

HONORABLE MAYOR

Anthony David Turner

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

Friday, May 26, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING
at 5:30 p.m.

Anthony Town Hall,
401 Wildcat Drive
Anthony, Texas 79821

Agenda is available online at <http://townofanthony.org/category/government/agendas/>

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- Mayor Turner called meeting to order at 5:38pm

This is a duly called special council meeting of the Town of Anthony, Texas posted in accordance with Section 551.002 and 551.041 of the Open Meetings Act of the Texas Government Code. Public participation during the portion of the agenda for public comment is limited to that portion only, except that if a citizen's comments relate to a topic or subject covered under an agenda item, the citizen shall wait to speak until the agenda item comes up for discussion. At all other times during the council meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the presiding officer.

B. QUORUM CHECK

Mayor Turner-**YES** Councilwoman Stevens-**YES** Councilman Chavez-**YES**

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro-**YES** Councilman Weeks-**ARRIVED AT 5:56PM**

Councilwoman Flores-**ABSENT**

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND INVOCATION

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Turner

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

To speak to Council during public comment

- **Speakers are limited to 2 minutes, a tone will sound at 30 seconds left and when time has expired**
- **Please state your name and address when speaking**

The purpose of this item is to allow the public an opportunity to address the Town Council on issues that are not indicated as a "Public Hearing" on this agenda. Issues regarding daily operational or



administrative matters should first be dealt with by calling Town Hall at 915.886.3944 during business hours.

Mrs. Rita Airozo from 425 S Main with the Rio Grande Gazette expresses her concerns regarding an interview she had with former Mayor Romero where he stated that they had started a 20% fund and at the time she had talked to him there was \$300,000 on available capital improvement funds and now the town is mentioning there is no funds on capital improvement. Their concern is where did the money go.

Mr. Jose Araiza from 318 Livesay (behind his home is the Stateline) He says he has gone to New Mexico and is now coming to Anthony, Texas asking for help because he has been told that there is no police jurisdiction. He states that they drop off trash animals and he can't stand the smell anymore.

E. REGULAR ITEMS

1. Discussion, consideration and action on Invoice 2022-1020 from TOMCO Welding & Energy Services in the amount of \$97,500.00 for repairs to the Anthony Sewer Plant

Mrs. Jessica provided options on how this invoice could get paid.

Option 1 would be to pay \$97,500 from the water and sewer and it will be applied to line item 6172 repairs and maintenance.

Option 2 is to pay \$10,000 from the water and sewer capital improvements and the remaining \$87,500 from the water and sewer.

Option 3 would be obtaining a loan from capital improvements- general fund account for the entire sum of \$97,500. There is several options within option three.

A. This is 6-month term with a monthly payment of \$16,250 with the payments beginning in June 2023. The loan would mature in November 2023. Amount affecting FY2023 would be \$65,000 and would be paid out of the water and sewer account. The remaining \$32,500 would need to be budgeted in the next fiscal year.

B. This is 6-month term with a monthly payment of \$16,500 with the payments to begin in October 2023. The loan to mature in March 2024. The entire amount would be budgeted in the next fiscal year and would be paid out of the water and sewer account.

C. This is a 12-month term with a monthly payment of \$8,125 with payments beginning in June 2023. The loan would mature in May 2024. Amounts affecting FY 2023 would be \$35,500 and would be paid out of the water and sewer account. The remaining \$65,000 would need to be budgeted in the next fiscal year.

D. This is a 12-month term with a monthly payment of \$8,125 with payments beginning in October 2023. The loan would mature in September 2024. The entire amount would be budgeted in the next fiscal year and would be paid out of the water and sewer account. Councilwomen Stevens asked if it would be affecting us \$8,000 a month would be doable. Ms. Jessica agreed she stated that essential water and sewer would be able to adjust elsewhere in order to budget accordingly for the next FY.



- Option 4 Obtaining a loan from Capital improvements- general fund account for the entire \$87,500.
- A. 6-month term with the monthly payment of \$14,583.33 with payments beginning in June 2023. The loan would mature in November 2023. Amounts affecting FY 2023 would be \$58,333.33 and would be paid out of the water and sewer account. That is assuming that \$10,000 would be paid from water and sewer capital improvement account. The remaining would be put in a loan. Ms. Jessica said the effect in this option would be that \$58,333.33 would be over budget in 2023FY because it was not account it for.
 - B. This is 6-month term with a monthly payment of \$14,583.33 with payments beginning in June 2023. The loan would mature in March 2024. The entire amount would be budgeted in the next fiscal yar and would be paid out of the water and sewer account.
 - C. This is a 12-month term with a monthly payment of \$7,291.67 with payments beginning in June 2023. The loan would mature in May 2024. Amounts affecting the FY 2023 would be \$29,166.367 and would be paid out of the water and sewer account. The remaining balance will be budgeted for next fiscal year. Councilwomen Stevens asked if paying June, July, August, and September 2023 if that will affect them a lot. Jessica stated \$29,166.36 over budget and that is assuming everything is not over budget in any other area. Councilwomen asked if it's because we don't have good records or if we don't know what happened? Jessica says because they have been a lot of turnover in accounting and water department.
 - D. This option is recommended by Accounting Manager. A 12-month term with a monthly payment of \$7,291.67 with payments beginning in October 2023. The loan would mature in September 2024. The entire amount would be budgeted in the next fiscal year.

Nathaniel mentioned that they need to repair the bearing of the aerator from the treatment plant. Nathaniel is currently getting quotes to see where he can get it cheaper. The estimated amount is \$35,000 to \$45,000 that would be considered as an emergency project and will be seen soon. There are no unknown invoices that are being accounted for yet. Accounting Manager does suggest that whichever option council chooses that she does recommend they choose the fiscal year 2024. They would not have ample time till now to next FY budget to figure out where to generate money from the water and sewer and also see how restructuring from other line items maybe taking less from uniforms for instance and adding it to cover this expenditure. Councilwomen Stevens motions to approve option 4-D for the \$10,000 now and have a 12 month term with a monthly payment of \$7,291.67 with payments beginning in October 2023 for the next FY. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro seconds the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

F. ADJOURN MEETING – Motion to adjourn meeting by Councilman Chavez, second by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Meeting adjourned by Mayor Turner at 6pm.

MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON JULY 10, 2023


APPROVED BY MAYOR ANTHONY DAVID TURNER, MPH



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