East Main. This was approved. The other was for a Conditional Use Permit for Glenwood Meats. Glenwood Meats will be processing jerky at the old Summit Truss Building in the Industrial Park. Their permit was also approved.

#### **COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS**

**Councilmember Rubert** reported the Chamber of Commerce has decided they want to renew the lease for the portion of the building they are currently leasing. Clerk Parkinson said she has provided the Chamber with a copy of the current lease and is working with the City Attorney to create an amendment to the lease for council's review at their next meeting.

**Councilmember Erickson** had nothing to report.

**Councilmember Haerberle** 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.

  
Nells Thueson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

