

**HONORABLE MAYOR**

Anthony David Turner, MPH

**MAYOR PRO TEM**

Louie Alfaro, Place #4

**COUNCIL**

Alicia Stevens, Place #1

Shawn Weeks, Place #2

Todd Wolford, Place #3

Eduardo Chavez, Place #5



**MINUTES**

**Town of Anthony, Texas**

August 12, 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, August 12, 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 Town 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 called meeting to order at 5:33pm.

**2.0 QUORUM-**

Councilwoman Stevens- Yes

Councilman Weeks- Yes

Mayor Turner- Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Yes

Councilman Wolford- Absent

Councilman Chavez- Yes

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Mayor Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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.]*

Resident Irene Briseno 3031 Myriam St had concerns that her back yard is connected to the NM desert and there has been more target shooting happening. Another concern was that her

neighbor has currently 4 dogs and doesn't pick up after their dogs. Another of her concerns was that there has been 18 wheelers cab parking in the neighborhood and thinks is not safe and creates a lot of pollution because they are left on for a while.

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

- 07-22-2024 Regular Town Council Meeting

**Councilwoman Stevens motioned to approve 07-22-2024 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 4-0.**

#### 6.0 Old Business:

- 6.1 Discussion, consideration, and action a resolution of the Town of Anthony, Texas adopting budgment amendment no. 2023-05-0925 amending the municipal budget for fiscal year 2024 reduce the contingency account (6166) by \$10,000.00 to provide additional funding for repairs and maintenance of vehicles (6130) in the amount of \$3,000.00; to provide additional funding for advertising the food truck park (6138) in the amount of \$1,000; and additional funding for employee uniforms (6161) in the amount of \$6,000.00

**Councilman Chavez was concerned since money needs to be moved, he thinks the town is not budgeting enough for repairs and maintenance of vehicles. Councilman Chavez states that since the new budget is coming up it would be a great time to budget properly. Mayor Turner stated that last year the budget had to be made based on the numbers from the previous year. Councilman Chavez also stated that transferring money to employee uniforms is a lot. Chief Enriquez stated since public works has had a turnover with employees he needs to continuously be getting new uniforms and the company currently being used for uniforms have increased their fees too. Councilwoman Stevens motioned to approve the transfers, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passed 4-0.**

- 6.2 Discussion, consideration, and action on a resolution of the Town of Anthony, Texas adopting budgment amendment no. 2023-05-0925 2 amending the municipal budget for fiscal year 2024 to reduce the quality of life events account (6193) by a total \$52,450.00 to provide additional funding for contingency account (6166) in the amount of \$40,000.00; and to provide additional funding to Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool ("TMLIRP") (6110) in the amount of \$12,450.00.

**Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens. Motion passed 4-0.**

#### 7.0 New Business:

- 7.1 Presentation of Tax Rolls and 2024 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet and action to authorize the staff to publish the intended Tax Rate for FY 2025

**The Accounting Manager went over last year's approved tax rate. Accounting Manager went over the no new revenue rate, voter approvals rate, and the de minimis. The accounting manager mentioned that to be in compliance with law requirements it needs to be published. The accounting manager asked the council for publishing purposes to vote for the De minimis rate and can always be adjusted.**



- 7.2 Discussion and action regarding Proposed FY 2025 Budget and Tax Rate.

**Councilman Chavez motioned to approve the De Minimus tax rate, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passed 4-0.**

- 7.3 Discussion and action regarding dates for adoption of Budget and Tax Rate.

**The Town Clerk mentioned this is to publish the dates for adoption of Budget and Tax Rate which will be published on August 22,2024 with West Texas County Courier and September 9, 2024 will be the adoption date. Councilwoman Stevens motioned to approve the publication for public hearing on August 22,2024 and September 9, 2024 regular town council meeting for the adoption tax rate , seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passed 4-0.**

- 7.4 Discussion, consideration and action on terminating services with the County of El Paso Animal Welfare

**Mayor Turner discusses this is a proposal budget aspect as the County fees are going up. The Mayor is planning on hiring and implementing its own animal welfare unit to service the Town of Anthony. The money allocated to El Paso County will be used to offset the salary of a new animal control unit. Chief Enriquez mentioned that the police officers are currently having to pick up the animals and take care of them because animal welfare can't take them. Councilwoman Stevens motions to table terminating services with the County of El Paso Animal Welfare, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Councilman Chavez Nay. Motioned passed 3-1.**

- 7.5 Discussion and action regarding an Order calling a special election on Tuesday November 5, 2024, to consider the adoption of a Home Rule City Charter.

**The Town Attorney states that the deadline is coming up to call an election for Tuesday November 5,2024. Councilman Weeks states that the Charter Committee has not met yet and states it might not work because they have less than three months to present it to the public and have vote on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2024. Councilman Chavez motions to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Councilman Weeks no. Motion passed 3-1.**

- 7.6 Discussion and Action on a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with the County Election Administrator to conduct Charter Election on November 5, 2024.

**The Town Attorney mentioned this is to authorize Mayor to sign the contract with the County Election Administrator to conduct the Charter Election for \$5,669.46. Councilman Chavez motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Stevens. Councilman Weeks opposed. Motion passed 3-1.**

- 7.7 Discussion, consideration and action on selecting the medical plan with Curative, the dental plan with Guardian, the vision plan with Guardian, and basic life and accidental & dismemberment plan with Hartford for fiscal year 2025

**Chief Enriquez mentioned that the Town went into the RFQ process for new brokers. The current broker is not meeting the Town's standards that the Town requires. USI was the selected brokers; they came and made a full census from the Town of Anthony employees. USI came back with several options and the best option that will be**

beneficial for employees is Curative. The benefit to employees is that the monthly contribution from the Town would be an identical match or a couple of dollars less. For the Dental and Vision plan the best option would be Guardian and these plans would be extra cost for the employees. Also, Hartford was selected as the life insurance that was most beneficial for the town employees. Councilman Stevens motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passed 4-0.

- 7.8 Discussion, consideration and action on interlocal agreement between Town of Anthony, Texas and City of El Paso, Texas for animal services for fiscal year 2025

Mayor Turner discussed this is the contract that the Town originally had before and are going up on their rate. Chief mentions that the fee for dogs and cats is \$60.00 and it will go up to \$110 plus an everyday fee for having them in their kennels. Councilwoman Stevens motioned to approve the contract with the City of El Paso, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Councilman Chavez nay. Motion passed 3-1.

## 8.0 Reports

- 8.1 Public Works Department- Isael the Public Works Superintendent gave a report on the water and sewer plant. Along with the parks and streets.

- 8.2 Finance Department- Nothing to report.

- 8.3 Anthony Police and Municipal Court Department- Nothing to report.

- 8.4 Administration Department – Mayor Turner mentioned that a Master Fee Schedule is currently being made. And mentioned that the Twilight Farmers Market was a success.

9.0 The Town Council may retire into a closed executive session at any time during the meeting to discuss any time on the agenda pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072. (Deliberation regarding Real Property), Section 551.073 (Deliberations regarding Prospective Gifts), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.087 (Deliberation regarding Economic Development), and Section 551.086 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits) of the Texas Government Code. No action will be taken in closed session. The open meeting will be reconvened following the closed session at which time action, if any, will be considered.

**Council went into close session at 6:51pm.**

- 9.1 The appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties for the Anthony Police Department (551.074, Personnel Matters)

- 9.1.1 Edric Flores, Police Officer
- 9.1.2 Francisco Garibay, Police Officer
- 9.1.3 Paul Schreiner, Police Officer
- 9.1.4 Stacie Telles, Police Officer



9.2 The appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties for the Administration Department, Karina Santamaria (551.074 Personnel Matters)

9.3 Claim number 2024-01 El Camaron Pelao/Edgar Ortiz 100 N. Main Street, Anthony, TX 79821 (Consultation with Attorney 551.071)

9.4 Anytime Fitness 1801 Antonio St., Anthony, Texas (Economic Development & Consultation with Attorney 551.071 & 551.087)

9.5 Kentucky Fried Chicken 1811 Antonio St. Anthony, Texas (Economic Development & Consultation with Attorney 551.071 & 551.087)

9.6 El Mercado 319 Franklin St, Anthony, TX 79821 (Consultation with Attorney 551.071 & 551.087)

9.7 A Portion of Tract 38A, W.D. Marsh Survey No. 183, El Paso County, Texas (Consultation with Attorney 551.071 & Real Property 551.072)

9.8 Selection of the Anthony, Texas Municipal Court Judge Position (Personnel Matters 551.071 Consultation with Attorney 551.071)

**Reconvene into open session and take any action if necessary:**

**Reconvene into open session at 7:58pm.**

9.1 Take action, if necessary, based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 9.1

**Councilman Chavez motioned to approve hiring Edric Flores, Francisco Garibay, Paul Schreiner, and Stacie Telles as Police Officers at \$22 an hour, Seconded by Councilwoman Stevens. Motion passed 4-0.**

9.2 Take action, if necessary, based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 9.2

**Councilwoman Stevens motioned to approve hiring Karina Santamaria as an office clerk at \$14 an hour, Seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passed 4-0.**

9.3 Take action, if necessary, based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 9.3

**No action taken.**

- 9.4 Take action, if necessary, based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session  
Agenda Item 9.4  
**No action taken.**
- 9.5 Take action, if necessary, based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session  
Agenda Item 9.5  
**No action taken.**
- 9.6 Take action, if necessary, based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session  
Agenda Item 9.6  
**No action taken.**
- 9.7 Take action, if necessary, based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session  
Agenda Item 9.7  
**No action taken.**
- 9.8 Take action, if necessary, based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session  
Agenda Item 9.8

**Councilman Chavez motioned to appoint Mrs. Tellez as the Municipal Judge and offer Mrs. Garner to be an associate, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens. Motion passed 2-2. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro and Councilman Weeks Nay. Mayor Turner voted yay for the tie breaker. Motion passed 3-2.**

**The next Regular Town Council meeting is scheduled at 5:30 PM on Monday, August 26, 2024.**

I. **ADJOURN MEETING – Councilman Chavez motioned to adjourned meeting at 8:01pm, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passed 4-0.**

II.

**MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON AUGUST 26,2024.**



  
**APPROVED BY HONORABLE MAYOR  
ANTHONY DAVID TURNER, MPH**

  
**SUBMITTED BY: TOWN CLERK  
VALERIE M. ARMENDARIZ, MPA**