

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 27th, 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 13th, 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 called meeting to order at 5:42pm

2.0 QUORUM –

Present:

Mayor Romero	Councilman Garcia	Councilman Chavez
Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro	Councilwoman Flores	Councilman Weeks

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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.]*

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

- 12-22-2022 Special Town Council Meeting-**Minutes approved by Councilman Garcia, second by Councilman Chavez.**
- 12-27-2022 Regular Town Council Meeting CANCELLED

- 01-09-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting- **Minutes approved by councilman Garcia, second by councilwoman Flores.**

6.0 New Business:

6.1 Discussion, consideration and action on increasing water and sewer tap fees for the Water & Sewer Department

Motion to table Item for next council meeting to have a ordinance and resolution established made by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 5-0.

6.2 Discussion, consideration, and action on towing agreement with MOYS towing services for the Anthony, Texas Police Department

This is standard procedure for towing services. Motion to approve towing agreement with MOYS towing services made by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passes 5-0.

6.3 Discussion, consideration and action on \$7,500 from Capital Improvements General Fund for surveying Third Street from Franklin to Poplar for street improvements

This survey will begin street improvements to ensure there are no encroachments from residents and FM1905. This is the first step to begin project. The estimate for the survey is \$6,933.00 but in case there is a cost increase, the town is ensuring to cover the costs to begin. Motion to approve made by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Garcia. Motion passes 5-0.

6.4 Discussion, consideration, and action on statement of intent and application of El Paso Electric Company for approval of Texas Electric vehicle-ready pilot programs and tariffs

On January 31, 2023, the El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) a statement of intent and application for approval of its Texas electric vehicle-ready pilot programs and tariffs. The application affects only EPE customers in its Texas service area who elect to participate in one of the voluntary program tariffs proposed by EPE. EPE is requesting that its proposed Electric Vehicle-Ready Pilot Program tariffs be approved and become effective 35 days after it filed its application. EPE's proposed programs will assist EPE in preparing for the increasing numbers of electric vehicles in its service area. No action taken.

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.

Close session 6:08pm

7.1 Town Council will be in closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of Agency Support Specialist (Mr. Daniel Morales)

Reconvene into open session and take action if necessary:

No Action taken re open session at 6:20pm

7.1. Take any action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 7.1. **Motion to approved by councilman Chavez second by councilwoman Flores in hiring Daniel Morales at \$18.00hr for the Agency Support Specialist. Motion carries 4-1.**

8.0 Reports

8.1 Finance- the audit Department head meeting with us. The accounting manager is mapping things around within her first week here. Will be getting back on track with quarterly budget reports and give her enough time to go over everything but with the turnover with Carlos and Kelly main priority right now is to finish for 2021 FY. Because of funding available and applications that are pending the priority is the audit.

8.2 Streets- Mr. Chavez mentioned work is good, he does ask residents to help up clean weeds. MPO did submit for those projects that have an open call with TASA and have the sidewalks taken care of. Hopefully get approved with that project. Major says regarding Mr. Chavez comments says he has got in contact with Code enforcement regarding going through all the houses that have brush and debris.

8.5 Parks- Excellent job with parks, painted baseball visitors' graffiti, changed toilet at the baseball field. Sprayed herbicide for weeds at all the parks. Also assisted with the 5k race. Welding upgrading.

8.6 Water & Sewer- Flushing hydrants, Daily chlorine residues are making sure are done as per the state. CCR report we were under violation it got turned over to where it is in compliance now. Once parts are fabricated for the lift station they will be back on track. We got a deal with Tomco for 3 trucks, 1 would be a service utility crane and the 2 other trucks are in good conditions. Mayor asks to keep him on the loop.

8.7 Administration -Mayor addressed to ensure to keep him on the loop on meetings and notify council to call him incase they have questions.

Motion to adjourned meeting by councilman Chavez second by councilwoman Flores. The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

- I. **ADJOURN MEETING** – Meeting ended at 6:35 pm, motion to end meeting made by Councilman Chavez, seconded Councilwoman Flores.

MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON 10 DAY OF APRIL 2023



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

APPROVED BY MAYOR BENJAMIN C. ROMERO JR.