



Words From Mayor Beck

The New Year begins with several important issues on the front burner.

At the top of the list is the fast approaching retirement of Chief Fullmer. Bryan's retirement is set officially for June 30th, 2006. Bryan will be taking some time off in May and June to use up accrued personal leave time. The personnel committee will begin efforts to advertise, interview and ultimately to hire a new chief of police immediately. I hope to be prepared to appoint a new chief and ask for council approval by the council meeting April 12th, all interested individuals will be considered for this position.

I was in Boise last week meeting with legislators and other city officials. As reported in the news, property

taxes are of primary interest to all. Most of the proposals to date appear to shift taxes from one group to another. Any real property tax relief must be accompanied by corresponding cuts in spending. It will be interesting to see the outcome of this.

We also made a formal presentation before the Economic Advisory Council. We outlined in detail our proposal to develop a light industrial park at the airport. We have asked for \$500,000.00 in grant money to extend water, sewer, electricity, natural gas and other amenities to this area. We expect to receive word on acceptance or rejection of this grant very soon!!

We are receiving an abundance of snow this season. We thank you all for your patience and cooperation.

City Announcements & Events

Council Meetings - February 8th, 7:00 p.m.
February 22nd, 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation - February 15th, 7:00 p.m.
Planning and Zoning - February 1st, 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember's Comments

Garth Rose

Council President

Sanitation, Fire & Finance

I'd like to welcome Matt Blanchard & Dee Rausch to the council; I am looking forward to working with them.

Please make sure to bring your garbage carts in after they have been emptied. This makes it easier for the city crews to remove snow.

Matt Blanchard

Police, Animal Control/Compliance Officer, Mayors Youth Group

I am grateful and excited to be serving the community and helping to form the Mayor's new youth group. I hope to be of use to the council in the position that I have been appointed to, and would like to know the opinions of the people in the City of St. Anthony.

Shawn Fransen

Parks & Recreation, Finance

Nothing reported

Cathy Koon,
Streets, Airport

Exciting things are in the works at the airport. The city has applied for a grant to develop an industrial park (Mayor Beck was making the presentation Jan. 30th), and we are looking at improvements to the runway and installation of a glide slope system designed to make it safer to land. We hope to be able to put up new security fencing, and we may have a new business opening in Sam Buckley's building.

We've had more snow this winter than the past few years, and we've had some questions about snow removal. You are required to park off the streets at night so your vehicles don't get in the way of our plows and grader. This creates a real inconvenience for some of you, but we have a real mess when the

plow has to go around a car. You will get better service overall if you obey this law.

Be careful out there this winter.

Dee Rausch

City Properties, Economic Development, Personnel Committee

I'm looking forward to serving the City of St. Anthony with great excitement and high anticipation. I realize you know very little about me. I have been in business for well over twenty years. For the last eight and a half years I have been a licensed administrator for Spring Creek Manor Assisted Living Homes. Almost two and a half years ago Spring Creek Manor opened their newest facility at the end of Bridge Street across from the new city office. I have been a Board Member of the Chamber of Commerce of St. Anthony since 2003. In 2005 I assumed primary responsibility for Public Relation & Communication for the Chamber. In

2006 I assumed the 2nd Vice Presidency for the Chamber. Even though I ran unopposed in this election, I appreciate all who voted for me. I'm looking forward to working with the Mayor and present city council-persons.

Darby Merrill

Water & Sewer, Personnel

Schiess & Associates will report on the water study survey the 2nd meeting in February to the City Council. Afterward there will be a

public hearing. The public is invited to attend

City Clerk's Corner

Taci Stoddard

The City's Audit is complete. The Auditor, Rudd & Company, has issued a clean, unqualified opinion. If you would like a copy of the Audit please contact me at the City Office. Copies of this year's budget are also available upon request.

The City is currently looking into taking debit and credit cards for utility bill payments. We will keep you posted as to when this service will become available. We do currently offer automatic payment withdrawal from your checking account. If you would like to sign up for this service, please contact the City Office.

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