



City of St. Anthony Newsletter *November, 2004*

Words From Mayor Beck

October 28th, 2004, was a day of celebration here at City Hall. Bids were opened for phase I of our sewer project. Apparent low bid was approximately \$565,000 under engineers estimate. This money saved will mean more sewer lines replaced in phase II. My thanks to the community for your trust, to the City Council for their hard work and to the city staff (Woody, J.D, Taci, April, Heather, and others) for their efforts, their wisdom, their good advise, their frugality. Also thank go to David Schiess and his staff, Ted Hendricks and the staff at ECIPDA and Willy Tuescher from DEQ. We anticipate start of construction in about 20 days.

The New Business Development building is nearing completion. We plan to hold an open house in the near future (date to be announced). This is a wonderful addition to our downtown. I also recognize East Idaho Credit Union for the great face lift on their building at North Bridge & 1st North.

Many of you have asked about a stop light at 4th North and Bridge Street. Idaho Department of Transportation is presently doing a study to determine feasibility.

Lacy Ekberg has been hired as the Economic Development person for Clark and Fremont County. She starts her new job on about Nov. 1st, 2004. We will plan to hold a reception for her in the very near future. Watch for date and times. Please come out and meet Lacy.

City Announcements & Events

Council Meetings - December 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting - December 1st, 6:30 p.m.

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

Councilmember's Comments

Garth Rose

Council President

Sanitation, Fire & Finance

Merry Christmas and thank you sanitation crew for all that you do.

Joyce Edlefsen

Planning & Zoning, Personnel, Work Camp Liaison

Planning and Zoning: Nancy Taylor, consultant for JUB Engineer in Boise will meet with the Planning and Zoning Commission Nov. 4th, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting & offer the opinions about revising the City's comprehensive plan.

Henry's Fork Greenway: The Greenway committee has met and decided to keep the greenway open year round. People may walk on the trail until enough snow falls to groom it for skiing and snow-shoeing. More

than 1600 people have signed the book at the trailhead.

Shawn Fransen

Parks & Recreation, Buildings

Nothing to report.

Cathy Koon,

Streets, Airport

Prior to my appointment to the city council, there was considerable discussion about the downtown parking ordinance. This has been an issue in the city since the days when my dad was chief of police and tried to enforce the two-hour parking limit downtown. The ordinance is intended to keeping vehicles from being parked on the street so they won't interfere with street sweeping and snow plowing. Now we have a business that feels we are infringing on its livelihood

and that the council doesn't support business.

The council has always done what it can to provide a clean, safe environment for businesses and residents. We can't favor one over the other, and we are required to treat everyone the same. The Mayor and Woody are trying to work with the business to develop a solution that works for everyone.

Some people don't see the need or the value for street sweeping, and snow removal is always a hot topic once the snow flies. Street sweeping is important but has to be scheduled around other work so we can't say it will be done on the same day at the same time each week. Snow removal is vital to everyone. Without it, no one gets to and from work; no one gets to the store, to school or anywhere else. It requires the cooperation of the

public, and that is what the ordinance is about.

Darby Merrill

Police, Animal Control, Personnel

Have a good holiday season and a safe one. Compliment to the Police Department for all they do.

Lowell Williams

Water & Sewer, Finance

October 28th was a very good day for the citizens of St. Anthony. The low bid for Phase 1 Sewer Project, the rebuild of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which includes \$160,000 for the extension of some sewer and water

lines on the Landfill Road and North Bridge, was \$2,939,600. This is about \$565,000, under the engineer's estimate.

Edstrom Construction of Rexburg was the successful bidder and they were about \$55,000 under the next bidder. The engineer's representative stated that Edstrom has a good reputation. Mayor Beck and City Employees: Woody Andersen, J.D. Henry, City Clerk Taci Stoddard and I were very pleased with their bid, as was the engineer.

Though the engineer's estimate is an educated figure, generally

contractor bids can vary considerably, higher and lower, from that figure.

Ten contractors indicated bidding and seven came in with bids. There was a grouping of four bids in the \$3.2 to \$3.5 million range and then two bids in the \$2.9 million area. The high bid, which I consider was a "pie in the ski" offer, was \$5.2 million.

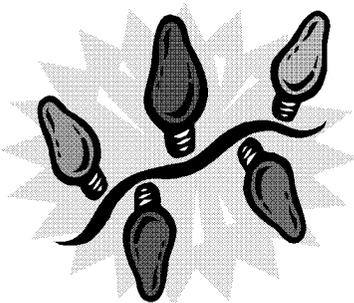
The engineer will review the bids and it is expected that an award will be made Monday, November 1st at a special Council meeting. Construction, weather permitting, should start two weeks after that.

City Clerk's Corner

Thanks to all who participated in the recent survey that was conducted in order for the city to qualify to apply for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant for the wastewater treatment plant. We'll keep you informed as to how that grant application fairs.

*****The City Council recently adopted a new resolution on shut-off fees for non-payments and the time allowed before your past due bill is subject to a shut-off notice. Accounts over 60 days past due from the date of the bill (not the *due* date) will be placed on the shut-off list. This is different from the previous allowance of 90 days from the due date. Please keep in mind the new fee will be \$50.00 if your water is shut off due to non-payment. There is also a \$20.00 reconnect fee, plus the past due amount must be paid. **You could have up to \$70.00 in fees plus your past due balance to pay if you delay in paying your bill.*******

Taci Stoddard



The Holiday Lighting Contest is coming up December 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Beck was recently made a Director for our District with the Association of Idaho Cities. He also serves on the Association of Idaho Cities Legislative Committee. The City was honored by these appointments and are proud of our Mayor.

Garbage Pickup on curbside will begin Monday, November 1st.

