



Words From Mayor Beck

Projects Update: The Business Development Building on Bridge Street is progressing according to schedule. We have a tentative completion date on that project of November 10, 2004. We've had some interest expressed from some businesses that would like to locate in that building. The parking lot which will be built to the rear of that building will commence construction by the 1st of October 2004.

Wastewater Treatment Plant: The bid opening has been delayed. So, as of this date we are approximately three weeks behind our anticipated schedule. Design on this phase is essentially complete and will be

submitted to DEQ for their comments and approval the week of September 6th through the 12th, hopefully.

The new subdivision on the Northeast corner of St. Anthony is completed with the 1st house under construction.

We are please to welcome the Family Dollar store to St. Anthony. It is an attractive new building and we wish them well.

The budget for 2004-2005 has been approved by the council. As in years past the increase is very nominal. Our city employees are to be complimented on their efficiency and willingness to look at new ways of conducting city business which keeps our budget in line with anticipated revenues.

City Announcements & Events

Council Meetings - Sept. 8th & 22nd 7:00 p.m.

Greenway Meeting - Sept. 14th 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Meeting - Sept. 15th 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting - Sept. 1st 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember's Comments

Garth Rose

Council President

Sanitation, Fire & Finance

Nothing reported.

Joyce Edlefsen

Planning & Zoning, Personnel, Work Camp Liaison

Planning and Zoning: The Planning and Zoning Commission continues to gather information for a new comprehensive plan. Committees have been assigned topics to research. The goal is to come up with accurate information about the community as it is, so a plan for its future can be written. Consultant Nancy Taylor has been hired to help. She'll be back in October with more guidance for the commission.

Henry's Fork Greenway: The greenway continues to get lots of use, and a couple of projects have begun to make the path on the south side of the

river more comfortable and convenient. Benches have been placed on a pond overlook, and mile marker poles are up. Jace Balls, grandson of Herb Parker of St. Anthony, is working on the mile-markers. He's seeking some donations to help pay for signs. If you'd like to help, contact Herb Parker or a city official. A Greenway Committee meeting has been scheduled for Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at City Hall to discuss greenway topics. Everyone is invited to attend.

If anyone has any concerns or questions about planning and zoning, city personnel or St. Anthony Work Camp issues, please call me at 624-4656 or e-mail me at joyed@ida.net. I'd be happy to listen.

Shawn Fransen

Parks & Recreation, Buildings

Get out and enjoy the Greenway - all the beautiful colors and animals.

Cathy Koon,

Streets, Airport

The city and the county will be developing a transportation plan that has a couple of purposes. One is to provide a good look at the existing transportation system - how well it works and what shape it is in. The second is to provide a long-range plan for improvements. Having a transportation plan in place also puts the city in a better position when applying for grants for improvements. It takes about 18 months to complete a transportation plan. The study involves Ashton and Island Park as well.

Darby Merrill

Police, Animal Control, Personnel

Thanks to the Police Officers and Animal Control Officer for all of their hard work!

Lowell Williams

Water & Sewer, Finance

Progress on revamping the Wastewater Plant, known as Phase I, is delayed due to DEQ's Boise Office not yet approving the financing. Phase 2 is replacing the collection lines which will be bid next year. The finance circumstance prevents the Idaho Falls DEQ office from

reviewing and approving the construction plans and in turn prevents the Engineer from advertising for bids.

Thus, the construction will be about a month or slightly more behind where we were planning. The good news, however, there is a commitment from DEQ to buy the bonds at 3.25% rather than 3.5%. That will be a considerable savings for the millions involved. The \$3 million Wells Fargo interim financing is also in limbo until the DEQ actions are completed.

The first lagoon has been drained and was drying, the recent

rains notwithstanding, for removal of about two inches of accumulated sludge, a normal residue in lagoons. With further drying weather the sludge will be removed preparatory for construction.

The Engineer is now refining the plans and specifications prior to advertising for bids to prevent having an "extra" during construction. The more complete and correct the plans and specifications can be, limits the opportunity for extra charges from a contractor during constructions. "Extras" can be much more expensive per unit than original bid pricing.

City Clerk's Corner

Taci Stoddard

The City will be holding a surplus sale from September 20 to the 24th. Watch for the ads in the paper or come and get a list of the items at the city office. Among the items will be a car and computers.

The library should be opening September 8, 2004. We are excited to have them here in our building!

Go down to the Skatepark and take a look at the work that's been done this summer. We hope to have it completed sometime next summer. Thanks to Joan Klein, Tharen Garrett and so many others for all their time and contributions to make the park a reality.

School's back in session! Please watch for children crossing in the crosswalks before and after school, as well as at lunch time. Watch your speeds through the school zones and also in areas where kids walk to and from school. We can't be careful enough when it comes to our kids!

