

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2006**  
**CITY OF ST. ANTHONY**  
**420 NORTH BRIDGE, ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bill Beck, Councilmembers Garth Rose, Shawn Fransen, Darby Merrill, Cathy Koon – present by phone. Matt Blanchard arrived later in the meeting. Councilmember Dee Rausch was excused.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Supt. of Public Works Woody Andersen, Police Chief Jim Smith, City Clerk-Treasurer Taci Stoddard, City Attorney Penny Stanford, Fremont County School District Superintendent Gary Parker, Tom Howell, co-chair of the Fremont County Fair Board, Harry Halkar, and Bob Bauer, concerned citizens and newsmedia.

**SATELLITE CENTER PROPERTY TRANSFER:** The Mayor and Council discussed the property commonly known as the Satellite Development Center property near the National Guard Armory. Mayor Beck updated those present on the history of the Satellite Center. It has ceased to function as the Satellite Development Center and the School District has need for the property. Supt. Park spoke for the School District explaining that the Development Corporation will dissolve and give the building to the school district. The property lease from the City also needs to give to the district to complete the transfer. If the City agrees to the transfer the School Board will discuss the transfer agreement at their meeting at the North Fremont High School on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The building currently houses the school districts Developmental Preschool. Parker assured the Council the district would be a good steward of the property. He is not sure at this time what other uses the school district will have for the building.

Sally Webster, a member of the Satellite Development Board, explained the reasons for the dissolving of the corporation and there is no longer a need for their corporation as other services are available. In the past the corporation was created because there were no services available for the developmentally disabled. In order to dissolve the corporation they have to dispose of property according to by law. The board felt by donating the building and property to the school district it could still continue to best serve the needs of people in community and the area.

A motion to give the school district Block 46 of the City of St. Anthony including the alley made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Merrill introduced the ordinance and made a motion to read the ordinance by title only, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Merrill read by title only for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. A motion to pass made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. A motion to suspend the rules and read 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings by title only made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings read by Merrill. A motion to pass was made by Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor by roll call vote. Mayor Beck expressed appreciation on behalf of the City for the Development Center efforts through the years.

**GRAVEL PIT PARK:** Rachel Huber addressed the Mayor and Council and explained that she and several other citizens would like to be able to turn the former gravel pit located in the South West part of town into a beautiful spot in community and a money

earner. It would be called Lloyd Swenson Memorial Park. What they envision was detailed in sheet given with a map to Councilmembers (copies are attached). They feel it would be a great family park. The pavilion could be rented, and softball fields could be rented to bring games and tournaments. It is a beautiful way to fix up the property especially because it can be seen from the freeway. The park would contribute to St. Anthony and something people could be proud of.

Huber explained they have been talking for less than a week and have been able to receive commitments from the people listed on the information sheet. They will also try and raise funds by selling bricks that will have the donors names placed on them. They have currently raised over \$4,000, and also have commitments from people to help with the labor. Joan Klein, who assisted the Skatepark in their efforts, has also volunteered to be on the committee. They feel the community will support the park with money and labor.

Councilmember spoke with concerns about the property at the gravel pit that was supposed to be leased as an airfield for remote controlled airplanes. Fransen reported Clark Moon had not proceeded as he could not get support from group members to support the effort. The City Clerk informed the Mayor and Council that the lease for the airfield had not been signed. Rose commented that a park at the area was the original intent for the property. He stated the personally the group should go through Parks and Recreation to start the ball rolling. There is a need for soccer fields and feels it could be a great team effort. He explained the need to take the 1<sup>st</sup> step with Parks and Recreation, and going that route he would be in favor of it. Councilmember Koon stated the park was not a new idea, but its more money that the City has. She expressed concerned with maintenance, lack of funds, traffic problems and other items that need to be considered and addressed. Fransen stated the Parks and Rec Board has been working along with this. They have been shown the plan, and they are not opposed. Fransen explained that there are many people in the community showing support, and they are not expecting to accomplish the project overnight. Merrill stated concerns with costs of water lines and sprinkler system that would need to be run, as well as the effect on the budget of annual maintenance costs. She asked if Parks and Recreation could look at those concerns and get some answers to some of the questions, and still move along with the project. Koon explained that being on the phone she was missing some of information and more information was needed, and explained she would like to table the subject for the next council meeting.

Heather Griffel stated that tonight was the 1<sup>st</sup> time she had heard about the efforts. Nothing has moved forward with the gravel pit for a long time. She feels it sounds like a wonderful idea and is willing to get behind it. She stated the Council should give credit for the group's efforts and be more positive. There are people willing to get behind and support the project which could turn an ugly place into something beautiful. Jim Hunter explained there are issues but things that could be worked with. Alan Dopp described all the benefits for community, and that the City doesn't own a regulation soccer field. The Council can decide now even if it takes some years to get done. Carol Fransen stated she is really excited and the momentum is going and money being gathered. She feels it is an

excellent idea and understands there are issues to be addressed, but they have a community to assist in their efforts. The soccer coach for the Jr. High boys soccer team spoke to “lend comments and sense of urgency”. He stated there are not enough fields and not enough practice times. The teams have more away games versus home games. He is seeing a tremendous growth of soccer in St. Anthony. Griffel stated the group and the Council could work peaceably and work with the problems and get bids, and if the council could work on the aspect of bids and costs and get back with the people planning so the effort could move forward. Mayor Beck recommended supporting what has been suggested and getting details of things that need to be worked out. He suggested the Council lend its support and then let the Parks and Rec Committee work out the details, and then the project could move ahead. Fransen explained all the group is asking for is to have Council approval so they can proceed. Councilmember Rose made a motion to let the citizens committee proceed with Parks and Recreation and use the gravel pit property for this park facility, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Koon opposed, all others in favor, motion carried by majority. A motion to make the Lloyd Swenson Memorial Park Committee an ad hoc committee of the Parks and Rec Committee made by Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Koon opposed, all others in favor, motion carried, by majority vote.

**Council recessed briefly. Councilmember Koon was excused. Councilmember Blanchard arrived.**

**SCHEDULE 2006 BUDGET AMENDMENT:** A motion to schedule a 2006 Budget Amendment hearing on September 27<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m. made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM & FAIRGROUNDS TRACK:** Tom Howell, co-chairman of the Fremont County Fair Board addressed the Council. He informed them that the Fair Board is looking into entering into a long time lease for drag racing and mini-bandit racers. Don Powell has approached the Board and the drag racing group is getting financing for a track and working with the Board for a 30 year lease. If the two projects come to pass the Board would like to have the City think about the Boards needs for an old street sweeper and a water truck.

Bob Bauer, Harry Halkar and Tom Howell spoke with the Council about the ITD transportation grant for a museum. Mayor Beck explained the history of the museum effort and that the grant has been written by ECIPDA the past two years, and turned down. They were not approved for various reasons but were encouraged to apply again. The Mayor stated they have in mind that a museum should own its inventory, and they would have a hard time to getting money for that. They need to go to curators of other transportation museums to get information to explain how other transportation museums work. The Fremont County Economic Adjustment Committee has discussed the idea. At one time the Hess museum was looking at someone to take it over like the County or the LDS Church. Fremont County has a collection and it is within the Commissioners power to take tax money for a historical museum. It is allowed by Idaho code. ITD was also concerned that the museum would need an operating plan. The County will be hiring an economic development director who could assist with a business plan. They would still like to see the Visitor center combined with the museum, but ITD didn't like

that too much the 1<sup>st</sup> grant application. Howell asked if the City would still support the effort being the sponsor of the grant. It was the consensus of council to continue as sponsor and work towards getting in another application.

**INDUSTRIAL PARK CHANGE ORDER:** Mayor Beck informed the Council that there were some problems with lava that will involve blasting and re-design of the sewer system and pumping at the new Industrial Park. They have negotiated with the contractor and gotten the amount down to just over \$57,000. EICPDA and the Mayor propose the funds from the sale of the truss plant lot be put towards the change order instead of putting it into the revolving loan funds. Council approval is needed because the Council had previously committed that the 1<sup>st</sup> sales go into the revolving loan fund. A motion to approve the change order and put funds from the sale of the 1<sup>st</sup> lot made by Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Minutes were presented for Council approval for August 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006. No changes were noted. A motion to approve the minutes made by Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**BILLS:** Bills were presented to the Council for payment approval. Questions were answered and a motion to approve made by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

## **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### ***MAYOR BECK***

Mayor Beck updated the Council on the Keefer Park shelter. The roof will be going up in the next few days.

The digging is finished on the sewer project. Everything is functioning well. The contractor has an essential completion date of September 6<sup>th</sup>, after which they have one month for total completion. The Mayor commended the sewer line project contractor, HOFFCO, for being a good contractor to work with. He isn't sure at this point, but estimate only being at 1 to 1.5% over the base contract for the project, which is excellent for doing underground work. He attributed the low cost to good engineering, contractor and city crew.

The Mayor hopes to have permission from the Army Corp soon for work at the Sand Bar. HOFFCO has agreed to remove the old concrete.

### ***COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD***

Councilmember Blanchard stated he had received comments from 15 to 20 people who were pleased with the police patrol during school hours.

### ***COUNCILMEMBER FRANSEN***

Fransen apologized for being out of line trying to bring point across about the park at the gravel pit. He feels the committee will do things right, they just wanted permission from

the Council to go ahead and begin planning and raising money. The Committee didn't want to get any more commitments from people unless they had the City's permission.

Construction of the paved trail on the North side of the Greenway will be beginning this week. The City crew still needs to get a fence up as part of match for the Greenway grant.

**CITY CLERK-TREASURER STODDARD:** The City Clerk and Deputy Clerk and some of the City crew will be for training the following week.

**SUPT. ANDERSEN:** DePatco will have the Teton highway cleaned up and opened all the way back up soon.

**POLICE CHIEF SMITH:** The Chief reported that Terry Harris was working as the new DARE officer. Tom Smith is almost done with his field training. The Chief stated that Smith was going to be a good officer.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Willard D. Beck, Mayor

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Taci Stoddard, City Clerk-Treasurer