

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – MAY 11, 2005
CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Beck, Councilmembers Joyce Edlefsen, Shawn Fransen, Cathy Koon, Darby Merrill, Garth Rose, and Lowell Williams.

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Penny Stanford, Supt. of Public Works Woody Andersen, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, Police Chief Bryan Fullmer, Joan Klein and Jack Davis from the Skatepark Committee, High Country Flyers members, Merle Hansen, newsmedia and concerned citizens.

SKATEPARK UPDATE: Joan Klein informed the council of an upcoming fundraiser which the Lions Club offered to do for the skatepark. It is a pig roast in Keefer Park on June 11th along with an auction. They are looking at coming up with \$20,000 to finish the park which included \$14,000-15,000 for paving the parking lot. Klein asked that anyone wishing to donate items for the auction be directed to her. If the funds aren't raised they are looking at trying to get a grant to help finish next spring. They are also looking at having a grand opening in September

TARGHEE TRAILER COURT EXPANSION: Merle Hansen presented an expansion proposal to the council. Mayor Beck explained location of property on city map, and Mr. Hansen passed around a drawing of proposed expansion plans. Hansen would like to trade some property with the city to allow for better organization and expansion of the court and its road access. Stanford clarified that exactly the same amount of property would have to be exchange. A small remainder of property would be developed as a small park which he would take care of and maintain. Council discussed utility lines and street and whether would be public and private. Hansen also asked the council for permission of to get a surround for unsightly garbage problem. Supt. Andersen feels the proposal would bring better access for tenants as well as emergency access. Hansen informed the council he is trying to make some changes and is still working on improving the court. According to a letter from the City Attorney regarding the exchange of property public meetings will need to be held. The council concurred they would be interested in looking into the transfer further, however the property transfer with the county needs to be complete first before they could proceed. Councilmembers also requested more information from Hansen regarding plans for the road and right of ways, and also the width and type of road surface he plans on having. Hansen agreed and will get the information to the Council

HIGH COUNTRY FLYERS LEASE: City Attorney Stanford discussed with the council her concerns about leasing the property for the model airplane group in an R-1 zone. It doesn't exclude or include their activities, but she is concerned about neighbors in the area and what their thoughts would be. She feels it would be better not to lease the property, but have the group obtain a special use permit so that hearings might be held. The High Country Flyers agreed to get a letter to the city office asked for consideration for a special use permit and the issue will be turned over to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

MAYOR SALARY – Mayor Beck informed the council that the salary for the Mayor had been

discussed in finance and personnel committee meeting. Councilmember Merrill stated they had looked at salaries based on other city's close in size and found their salaries ranged from \$800-\$1,500. The Personnel Committee recommended \$800 for our size of city. Councilmember Rose commented that he listened to the recommendation from the personnel committee and concurred with what the Mayor is doing and should be doing for the city he feels it is warranted. Councilmember Williams expressed his opinion that it should be \$1,000, and commented on Mayor Beck's efforts. Merrill said the council can't look at who is currently in position. They have to look at the requirements of the position. She feels it should be \$800 for now and needs to be revisited in the next two years. Councilmember Edlefsen feels the public would accept \$800 better than \$1,000. Mayor Beck agreed that the council has to separate and look at requirements of the position. There is so much outside the statutory requirements that the Mayor is responsible for as well as all the meetings and committees. Beck stated it is like being in charge of \$3,000,000 company with the responsibility of 25 employees and that needs to be considered. Beck's position on the issue has been to looking to who would serve as Mayor after him. The ordinance would need to be published 60 days before the election. Mayor Beck informed the council he would like to see the ordinance read in three separate meeting to take time for any comments or concerns to be discussed. Stanford will prepare the ordinance for the next council meeting.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK PROCLAMATION: Mayor Beck read a proclamation and announced Sunday, May 15th as Peace Officer's Memorial Day and the week in which it falls and National Police Week in the city.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROPOSAL: The council discussed a proposal from Steve Huber to write the city's comprehensive plan, however the proposal did not include a limit on the hours. The City Clerk will talk with Huber and see if he can clarify this so the council may discuss the proposal at another meeting.

WATER & SEWER LINE EXTENSIONS ON BRIDGE STREET: Mayor Beck discussed with the council the patching that needs to be done on North Bridge where water and sewer line extensions were done last fall. Beck feels the council needs to consider an overlay to have better street quality. The contractor gave Beck a figure of \$37,300. Beck recommends doing the overlay because of the location of the street near the high school and the high amount of traffic. A motion to approve using ½ water funds and ½ wastewater for \$37,300 made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

HORSEY PARK SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT: Mayor Beck informed the council that in looking at sewer line replacements for the project in the city, one of the lines prioritized for replacement runs underneath the concrete and shelter at Horsey Park. It was thought that it could be pipe burst, but if there are too bad of bellies in the line, it cannot be done. Beck asked the engineers about moving the shelter off the sewer line, which would essentially be doing a new shelter. DEQ informed the Mayor is was a political decision whether project funds could be used to do this project. DEQ would not be particularly in favor of it, but would go along if that is what the city decided. After discussion by the council the Mayor and Supt. Andersen will look into the issue further and review any possible alternatives and get some costs estimates.

AIC CONFERENCE: The Mayor talked with the council about the upcoming AIC conference in Idaho Falls. The Mayor and Councilmember Merrill were designated as the designated voted delegates for the meeting.

MINUTES: Minutes from the April 13, 2005, council meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve made by Edlefsen, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

BILLS: Bills were presented for council approval. Councilmember Koon discussed with the council the work being done for the city website and whether the costs weren't excess and shouldn't be bid out. Some research will be done on the cost effectiveness of the current website and information brought to the next council meeting. A question also came up about the towing bill for the new jetter truck and whether that shouldn't be considered part of the warranty. Motion to pay with the exception of the towing bill made by Merrill, 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

STREET SETBACK ORDINANCE: The council reviewed recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Committee regarding an ordinance clarifying setbacks in commercial zones. Questions arose about open space requirements in the ordinance and the need for some clarification. The Council chose to hold the ordinance and refer it back to Planning and Zoning for further clarification.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS

Williams discussed the sewer financial report worksheet with the council. He informed them there would be some adjustments made for the retainage that will be paid out at the completion of the project and how that would affect the financial report.

COUNCILMEMBER KOON

Koon asked if anything had heard about the airport grant. The City Clerk stated nothing had heard yet. Koon discussed making bags available for animal waste for the city's parks and greenway. The City Clerk will find out where to get the bags and dispensers.

COUNCILMEMBER ROSE

Rose asked if any response had been received at the city offices about PSI proposal on the garbage. The City Clerk responded that the office hadn't received any. Councilmember Fransen reported he had only received positive responses regarding the proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL

Merrill briefly discussed animal control issues with the council and how many animals had been destroyed in the past year by animal control.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANSEN

Fransen reported on the City's Arbor Day celebration. He also discussed the installation of the

drip system for some of the flower beds that will be installed. He informed the council the Rotary Club is still trying to raise funds for the shelter at Keefer Park. They have \$11,000-\$12,000 right now and need about \$6,000 more. Mayor Beck stated he would like to have Parks and Recreation review their plan for the shelter.

MAYOR BECK

The Mayor discussed with the council nuisance and junk issues in town. Some citizens feel that now that the county is looking at taking a harder stance that the city should too. He proposed that Councilmember Merrill, City Attorney Stanford, Supt. Andersen, City Clerk Stoddard, Chief Fullmer and he review the current ordinances and what needs to be done.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fullmer reported the department is working on lots of high profile cases and wanted to let council know they have been getting convictions. They have had to change the way have to do things, and are really busy. Officer Don Powell is off for 2-3 weeks for health issues and Officer Walker, stationed in IRAQ with the National Guard, is doing well. The department will be receiving another \$16,000 grant money for equipment and some of it will be used for cameras for the water facility for security. Rose commented he would like to have reports from the department that they used to get.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Supt. Andersen reported on spring clean up. He also reported that they are working things out being short-handed in the Parks Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss the PSI Waste proposal made by Edlefsen, 2nd, all yes by roll call vote. The PSI Waste proposal was discussed. No decisions were made.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Bill Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer