

*CITY OF ST. ANTHONY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES*

*July 14, 2016, 7:00 p.m.*

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Neils Thueson, Council Members Suzanne Bagley (arrived at 7:03 pm) Tom Erickson, Rick Hill, Rodnie Nichols, Russ Rubert and Rod Willmore.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk/Treasurer Patty Parkinson, Chief of Police Terry Harris and 15 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 Mayor Thueson.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Dallin Orme / Eagle Scout Project Request** – Boy Scout Dallin Orme stood up to address council. He is working on his Eagle Scout Project and would like permission to repair a bench and paint lines for the basketball court in Boyd Yancey Memorial Park. Orme said his plan is to complete the project in time for Pioneer Days scheduled next week. Orme said as far as materials and supplies, his family either owns them or will donate them. He said he would like the city to help by providing some tall orange cones and some police caution tape to put around the court while it is drying. Mayor Thueson said the city could provide for those items. Councilmember Nichols asked how many scouts would be helping him with the project. Orme said he has invited all scouts that would like to come. A motion to accept Orme's Eagle Scout Project in Boyd Yancey Memorial Park as presented was made by Councilmember Nichols and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. All council members present approved. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilmember Bagley arrived.

**Brigham Chelson / Eagle Scout Project Request** – Boy Scout Brigham Chelson stood up to address council. He introduced himself as a 15 year old Varsity Scout in Troop 51. Chelson said for his Eagle Scout Project he would like permission to work on resurfacing the tennis court at Harry Worrell Park. He said he likes to play tennis and would like to make the courts better. Chelson said he found a place online which provides a kit which has the material and paint needed to repair the court for a fraction of the price of a new court or laid down surface. The kit will cost \$2,150. The other supplies needed would bring the total cost to \$2,500. There is also a membrane which is laid down over the court and that is \$1,800 plus all the paint you would need. Chelson is asking for the city to pay for the costs of the supplies and he would be doing

all the labor. There is a team of eight different scouts which will supply over 200 man hours. Councilmember Hill said it sounds like a good project as it is really needed. Hill asked if the total he is asking for is \$2500. Chelson said yes. Councilmember Nichols asked about the additional \$1800 for the mat. Chelson said that would be for the more expensive option and it is something they wouldn't do. Mayor Thueson asked if his project wasn't going to raise some of the money for the materials. Chelson said his project includes all the labor and man hours and none of the supplies. The labor will be quite extensive and expensive. Thueson said Chelson is taking on a big project. There are a lot of cracks that need to be filled and a lot of painting. Councilmember Willmore said the tennis courts are city property and the city should be spending something to maintain them. Thueson said this will be a really good deal for the city and in the end the city will have a very nice tennis court. Councilmember Erickson said the longer the city lets it go the more expensive it will become to repair and maintain it. Hill said it sounds like a great project and he feels comfortable with paying for the materials. Hill said once this is done then maybe it's something which can be done to the tennis courts the school district owns. A motion to approve Chelson's Eagle Scout Project of resurfacing the tennis court at Harry Worrell Park was made by Councilmember Rubert and seconded by Erickson. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Thueson turned the meeting over to Clerk Parkinson for Code Enforcement cases. For each case, Clerk Parkinson provided council with a printed copy of the case details and history. Photos of the property were projected on the wall for all to review. She reviewed with council the steps taken prior to this meeting.

**Code Enforcement 160008 / 553 S Bridge St** – Property is owned by Lance and Brenda Brackenbury. This is for tall grass and weeds. Brackenbury has promised to cut the tall grass. He has been cited for miscellaneous items earlier and Parkinson thought with this citation this will also be completed. Parkinson was instructed to contact Brackenbury and the City Attorney to see if he will complete it.

**Code Enforcement 160029 / 1149 S Yellowstone Hwy** – Property is owned by Key Property Rentals. This was once known as Targhee Trailer Court. There are two inoperable/unlicensed vehicles. Chief Harris was instructed to issue a citation to the owners.

**Code Enforcement 160040 / 44 S 8<sup>th</sup> W** – Property is deeded to the Fremont County Tax Collector as a tax lien. It used to be owned by Karen Henderson. The tall weeds and grass needs to be mowed down. The water has been shut off for non-payment. Mayor Thueson said the city should contract someone to go out there and mow down the tall grass and weeds as it is a fire danger to the house on the property and the neighbor's houses. Councilmember Nichols asked if the county, if they own it, can't take the property and use it for fire education by allowing the fire department to burn it down. It would be more valuable as a vacant lot. No one really knew what could be done with it. Thueson said it is in our city limits and a danger to the neighbors and isn't it our responsibility to take care of it. Thueson instructed Parkinson to work with Attorney Forsberg to resolve this one.

**Code Enforcement 160046 / 406 W 1<sup>st</sup> S** – Property is owned by Brett Hull. There is tall weeds and grass. Chief Harris was instructed to issue a citation to the owners.

**Code Enforcement 160077 / 110 W 1<sup>st</sup> S** – Property is owned by Fred Miyasaki. There is tall weeds and grass. Parkinson said Miyasaki called and left her a voice mail message saying he promised to have the weeds cut down this week. Council will allow two weeks then have a citation issued if not completed.

**Code Enforcement 160078 / 218 W 12<sup>th</sup> W** – Property is owned by Glen R Jackson. There is tall weeds and grass. Chief Harris was instructed to issue a citation to the owners.

**Code Enforcement 160079 / 400 S 12<sup>th</sup> W** – Property is owned by Island MHP, LLC. There are miscellaneous items on the property creating clutter and blight. Chief Harris was instructed to issue a citation to the owners.

**Code Enforcement 160080 / near S11th W & W 3<sup>rd</sup> S** – Property is owned by Manx D Quayle. This item will be cleaned up as it was contracted out to a lawn service.

**Review Preliminary 2016/17 Budget prior to Public Hearing** – Clerk Parkinson provided council with the minutes taken at all the Finance Committee Meetings which is a good review of all the items reviewed for next year's budget. Councilmember Hill said he felt like the committee did a good job this year going through the budget and reviewing all the different options. The budget includes one new police vehicle. The city will be losing the revenue income for the C.O.P.S. Grant. Councilmember Erickson said what the committee is shooting for is a new police car every year. Taking the oldest car out of service and placing in a new car. Hill said there will be money to continue the work on the Shop Building and money for new carpet in the Police Department. There will be more money for flowers and for nine more downtown flower pots. There is also money available for a new mower, should the city need to purchase one. The city has cut back on street maintenance as we have completed so much this year in streets. There is money in streets for a smaller tractor which will be able to clear snow from the new pathways just built by the city. The other equipment is too big for those pathways. There is a 3% increase available for any pay raises to be administered by the Mayor at his discretion, a 1% increase in water and sewer revenue, no increase in sanitation revenue and no increase in property taxes. Clerk Parkinson said this budget doesn't have anything for the Greenway Master Plan. She asked if this is something council would like to consider and/or add. Parkinson also reported the General Fund has a contingency budgeted of \$142,000. Hill said last year the committee asked each department to provide a five year plan so council can see what may be coming down the road and what our needs are. Hill said there are some things coming in a year or two and some of that contingency may be needed to replace equipment. Hill said the city does have a good contingency and if the city wanted to do the Greenway Master Plan for a pedestrian bridge, the money is there. Hill said he thinks the city is in pretty good shape. Thueson said it needs to be kept that way.

Councilmember Rubert wanted to know if any other agencies are interested enough to put any "skin in the game" with their own money. Rubert asked what kind of return could the city see in investing \$80,000 into a plan. Thueson said the idea of a bridge to connect both sides of the greenway would attract more people to visit. Rubert said the city throws \$80,000 at this and there will be many more entities that will benefit from this. Those entities should help out. Councilmember Bagley said \$80,000 is a lot of money and she just doesn't know. Councilmember Erickson said at this point, unless we get more people involved, we're the only ones in it. At this point, Erickson says, no, maybe later on, but not now. If there are other committed agencies, then maybe. Councilmember Nichols said he agrees, but what if we commit to JUB as long as they can get other entities to commit a portion as well. Councilmember Hill said he thought it would be a great project if we can do it. He said he thinks it's a good idea to get the other entities involved as well. Rubert said he agrees, if all can share the benefits, they should also share the risk. (Bagley stepped out of the meeting.) Thueson said when talking to all the involved entities money wasn't talked about. Erickson said if the city put in \$40,000 and the other entities added \$10,000, that's not asking for much. Thueson said he didn't think it needed to be added to the budget as a line item. If it gets that far, then the budget can be amended and contingency could be used. A motion to contact JUB to let them know the city will fund 50% of the Master Plan for the grant preparation study if they can get the other entities to commit to the other 50% was made by Nichols and seconded by Rubert. All council members present were in favor. Motion passed 5-0. Thueson asked if there were any other concerns about the budget. Council said they liked the prepared budget and are ready to move ahead to the public hearing set for August 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Thueson opened the floor for public comment. (Bagley returned to the meeting.)

**Sina Kunz**, a representative of Maverik, said she would like to invite the city council to Maverik's Grand Opening August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Kunz requested the council members to be present at 3:45 to prepare the ribbon cutting ceremony. Councilmember Nichols said he would like to thank Kunz. Maverik employs local people and Kunz is a good manager and done a good thing for the community. Councilmember Rubert said Kunz is a paid active member of the Chamber of Commerce and does a lot of work on promoting businesses in St. Anthony. She has taken a very active part in committing Maverik resources in benefiting the City of St. Anthony. Chief Harris said she has also been very cooperative whenever they have been there as law enforcement. Both Rubert and Harris thanked her.

Thueson then closed the floor.

**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 Rubert. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

**MINUTES** - Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2016 were presented to council. A motion to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2016 was made by Councilmember Nichols and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. All council members were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Chief Harris** reported the city's website and the police department's Facebook page were attacked due to the negative media revolving around the city of St. Anthony, Minnesota. Harris spent the better part of an entire night taking down derogatory comments and sorting through derogatory emails. Harris said he was able to have donated a secure drop box for anyone who has prescription medicine to dispose. The box is a safe and secure way to eliminate medicine no longer being used or expired. Harris then handed out items he picked up on a traffic stop which is THC, like marijuana. In Idaho these items, purchased in other states, are not legal. Harris said there is enough THC in this that would equal about a pound of the "leafy green stuff". Each year the state of Idaho gets closer and closer to legalizing some form of marijuana. Harris then passed around an award received by Officer Neff from the Fremont County Sheriff's Office. Neff saved an inmate from hanging himself. Harris then invited Evidence Technician Mike Sawyer up to the front of the room. Sawyer will be leaving the department the end of the month and Harris said he has been an incredible help in the department and will be missed. He was provided a certificate of service. Harris also introduced Sawyer's replacement, Brenda Belew. Belew has already begun training with Sawyer. Harris then presented Officer Distelhorst with a Letter of Accommodation for a recent call where he assisted a Fremont County Deputy in saving the life of a young man from a near drowning at the Fun Farm Bridge.

**Clerk Parkinson** said she would like to get the Finance Committee together to review looking at this year's budget. After a short discussion, it was decided to meet Monday, July 25, at 6:00 p.m. Parkinson provided council with the Fund Summary ending May 31, 2016. Parkinson reported she closed the LHRIP Chip and Seal Grant. The closing was approved by the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council. The city received \$100,000 from them and the city added \$100,000 last year and another \$52,000 this year. Mayor Thueson said our city streets have never looked better. Parkinson said construction of West Main Street has begun. Parkinson also reported the city has received a number of complaints regarding the city's solid waste contractor, PSI. Parkinson and the Mayor will be meeting with them on Monday to discuss these complaints. Parkinson also provided council with the minutes from the May 26<sup>th</sup> Parks and Recreation meeting. The city also received a donation of \$875.00 from Jim and Judy Hobbs. Jim Hobbs of Dura-Bridge Carpet Cleaning cleaned the carpets in the Police Department for \$875 and donated that money back to the police department to help with the fundraiser for youth programs the city is involved in. Parkinson read the note provided by Hobbs in to the record. It said, "Patty, Judy and I would like to donate this cleaning job bill to help with fundraiser for youth programs the City is involved in. Thank you Mayor, Council, City Staff and Police Department Personnel that make our community a great place to live. Thank you!, Jim Hobbs." Mayor Thueson and the

Council Members thanked Jim Hobbs for his donation. Parkinson said the cameras will be going up in the front office in the next few weeks. These cameras will point outside and inside the building.

## **COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS**

**Councilmember Rubert** reported the Chamber of Commerce met and they are moving forward with some new proposals and exploring the expansion of the Summer Fest to rename it the St. Anthony Summer Festival to allow for stretching it out over three days. This might include the car derby and other events. They are also looking at the Annual Fly-In. The Chamber of Commerce website is being reviewed as well and they are looking for a volunteer to assist them. Rubert said he will not be present for the next meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> and asked to be excused.

**Councilmember Bagley** reported the Mayor's Youth Council has met with the Fremont County Commissioners and the commissioners have agreed to donate the signs for the Safe Zone Exchange parking spots. Bagley said she will not be present for the next meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> and asked to be excused.

**Councilmember Erickson** said if anyone on council is interested there is a construction meeting every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. here in the council chambers. Mayor Thueson provided a large chart which shows the schedule of each day of construction.

**Councilmember Nichols** said with Jim and Judy Hobbs this is a classic case of "putting your money where your mouth is" and this is great. Nichols said he attends the RC&D meetings. They have a way of measuring the cloud seeding program and reported the benefit to Fremont County is \$94,000 worth of water. The return on investment is huge. They also provide small grants and writing of grants for cities. Mayor Thueson said he has received a request for a Splash Park. He said the new one down in Ammon is really quite a success.

**Councilmember Hill** said Pioneer Days is next week. Council will be riding the tank in the parade. Hill said the Pioneer Days Committee appreciates the City of St. Anthony as they use the city's parks, streets and the building. It grows every year. This year Congress declared 2016 the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Pioneer Days Committee has decided to honor Vietnam Veterans and have invited them to participate in the parade and other events. It is on the marquee, but if anyone knows of anyone that served please let him know and he will send them a personal invitation.

**Councilmember Willmore** had nothing to report.

**Mayor Thueson** said the city doesn't own all of the Ball Park at the end of West Main. Commission Miller said they are reviewing some of the properties Fremont County owns and they would like to deed back to the city what the city has now as the Ball Diamonds. It is just a small portion.

Clerk Parkinson said there will be a ribbon cutting Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. for a ribbon cutting to reveal the murals which will be placed on the property owned by Kenny Mathews or the old Rue Inn. Jim Hobbs, in the audience, said a lot of good things are happening and people are really starting to take care of their properties.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:42 p.m. by Mayor Theuson.

  
Neils Thueson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Patty Unruh Parkinson, City Clerk-Treasurer

