

HONORABLE MAYOR

Anthony David Turner, MPH

MAYOR PRO TEM

Louie Alfaro, Place #4

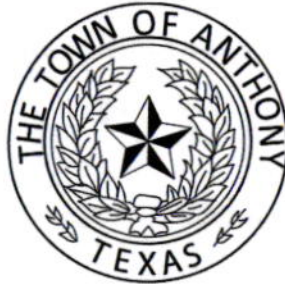
COUNCIL

Alicia Stevens, Place #1

Shawn Weeks, Place #2

Soledad Flores, Place #3

Eduardo Chavez, Place #5



MINUTES

Town of Anthony, Texas

Monday, April 8, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
at 5:30 p.m.

Anthony Town Hall,
401 Wildcat Drive
Anthony, Texas 79821

Notice is hereby given of a regular meeting of the Town of Anthony Council, to be held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas 79821, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action. The Town of Anthony Council reserves the right to meet in a closed session for consultation with the attorney on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

2.0 QUORUM

Councilwoman Stevens- Present

Councilman Weeks- Absent

Mayor Turner- Present

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Present

Councilwoman Flores- Absent

Councilman Chavez- Present

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed to honor a former Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Orlando Garcia.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECEIPT OF PETITIONS: *[At this time, anyone will be allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters or matters under litigation, for length of time not to exceed two minutes. No Council discussion or action may take place on a matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with law – GC, 551.042.]*

No one signed up for public speaking.

5.0 Approve the Minutes of the following Town of Anthony Council Meetings:

- 03-11-2024 Regular Town Council Meeting
- 03-25-2024 Regular Town Council Meeting

Councilwoman Stevens motions to approve 03-11-2024 Regular Town Council Meeting and 03-25-2024 Regular Town Council Meeting. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 3-0.

6.0 Old Business:

6.1 Discussion, consideration and action on Town of Anthony, Texas Comprehensive Code of Conduct for Elected Officials

Mayor Turner suggested to table item. Councilman Chavez motioned to table, second by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 3-0.

6.2 Discussion, consideration, and action on entering in a personal services agreement with Thelma Guzman-Quigg as the master licensed interpreter for the Anthony Municipal Court

Chief Enriquez stated that this would be a pay-per-fee agreement. Councilman Chavez mentioned what would be the fee be and Chief Enriquez replied its \$110 an hour, \$55 per increments of additional half hour. Councilwomen Stevens asked if all the Spanish speaking cases are put to one court hearing and Chief Enriquez responded it is very difficult to do that. Chief Enriquez also stated that the interpreter will only be in court once a month along with the town attorney. Councilman Chavez motions to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 3-0.

7.0 New Business:

7.1 Discussion and action regarding a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the City of El Paso for health and environmental services and the HIPAA Business Associate Agreement.

Town Clerk mentioned this agreement is brough every year from the Department of Health from the City of El Paso, Texas. Councilman Chavez states that he has not seen Vector Control come into town. Chief Enriquez states that the town receives a schedule and usually comes before the summer. Councilwoman Stevens mentions that she has not heard or seen any health sites

here in town and asked if the Department of Health provides addresses for the community to go to. Dr Ocaranza mentioned that the Public Health Services is not medical. The city clinics provide immunizations, sexual health, and WIC. Also states that clinic locations can be found on the Department Health website. Chief Enriquez mentions that the mobile WIC parks outside the Town Hall regularly. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 3-0. Roll call was made for the resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Yes

Councilwoman Stevens- Yes

Councilman Weeks- Absent

Councilman Chavez- Yes

Councilwoman Flores- Absent

7.2 Discussion, consideration, and action on certification of population numbers

Mayor Turner mentioned that this item is to certify the population numbers to become a home rule city. Mayor states that with the information that was utilized the estimated number was 5,555 residents, based on residential connections that service the apartment complex such as Anthony Palms, Cactus Palms, Villa Feliz, Whispering Sands, and Mobile Homes. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro motions to approve the numbers, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens. Roll call was made for the resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Yes

Councilwoman Stevens- Yes

Councilman Weeks- Absent

Councilman Chavez- Yes

Councilwoman Flores- Absent

7.3 Discussion, consideration, and action on a resolution for submission of the grant application for the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies by the Community Project Funding (CPF) for fiscal year 2025

Chief Enriquez states that there is a appropriations act grant available for the 2025 Fiscal year. Chief Enriquez mentions that he has applied for 1.5 million for a Mobile Command Center and believes it would be vital for the security of the public for town events. Councilwoman Stevens asked what the towns obligations would be and Chief Enriquez responded there is no matching amount.

Councilman Chavez motioned to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 3-0. Roll call was made for resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Yes

Councilwoman Stevens- Yes

Councilman Weeks- Absent

Councilman Chavez- Yes

Councilwoman Flores- Absent

- 7.4 Discussion, consideration and action on billing for every 1,000 gallons of water and sewer consumption for the utilities department

Town Clerk mentioned that the administration department are working with FundView, a government software and they are requesting in writing that states the town charges for every 1,000 gallons of water and sewer. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro motioned to approve the charge for water and sewer to be for every 1,000 gallons, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passed 3-0.

- 7.5 Discussion, consideration and action on sewer average for residential accounts for the utilities department

The Town Clerk states that since the town will be implementing FundView, Fundview recommends establishing a fixed sewer rate average for the full year in order to gather new history in FundView. The set approve average fee was \$30.00, Town Clerk is asking to do the average fee of \$30.00, Finance Manager recommends \$34.00. Councilman Chavez motioned to approve \$34.00, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 3-0.

8.0 Reports

- 8.1 Public Works Department- **Public Works Superintendent Isael asked to postpone**

the report until the next council meeting. Mayor Turner reminded residents that it is spring cleanup week.

- 8.2 Finance Department- **Accounting Manager Jessica asked to postpone until the next**

council meeting.

8.2.1 Accounting Manager Monthly Report- March 2024

- 8.3 Anthony Police and Municipal Court Department- **The Chief asked to postpone until**

the next council meeting. Mentioned the AMC report was submitted and there was an estimate of \$35,000 for the month.

8.3.1 Chief's Monthly Report – March 2024

- 8.4 Administration Department – **Mayor Turner states that by April 19th all accounts**

will be done, Val will be getting with Public Work Superintendent for meter reading. Mayor thanked the front office clerks Raquel, Francesca, and Natalie, along with Valerie and Rebecca for working diligent with the implementation of Fundview and for establishing great customer service.

9.0 The Town Council will go into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 (personnel matters) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or charge against an officer or employee; the open meeting will be reconvened following the closed session at which time action, if any, will be considered.

Town Council went into close session at 6:07pm.

- 9.1 Town Council will go into closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties for the Public Works Department (Arturo Torres)
- 9.2 Town Council will go into closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties for the Public Works Department (Ricardo Galvan)
- 9.3 Town Council will go into closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties for the Finance Department (Daniel Bueno)

Reconvene into open session and take any action if necessary: Reconvene into open session at 6:27pm.

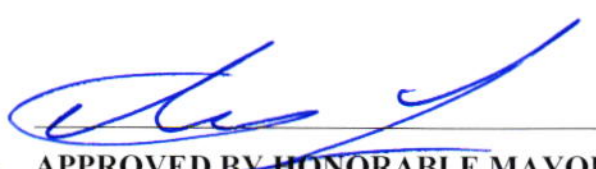
- 9.1 Take action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 9.1
Councilman Chavez motioned to approve hiring Arturo Torres at \$15, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 3-0.
- 9.2 Take action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 9.2
Councilman Chavez motioned to approve hiring Ricardo Galvan at \$15, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 3-0.
- 9.3 Take action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 9.3
Councilwoman Stevens motioned to approve hiring Daniel Bueno at \$70,000 a year., seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 3-0.

The next Regular Town Council meeting is scheduled at 5:30 PM on Monday, April 22, 2024.

- I. **ADJOURN MEETING** – Councilman Chavez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:29pm, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 3-0.

MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON MAY 28,2024.




APPROVED BY HONORABLE MAYOR
ANTHONY DAVID TURNER, MPH


SUBMITTED BY: TOWN CLERK
VALERIE M. ARMENDARIZ, MPA