

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
September 24, 2015, 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 and Rod Willmore.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Suzanne Bagley.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk/Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Attorney Bill Forsberg, Public Works Superintendent Scott Butigan, Police Chief Terry Harris and 10 others in the audience.

**CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Thueson 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 Rubert.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Discussion of Dangerous Dog Law / Chief Harris** – Chief Harris said this proposed ordinance was talked about in the past and no decision was ever made. Harris explained he had an incident where a dog was declared vicious by the court and the court specified what sort of kennel was needed based on this proposed ordinance. There is no way to cite the individual, now, should they not have the specified kennel. He would have to go back to the court to have them create a violation based on a court order not being followed. It would be cleaner and nicer to be able to issue a citation under the proposed city ordinance. Harris said this ordinance was first introduced by prior Chief Smith and probably has more in it than the city needs. Attorney Forsberg said about four years ago Chief Smith brought a new animal ordinance to city council. After some debate and some changes, the current ordinance was adopted and this appears to be some variation of that ordinance. Forsberg said he can't recollect the "Dangerous Dog Law" portion. He said he would like the time to go through the ordinance in detail. Harris said the biggest section which concerns him is there is no description of the type of kennel the dog must be kept in once it is determined to be a dangerous dog. Harris thought it would be good to come up with some type of kennel description. Mayor Thueson said to add this to the next meeting's agenda for a recommendation from the City Attorney and the Chief.

**Approve Retail Alcoholic Beverage Licenses / Clerk Parkinson** – Parkinson presented to council all the retail alcoholic beverage licenses for approval. All applications were completed and payments made. All had their approved state and

county issued licenses. A motion to approve the following retail alcoholic beverage licenses for BJ's Corner, Bottle Stop, Broulim's Super Market, Inc., Dusty's Pit Stop, El Jalicense II, Maverik, Inc. #155, R. J.'s Exxon, Spurs & Spokes Saloon, Star Bar and Fongs Café, Inc., was made by Councilmember Rubert and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

**Surplus Police Department's Durango / Chief Harris** – Chief Harris would like city council to surplus the Durango so he may take it in for trade on one of the new vehicles. The trade in value is \$4500 and Harris believes it is a good deal. Mayor Thueson asked Councilmember Erickson if this was a good deal. Erickson said yes. Erickson asked if the new vehicles have been ordered. Harris said the first one should show up the first week of November. The Durango will be kept until the other vehicles are in operation. The vehicles will be black, one marked and one unmarked. The reason for the unmarked vehicle is to allow officers to utilize it for travel to trainings as a marked car can be a target. Additionally, other departments may then also utilize the vehicle to travel to out of town trainings. It will still have lights and be a fully functioning patrol car. A motion to surplus the Dodge Durango was made Councilmember Willmore and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

**Illuminated Electronic City Sign / Mayor Thueson** – Mayor Thueson provided council with three different bid proposals for the purchase of an electronic sign for the city. Stewart Signs provided a 10 mm sign for \$33,374.00 with \$1,151.00 in freight. Lytle Sign's proposal was \$49,999.00 for a 12 mm sign and Yesco's proposal was \$48,915.00. There was some discussion about the large price difference. Clerk Parkinson said she checked into the software on both the Stewart Sign and the Lytle sign and found the Stewart Sign was as easy as or easier to use than the Lytle software. The Stewart sign didn't include installation and the others provided some installation, but not all. Thueson said the same specifications were sent to each vendor. Stewart Signs is the largest sign of all three, Yesco was the smallest. Thueson said he was impressed with each proposer and spoke to all of them. Lytle was over \$50,000 at first and Thueson told him the city wouldn't even consider anything \$50,000 or over. The Stewart sign is covered with a plastic which is the same sort of plastic used to protect hockey spectators. The others are not covered. The Stewart sign is also enclosed and will maintain a certain cooling temperature to protect the electronics, since it is the heat which is hard on them. Councilmember Willmore said he reviewed them all and couldn't see any difference in warranties. He wondered about the service. The junior high school has one of these signs. Parkinson said the Stewart sign didn't include the internet modem which is needed to operate the sign from city hall. She didn't think this could cost any more than \$1000. All the council members felt the sign would be a wonderful addition and asset to the community. Willmore said he wonders how the citizens will feel, if we are spending their money wisely. We might get a few people who will not like it, but once they see the sign and what it can do, it will be a great contribution to our city. Thueson said the current sign gets used but it's hard to use. Parkinson said the sign would get used more if we had the personnel to change

out the sign as often as it is being requested. Many things get turned down because of how difficult and time consuming changing out the current sign is. An electronic sign would be much easier after the initial set up. Willmore said the Stewart sign requires two 20 amp circuits. He asked PWS Butigan if this would be a problem. Butigan didn't think it would be, there are 220 volts right there at the light. Thueson thought there would need to be one circuit for the LED lights and another for the Welcome to St. Anthony. A motion to authorize Mayor Thueson to ask a few more questions regarding installation and service and if satisfied to go ahead and purchase the electronic sign from Stewart Signs was made by Willmore and seconded by Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

**Confirmation of Appointment of Rod Nichols as Newest Councilmember / Mayor Thueson** - Mayor Thueson said he has had a number of people recommend and volunteer to take on the duties of the open seat of council member. Thueson said he would like to appoint Rod Nichols to this open seat. Nichols has agreed. A motion to confirm the appointment of Rod Nichols to the open seat of council member with the term ending January 2018 was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Hill. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment.

There were about five students in attendance from BYU-Idaho.

Chief Harris introduced two people from the Family Crisis Center, Kimber Tower and Margie Harris. Chief said the Family Crisis Center helps out the police department and the community in many ways. Margie got up and addressed council saying she is the Director of the Family Crisis Center in Rexburg. They are a public non-profit agency incorporated since 1987 and work with Fremont, Madison and Jefferson Counties, assisting domestic violence and sexual assault victims. They run a crisis hot line and assist police departments. They also run a shelter and provide emotional advocacy to victims providing them with resources and support groups, including a task force of individuals from multiple agencies and schools. Margie described in detail the many different services the Family Crisis Center provides. Kimber Tower introduced herself as the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Family Crisis Center. Tower explained her involvement with the Family Crisis Center and how she became an Advocate and some of the programs they provide. Tower said the Family Crisis Center has served the community for a number of years, but has lost their satellite program. She is requesting the ability to open up another satellite office here in the city building. All the council members felt this was a great service and felt that a satellite office could be established here and used by them. All the council members present said it would be fine to utilize either the back staff room, mayor's office or the chamber room to assist.

There being no other comments Mayor Thueson closed the public comment period.

**INVOICES & CLAIMS** - Payment Approval Reports were presented to Council. Following some questions which were satisfactorily answered by staff, a motion to pay the invoices and claims was made by Councilmember Hill and seconded by Councilmember Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

**MINUTES** - Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2015 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2015 was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Willmore. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Chief Harris** reported on a letter received from an individual regarding a civil issue where he later expressed his appreciation for the police department. Harris also provided council with some information regarding the department's responses and county's response on assists. This shows the calls the city took for the county because the county wasn't available to take the call. Harris also provided council with the results from the citizen survey on the police department. Harris spent some time going through the results of the survey with council and what that might mean to the city and the police department. Harris also reported an officer responded to Ashton as there was a child locked in a car with 80 degree temperatures. This officer used a special unlocking device, approved by council earlier to purchase, to rescue the child.

**Public Works Superintendent Butigan** reported crews plan on completing the fog coating on the streets beginning October 1. It will depend on the weather. Whatever can't be completed will get finished in the spring when the weather permits. A couple of sewer lines were looked at with a sewer camera. In one place, about 200 feet of sewer line will need to be replaced. There were trees growing through the line almost collapsing the line. The vendor, Pipeline Inspection, came with their camera and they spent a lot of time on Bridge Street as the line under the river bridge has never been inspected. There were two pieces of manhole they had to dig out and one piece they couldn't get out. It was more expensive then thought because of some of the problems they came upon. There were two other sections of line which will need to be repaired and they will be working on them. JD Henry, Waste Operator, resigned. A new individual will be hired. The airport has been repaired, along with some fencing repairs. Repairs to other fencing will also be done along Jaycee's Park, Keefer Park and by the Greenway next to the cemetery.

**Attorney Forsberg** had nothing to report.

**Clerk Parkinson** reported the solid waste contract has been signed with PSI. New rates for water and sewer will begin October 1. Water rates will increase .27 cents and sewer rates will increase .31 cents. Usage rates will increase by .01 cent. The Welcome Signs template has been sent to Idaho Travertine and the footings for the rocks are poured. Parkinson also provided council with the Fund Summary ending

August 31, 2015. The annual audit has been scheduled for the first week of November. Parkinson also reported on attending the annual ICCTFOA (Idaho City Clerks, Treasurers and Financial Officers Association) Conference. There are some changes to the annual Road and Street report which Parkinson described for council. Next week Tuesday will be the ECHO (Eastern Counties Highway Organization) meeting where Scott Ellsworth from LHTAC (Local Highway Technical Assistance Council) will be present.

## COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

**Councilmember Rubert** had nothing to report.

**Councilmember Erickson** had nothing to report.

**Councilmember Hill** had nothing to report.

**Councilmember Willmore** reported the airport looks good. Willmore said Paul Scoresby of Schiess and Associates called him saying Bill Statham from the Aeronautics Department in Boise contacted him and said we are supposed to get paper work to fill out to begin the airport study. Once this is completed and turned in then an engineer will be picked.

**Mayor Thueson** had nothing to report.

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

