City of St. Anthony Newsletter *October 2007*

Words from Mayor Beck

The budget for fiscal year 07-08 has been approved by the city council after a public hearing on August 22nd. Three issues concerning the budget deserve comment. First, there has not been any money budgeted for capital improvements such as police car replacement, street repairs, building repairs etc. Any expenditures of this nature will have to wait until monies are available. Secondly, the city employees will not receive a cost of living increase. In previous years, we have been able to do a 2 ½ to 3% increase in addition to the step increases employees receive depending on years of service. Most of the city employees are due a step increase on their anniversary date. We are considering what we can do for those who are not eligible for a step increase. Thirdly, 07-08 will be the first year we will begin paying the sewer bonds on both sewer projects. The city is not broke. Revenue is not increasing as fast as expenditures are. Revenues we have no control over. Expenditures we can exercise some control over and we will squeeze every penny for the maximum benefit.

School is in session again. Please be very observant of children as they come and go to and from school. Remember, 4th N. speed limit is 20 miles per hour from the east city limits, to the west city limits. Our police report some citations for speeding in the range of 50 – 60 mph on west 4th North have been issued. Please be very alert when children are present. Sometimes, they act unexpectedly.

City Announcements & Events

Council Meetings – Oct. 10th, 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 24th, 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation- Oct. 3rd, 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 7th, 7:00 p.m.

Planning and Zoning – Oct. 3rd, 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 7th, 7:00 p.m.

Department Reports

Police and Fire
Subject: School Zone Safety

With schools back in session, some words of caution concerning school zone safety:

All of 4th North is posted 20 mph until the Salem Highway bridge is completed. The speed limit is for the school zone and because of the high volume of traffic coming through the residential area, especially semi-trucks.

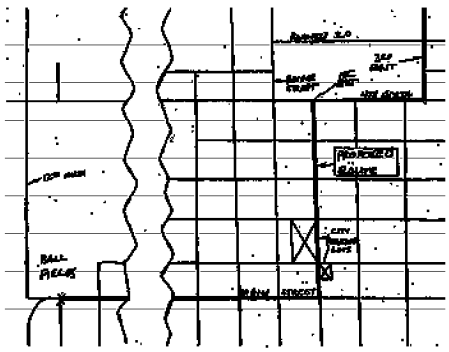
Make sure when you are driving you aren't rushing to beat the bell. Look for kids in crosswalks. Every intersection has either a marked or unmarked crosswalk. Load or unload passengers on the right side of the street, with the direction of traffic. Stay with your car in loading zones.

Subject: Parking

Some reminders about parking:
State and city law requires parking on the right side of the street, with the flow of traffic, no more than 18" from the curb or roadway edge.

No parking on or across sidewalks, including where driveways cross the sidewalk. No parking on front yards or corner lot side yards, except on hardstand driveways/parking areas.

The City Public Safety Committee, having received favorable input from the Town Council Committee and Fremont County Economic Development Director, has proposed an in-city ATV route connecting to the BLM route to the Sand Dunes. The recently established BLM route ends at Broulim's on 2400 E. The in-city route would allow ATV riders to and from the Sand Dunes, places to park their ATV's in town. Local residents would also be able to use the in-city route to ride to the BLM route. In-city riders would only be able to use the signed route. Driver's licenses would be required to operate the ATV's on the in-city route. The route travels south from Broulim's on 3rd East, turns west on 4th North, south on 1st E and west on Main St. to the ball fields. A public hearing will be held at the next City Council meeting on September 12th. A proposal to allow snowmobiles on the same route will also be discussed at the City Council meeting.



Animal Control & Code Compliance

Thank you to all the pet owners that came in and licensed their dogs last month. It really does make a difference and it helps us reunite you with your dog should he get picked up. I also want to remind everyone that St. Anthony does have a leash law, so please do not let your pets run loose.

Parks and Recreation

On behalf of the Parks and Recreational Committee, I would like to thank everyone who donated to our used art sale and to those who participated in the auction of our parks stuff. The money from the auction, art sale and the street signs will go into our equipment fund to help buy new and for matching money for grants. I'd also like to thank the Rotary Club for working our parks items into their auction at Summerfest. If you would like a street sign contact me at 624-9201.

Anymore improvements on our parks with the exception of the teeter-totters will be done next spring. Right now the P & R committee will be concentrating on grants, our tree ordinance and creating a recreational program for next year.

We are also looking for new Parks and Rec members. If you would like to help us improve our parks and other recreational activities please call me a@ 624 -9201 or the city office at 624-3494. The P & R board is a good way to serve your community.

I would also like to thank Walters Ready Mix for their donation of the pea gravel.

Streets and Airport

Mosquito spraying is finished for the year. It is getting cold enough that the mosquito season is over.

We will be replacing the curb and gutter and sidewalks that were taken out at W. 4th N. & N. 3rd W. & N. 5th W.

Results of Community Survey distributed with city water bills August 2007

47 surveys were returned

Are you interested in the idea of a community-owned store: 33 yes 2 undecided 10 no

Would you be interested in buying stock in such a store: 16 yes 10 maybe 20 no

(Several of the "no's" said it would depend on the price of the stock.)

Would you shop in a community-owned store: 33 yes 9 maybe 5 no

Would you be interested in volunteering to help get organized: 3 yes 2 maybe 21 no

(Most of those who said no indicated they would like to help but didn't feel physically able to volunteer.)

What types of merchandise should the store offer: Clothing – 17, children's clothing – 4, work clothes – 4, shoes/slippers – 8, jeans – 1; Household items – 5; Everything – 5 (Wal-Mart, Family Dollar, Penney's type stores); Whatever others stores don't sell – 4; Outdoor/garden – 3; Linens – 3; Hardware – 3; Gifts/souvenirs – 3; Non-perishables – 2; Fabric/sewing notions – 3; Office/school supplies – 2; Other (1 each) – appliances, home furnishings, furniture, yarn, cosmetics, toys, specialty foods, local crafts, knick knacks, not clothing, blankets, personal items, sporting goods, baby equipment, DVD rentals, food at Winco prices, cards, wrapping paper, diapers, basic foods, basic health care products

We received nominations for 11 people to serve on the board, and one received three nominations.

Other projects suggested: Flea market such as the one in Ashton

Additional comments: Bowling alley, hamburger joint (2), stores open on Sunday, campground/motel, no more parks, remember our old dime store, more things for youth to do, quality seconds for the clothing, update and enlarge animal control building, what a scam, the city has lost its credibility, fine or ticket people who improperly prune trees, don't waste taxpayer money on flowers, community center for table tennis and other family activities.

By Cathy Koon
Fremont County Economic Development

I'd like to clear up some misconceptions:

- First, this is NOT a city-sponsored project. The St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce has taken the lead to get it organized. The project will be funded through stockholders who buy shares in a corporation.
- The term "community-owned" refers to the community of people, not the city government. The idea is to help communities help themselves without government assistance.

We are going to proceed. We need seven good people to volunteer as directors to sell the stock. Only the directors can sell stock. We need to sell 800 shares at $500 each. Only Idaho residents, age 18 and older, can buy stock. We can't spend a penny until we have raised what we need and open the store. You don't have to buy stock to shop in the store.