City of St. Anthony Newsletter *December 2007*

Words from Mayor Beck

My comments in last month's newsletter concerning water related issues have produced some additional information made available to me. Perhaps the following will shed some additional positive light on our situation. The city has two wells and two storage tanks. The well behind the city building at 420 N. Bridge has a water priority date of 1965. The well on the south side has a priority date of 1955. This water right (the south side well) was a transferred right from earlier wells in St. Anthony and is a larger right than the well on the north side. Idaho water law is (simply put "first in time, first in line with an exception. Domestic water use takes precedent over other uses generally. That means that water needs for drinking water, sanitation, washing clothes (things you do in your homes) have to be satisfied first. Other uses such as watering lawns and business and industrial uses can be sustained as long as the source has a priority date earlier than someone making a water call. St. Anthony is obviously in a good position on the south side well in this matter. The north side well could be curtailed and we would need to transfer some water from south to north. This could be done by physical means (upgrading valves, monitoring or enlarging the pump or all 3), or by legal means of transferring some water rights to the north pump. We are currently evaluating these possibilities. Interestingly, a few days after last months newsletter, letters from the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources, informed us that a call for water by the A & B water company in the magic valley area in 1993 and subsequently put on hold for 14 years has now been reactivated. All the cities in Southeastern Idaho are parties to this call in one way or another. The City of St Anthony will follow this action very closely and will have an action plan in place should this call involve us. I believe we will not be in a position of needing to curtail water use to any one, domestic or business this next water year.

May we at the City wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year? We thank you for your support, for your goodness and most of all for being the heart and soul of our town. Best Wishes

City Announcements & Events

Council Meetings – Dec. 12th, 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 26th, Cancelled
Jan. 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation- Dec. 5th, Cancelled
Jan. 2nd, 7:00 p.m.

Planning and Zoning – Dec. 5th, 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 2nd, 7:00 p.m.

Department Reports

Police and Fire

Nothing Reported

Animal Control & Code Compliance

Winter parking is now in affect. City Code 8.32.040 (it is unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle or leave any other obstruction adjacent to or upon the public street in such a manner as to interfere with snow removal by the city.

Parks and Recreation

Nothing reported

Streets and Airport

Christmas lights have been placed and will be lit soon. We hope everybody enjoys this display.

The City crews will be snow plowing as the snow starts to fall. Please make sure all vehicles are removed from city streets. Cars left parked at the curbs will be towed if the city crew has to plow around them 2 times. This will be at the owner's expense, so please make sure these cars are moved.

Sewer, Water, and Sanitation

Please be careful with your PSI garbage carts. If a cart becomes severely damaged there is a $75 replacement fee that will be charged. Also, please note that with the Christmas holiday garbage pickup will be on Friday, December 28th, instead of the 27th.