

**HONORABLE MAYOR**

Benjamin C. Romero Jr

**MAYOR PRO TEM**

Louie Alfaro, Place #4

**COUNCIL**

Jose Garcia, Place #1

Shawn Weeks, Place #2

Soledad Flores, Place#3

Eduardo Chavez, Place #5



**Minutes**

**Town of Anthony, Texas**

Monday, February 13th, 2023  
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, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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 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 call Meeting to order at 5:38 Pm.

**2.0 QUORUM**

Present: Councilman Garcia, Councilwomen Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro, Councilman Chavez.

Absent: Councilman Weeks

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECIEPT 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.]*

**Adrian Soriano 708 Cedar St. expressed concerns regarding police not been seen in the town. Police cars seen outside of Pilot all in one area, by the pawnshop of Anthony up by the middle school as well by Westway. He thinks police should be more vigilant in the town. Also concerned with median in the intersection of pilot. FM1905 not done correctly.**

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

- 12-12-2022 Regular Town Council Meeting **Minutes approved by councilman Chavez and 2<sup>nd</sup> by councilman Garcia.**

- 12-19-2022 Special Town Council Meeting **Minutes approved by councilman Chavez and 2<sup>nd</sup> by councilman Garcia.**
- 12-22-2022 Special Town Council Meeting- **Did not finished table for next town meeting motion by councilman Garcia and second by councilman Chavez.**
- 12-27-2022 Regular Town Council Meeting CANCELLED  
**Motion carries 4-0**

## **6.0 New Business:**

### **6.1 Discussion, consideration and action to approve \$7,000 from line item 6166 Contingency Water & Sewer Budget to pay TOMCO Welding & Energy Services for an addition of the extra CS pipe plumbing fabrication on site, including testing, coating install and torque for the Anthony, Texas Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Councilman Chavez asked how fast does the \$7,000 needs to be paid. Mayor stated the reason why they are asking \$7,000 why they are asking for it is because of the issues they had with the pump shorting out, they figure out when they were putting it back to testing, they were getting to much backflow. Because it is a new pump that was recently purchased, they want to avoid getting it burned out. The check valves need to be replaced but also the main gate valves. Mayor is recommending council to pass the additional \$7,000 is going to replace the gate valves contractors will not be charging additional labor for that work because they are having to tear into it and pulling it out. It is in our best interest to get them replaced. Motion to pass by Councilwoman Flores second by Councilman Garcia. Motion carries 4-0

### **6.2 Discussion, consideration, and action to approve \$17,000 from line item 6166 Contingency Water & Sewer Budget to pay TOMCO Welding & Energy Services for sewer debris separator for the Anthony, Texas Wastewater Treatment Plant-** Mayor mentioned that engineered gave a quote of \$110,00 to get and order a new auger for the waste and water treatment plant and that was an 8 month wait period for part to be sent out even after payment was made. The individuals that are already doing the fabrication work and replacement and reconstruction at the plant saw the auger and took it apart and said it could be repaired for \$17,000. With the issues happening at the plant, it is an important item because it is actually separating and shredding paper towels and disk separates solid debris. Motion to approved first councilman Chavez second Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion carries 4-0.



- 6.3 Discussion, consideration and action to approve \$8,000 from line item 6132 Repairs & Maintenance Parks General Fund Budget to pay John Deere for two commercial lawn mowers-** Mayor Stated that two lawn movers will be bought utilizing line item 6132. Line Item 6132 budgeted \$40,000 has been used \$10,000 for Christmas lights still having a little over \$20,000 in the line item. Price \$4,000 each a total of \$8,000. Motion to approved Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro second by councilwoman Flores. Motion carriers 4-0.
- 6.4 Discussion, consideration and action on Contract for Election Services between the Town of Anthony, Texas and El Paso County, Texas by and through the County Elections Administrator-** Town Clerk Valerie attached the contract for election services and the early voting sites and invoice received from county election administrators. Valerie budgeted \$25,000. So right know it has been used \$3,000. Councilman Chavez mention if AISD distribute their election list. Valerie stated that AISD back in January is still waiting if they're opposed. Motion to approved 1<sup>st</sup> councilman Chavez second by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion carries 4-0.
- 6.5 Discussion, consideration, and action on 2023 Polling Place Agreement between Town of Anthony, Texas and El Paso County, Texas by and through the County Elections Administrator-** Valerie states it is an agreement to allow our location to be a designated poll place for elections. Motion approved by 1<sup>st</sup> councilman Garcia second by councilman Chavez. Motion carries 4-0.
- 6.6 Discussion, consideration and action on Anthony, Texas Police Department Annual Racial Profiling Report-** Chief every year there is a racial profiling report rules and standards, by the report itself there was a total of 2850 stops and out of those stops 11 were race known prior to stop and 2839 were not known prior to stop. Most of them were of course suspended because we live in a Hispanic community. Moving traffic violations were 1813, violation of law 49, preexisting knowledge of 4. Vehicle traffic violation 984, search that was conducted pursuant to stop 125. All stops but no search conducted was 2725 as it can be tell only 4% were searches were done and 95% were not. Consent to search were 55, probable cause searches were 67, 1 inventory search, 2 incidents to arrest. 70 of them contraband were discovered, 55 were not. 61 drugs were discovered, 3 of them had weapons, 5 had alcohol, 1 stolen property. Results of stop 1394 were verbal warnings and 338 were written warnings. 1061 citations were issued, 26 written warning and arrest, 19 citation and arrest, 12 arrest. Arrest based on violation penal code 21, violation of a traffic

law 26, violation of city ordinance 1, outstanding warrants 9. Physical force resulting in bodily injury used during stop was 0 were yes and 2850 were no. Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> councilman Chavez second Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion carries 4-0.

**6.7 Discussion, consideration, and action on Anthony, Texas Police Department proposal on an Agency Support Specialist position** -Chief is requesting this position to be augmented to PD it will be beneficial to the town itself. The individual would be named as Agency Support Specialist basically civilizing an internal affairs investigator. Currently we're running into big city agency problems we must abide by the CBA and other requirements which affords the officers a union representative. Unfortunately, the union rep is the same that does our internal affairs criminal investigations. It would be a 1-year grant to see if it serves its purpose. The funding will be a one year grant program utilizing ARPA funding. If it is a good position future fulling to be allocated. IA= Job description, provision you can serve, conflict of interest. Councilman Chavez questioned what is the criteria, master degree policy implementation. Motion to approved Agency support specialist at \$18.00 an hour full time 1<sup>st</sup> Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro second councilman Chavez. Motion carries 4-0.

**7.0 Executive Session:** 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. **Mayor called executive close session at 6:05**

**7.1 Town Council will be in closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, charge against, discipline, or dismissal of Accountant (Ms. Kelly Lindsey)**

**7.2 Town Council will be in closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, charge against, discipline, or dismissal of Jessica Mayeux**

**7.3 Town Council will be in closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, charge against, discipline, or dismissal of Office Clerk (Rebecca Martinez)**



**7.4 Town Council will be in closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, charge against, discipline, or dismissal of Public Works Maintenance Worker (Nathaniel Garcia)**

**7.5 Town Council will be in closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, charge against, discipline, or dismissal of Anthony, Texas Police Dispatcher (Stephanie Salais)**

**Reconvene into open session and take action if necessary: -Mayor called open session at 6:58pm, No action Taken.**

7.1. Take any action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item  
**7.1. Motion to approve reassignment Kelly Lindsey to accounting clerk at \$16.00 due to the administrative restructuring of the finance department. Motion made by 1<sup>st</sup> Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro second councilman Chavez. Motion carries 4-0.**

7.2 Take any action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item  
**7.2. Motion to hire Jessica Mayeux as the town accounting manager with an annual salary of \$85,000 a year due to the fiancé administrative restructuring of the finance department. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro second by councilman Chavez. Motion carries 4-0.**

7.3 Take any action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item  
**7.3. Motion to approve hiring of full-time office clerk Rebecca Martinez at \$13.00 an hour. Motion made by 1<sup>st</sup> Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro second by councilman Chavez. Motion carries 4-0.**

7.4 Take any action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item  
**7.4. Motion to approve Nathaniel Garcia as interim public works director at \$23.00 an hour. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro second by councilwoman Flores. Motion carries 4-0.**

7.5 Take any action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item  
**7.5. Motion to terminate Anthony Texas police dispatcher Stephanie Salais dishonorably discharged due to insubordination. Motion made by councilman Chavez second by councilman Garcia. Motion carries 4-0.**

**8.0 Reports**

**8.1 Finance- Mayor thanking council for supporting for bringing Jessica as a town accounting Manager.**

**8.2 Municipal Court- Municipal court launch report for 20k for the month of January, Judge wants to do not guilty in person.**

**8.3 Police & Fire- Based on the monthly reports they had 2 aggravated assaults. 12 offenses against person in smuggling, 1 burglary in vehicle. 480 citations this month. Response time averages 48seconds to 3 Minutes. In handling time averages from a 1 hour to 37 minutes. Impound lot including fingerprints is 9,200 for the month.**

**8.4 Streets- Email from Nate regarding water lines locate Doniphan- Washington. Sweep streets, replaced street lights and covered pot holes with cold mix. Wildcat Dr. lights going on and off, TX Dot has been servicing them Mayor spoke with Jorge and they will be sending out crew to check on them. Submitted for the TASA project for streets, safe routes for school and to finish up poplar street to Magdalena all the way to Debra Lane.**

**8.5 Parks- Parks look good, baseball field was cleaned, weeds taken out and topped with soil. Fixed water leak on restroom at baseball park. Emptied trash cans at the baseball park for the games on weekend. Emptied trash can from all parks.**

**8.6 Water & Sewer- Nate meeting with TOMCO for the reconstruction of the sewer plant. Did work at the lift stations on Omar St. Meeting with Park Smith and Cooper for Emergency Respond Plan. TWDB meeting comes with an investigation for TWDB, TCEQ good quality water because we don't score very good because town handles violations on a timely manner. 60% of contracts are available for funding. 14 samples for TCEQ EPA asking for copper and lead samples for houses for older houses built in 1980's and before there is no concern about contamination of water. They are walking around town collecting samples. Sampling from 14 to 45 samples every quarter.**


**8.7 Administration- Veronica Escobar awarding check February 14,2023 at 1pm, reminder next is the marathon race to start at 5pm and it will go on until 7pm expect street closures.**

9.0 Adjournment: Motion to adjourned meeting at 7:24pm 1<sup>st</sup> Councilman Chavez second councilwoman Flores. Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm.

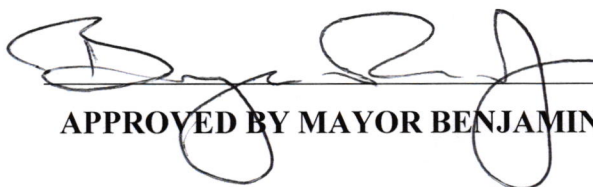
MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON April 10<sup>th</sup> 2023



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SUBMITTED BY: TOWN CLERK  
VALERIE M. ARMENDARIZ



APPROVED BY MAYOR BENJAMIN C. ROMERO JR.