

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2016, 7:00 p.m.*

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

PRESENT: Mayor Neils Thueson, Council Member Suzanne Bagley, Tom Erickson, Rick Hill, Rodnie Nichols, Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Attorney Bill Forsberg, Public Works Superintendent Scott Butigan, Chief of Police Terry Harris and 13 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 PWS Butigan. (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 Chief Harris.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayor's Youth Council Scholarship Awards / Bagley – Councilmember Bagley said each year the City of St. Anthony awards scholarships to two youth from the Mayor's Youth Council. One of the winners, Alec Pope, stood up and addressed council providing a report on some of the events the Mayor's Youth Council did throughout the year. He described the Shop With A Cop program and the Giving Tree program. Pope said each recipient of the scholarship also completed their own personal project. His project was some reorganizing and cleaning up of the trophy case and supply closets at the high school. Pope described his project in detail. They also put up new pads on the basketball back boards in the gym, new water system on the football field and part of the soccer field, painting of the new weight room and repainting of the boys' locker room. Looking forward they are working on getting funds for new bleachers at the football field. Mayor Thueson thanked Pope for his time and the good things he is doing for the school and the community. Bagley said the scholarships will be awarded at a school assembly on May 17th.

Tree Plotting Software / Grant for services – Clerk Parkinson provided council with the St. Anthony Tree Ordinance and reviewed the section on authority and powers of the city. The city shall have control of all trees on public property and it is also the responsibility of the city to maintain, plat and remove trees in parks and public places. Parkinson said she emailed Gerry Bates and asked him about some of the questions council had at their last meeting. The email was included in council's packets. Mayor Thueson said he can see where the city is responsible for the trees in the public right of way. The \$2500 doesn't obligate the city in any way to the state. This is free software offered to the city to inventory and access their trees. The \$2500 would be used to

reimburse the city for any one they may hire to do the inventory and assessment. Thueson said he didn't think \$2500 would cover the entire city, but it could be a start by doing just the parks. The city could then utilize the software and if it's a benefit then to continue the inventory for street trees. Donna Forsberg, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee, was present and she thought the city should go ahead and start to see if it's something they want to continue. Donna said it would be a good way to find out what the city has and the condition of the current trees. Councilmember Hill said it has been a concern with the Parks and Recreation Committee and it doesn't appear as there is anything attached to this and it could be utilized. Hill said he thinks it's an important thing. Councilmember Willmore said he didn't think the city should spend any more than the \$2500. His concern was whether or not it would be used enough to justify having it and would it cost more in years to come. PWS Butigan said he didn't know if it is anything he would use. He said he probably couldn't tell what all the trees are. He said you can look at a tree and see if there is something wrong with it. Usually, about every two years he contacts a tree contractor to come in and trim all the trees in the parks. The city uses the expertise of the contractor at that time. Parkinson said the city does have some obligation to trim back the trees and to care for them. Councilmember Erickson said he thinks it's a good idea, trees are important. Erickson said he thought Joshua Chase would be a good resource for the city to use. Councilmember Bagley wanted to know who would initially oversee this. Thueson said Parkinson would. Bagley said this is a concern, as Parkinson already has plenty to do. Parkinson said she would utilize it as a tool to assist her. The initial work would be done by someone else. Councilmember Rubert said it sounds like there are no strings attached to the grant and the Parks and Recreation Committee wants to proceed with it. The city can suspend utilizing the program at any time and so why not give it a shot. Councilmember Nichols said he thinks it is unnecessary. Eventually, someone is going to have to look at that tree and do something about it. Why put it in a computer? The computer isn't looking at the tree to decide what to do with it, a person is. Nichols just doesn't see the need for it. It's an additional cost. This year it's free, but in future years it'll cost the city to update it. A motion to proceed with accepting the free tree plotting software and to spend no more than \$2500 on finding someone to inventory the trees was made by Rubert and seconded by Hill. Four council members approved. Two were oppose. Bagley and Nichols were opposed. Motion passed 4-2.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment.

Debbie Womack, city resident, had some questions about sidewalk curbing for ADA accessibility. Womack is replacing their sidewalk and wanted to know if they could get the requirements to make the corner ADA accessible. Council told her to go ahead and cut the corner of the curb, if they wish, down to the ADA accessibility requirements. City Staff will provide her with the criteria.

John Hunter, police officer & citizen, said everything is going great and he loves the community here.

There were some **students representing BYU-Idaho**. They reported they are taking an Introduction to Journalism class and one of the assignments is to observe a city council meeting. They will take notes and write a specific style news article. The student commented it wasn't as boring as he thought it would be.

Forsgren & Associates said they are present just because.

Joshua Chase said he had a chance to read the last tree inventory and report and it is really well written and talks about creating a framework and plan for the future. Some of this has been implemented and it's really good. Chase talked about trees with disease and knowing where the trees are makes management of things really easy. Mayor Thueson said the city will give the tree software a try and see where it goes.

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 Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Nichols. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

MINUTES - Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2016 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2016 was made by Councilmember Erickson and seconded by Councilmember Hill. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Harris updated council on the video systems. It is complete in the police department, as it is up and running. They will start in the Front Office area shortly. There will be two cameras outside the front door. One angled pointing towards 4th North and the other pointing towards the High School. There will also be a camera pointing towards the Front Office receiving window. Mayor Thueson said he would like a monitor for the Front Office window so people can see themselves being recorded.

PWS Butigan reported there will be a pavement assessment done at the airport on May 9, 2016. It will start at 12:30. There is now a sidewalk on the east end of Boyd Yancey Memorial Park. This makes things ADA accessible from Bridge Street to Boyd Yancey Memorial Park. Throughout the summer, work will continue on making the sidewalk ADA accessible all the way down to the park on the south side of the street. The north Greenway pathway re-pavement will be finished tomorrow. Half the work has been finished. The pathway was too narrow for the equipment so crews went in and widened the pathway. City crews will begin work to seal the city parking lots. The parking lot in Keefer Park is too far gone to seal. Council will need to make a decision on what they want to do with the parking lot. The flashing pedestrian lights, at North Bridge and 4th North, will be up by tomorrow morning.

Attorney Forsberg had nothing to report.

Clerk Parkinson reminded council Arbor Day is tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at Cedar View Park. A donation from East Idaho Credit Union for an extra tree was received, so the city will be planting six trees instead of four. There is a Finance Committee meeting Monday at 6:00 p.m. There is also a Planning and Zoning meeting next Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Parkinson also reported on attending the Association of Idaho Cities Spring Officials Training in Idaho Falls. She said she learned a lot and thanked council for allowing her time to attend these important trainings. Parkinson also provided council with the Fund Summary ending March 31, 2016 and the Quarterly Financial Statements for the second quarter. She reviewed each of the funds with council.

COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

Councilmember Rubert said he appreciates Clerk Parkinson's report on the budget.

Councilmember Bagley had nothing to report.

Councilmember Erickson had nothing to report.

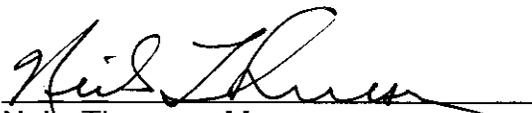
Councilmember Nichols said he would like to thank PWS Butigan for patching the holes on the road along the county annex building. Nichols said he's had a lot of comments on the electronic sign. They are all very positive. The colors are contrasting and look really good. Nichols also reported the Fremont County Planning and Zoning has reviewed the city's map and area of impact and the new zones and they are looking forward to the joint meeting.

Councilmember Hill had nothing to report.

Councilmember Willmore said the airport looks really good. There are a few cracks on the south end of the runway which need to be sealed. Willmore asked PWS Butigan to take a look at it and try to keep it maintained. Butigan said he will check with Neil Shupe to make sure they aren't interrupting his business.

Mayor Thueson 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 Mayor Thueson.


Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:


Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

