

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

Monday, June 26, 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, June 26, 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 Turner Called meeting to order at 5:32pm.

2.0 QUORUM- Councilwomen Stevens- Yes, Councilman Weeks-Absent, Mayor Pro Tem- Yes, Councilwomen Flores-Yes, Councilman Chavez- Yes, Mayor Turner-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.]*

No public comments

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

- 05-22-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting
 - 05-26-2023 Special Town Council Meeting
 - 05-30-2023 Special Town Council Meeting
 - 06-05-2023 Special Town Council Meeting – CANCELLED
 - 06-12-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting
- Councilman Chavez motion to table minutes for next council meeting, seconded by Councilwomen Stevens. Motion passes 4-0.**

6.0 Old Business:

6.1 Oath of Office for Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Martinez

Mayor Turner directed the Oath of Office for Deputy Town Clerk Rebecca Martinez

7.0 New Business:

7.1 Discussion, consideration and action on engagement letter for AUDIT 2022 with Pena Briones McDaniel & CO Certified Public Accountants

The Town Clerk mentioned that this is a yearly agreement to start beginning the 2022 audit. This will be the final audit that the town needs to be in compliance. This audit should end at the end of August/ beginning of September. Town Clerk and Accountanting Manager recommend continuing with this audit firm just to ensure audit can get done as soon as possible so the town could begin qualifying for grants. Audit 2021 was a clean audit and will work on Audit 2022 for another clean audit. Once Audit 2022 is completed, the town will be in compliance. Councilman Weeks motions to proceed with Pena for 2022 audit, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 4-0.

7.2 Discussion, consideration and action on towing agreement with Pantusa Towing and Recovery
Chief Enriquez brought this item for council approval because it is required to be approved by council. This is a towing agreement with Pantusa Towing. The current towing companies that the town has contracts with are short on towing trucks and some are not answering in the evening hours. Pantusa did reach out to Anthony Police Department and offered their towing services. Councilman Chavez motions to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passes 4-0.

7.3 Discussion, consideration and action on application of El Paso Electric Company to modify schedule no. 33 economic development rate rider
No action Taken

7.4 Discussion, consideration and action on the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between Town of Anthony, Texas and the Anthony, Texas Police Officers Association
Chief Enriquez would like the council to consider opening the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) addressing the scale pay. Chief mentioned that the Anthony Police is one of the lowest paying agencies and is currently in competition with other agencies. As of right now he does have 3 voluntary notices of separation. Councilman Chavez asked if the this increases will help keep the officers that have submitted there resignation? Chief

does mention it is not a guarantee, but it might be a possibility that they will stay. If decide to reopen contract with minimum pay starting at \$22 and to leave open until 2026. The Accounting Manager mentions that the first pay rate would go into effect in August and with the augmentation will be over budget but overall, it will be affordable. Councilman Chavez motions to approve, seconded by Councilwomen Stevens. Motion passes 4-0.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Finance- Councilman Weeks

Nothing to report

8.2 Streets- Councilman Chavez

Councilman Chavez mentions there will be an update mid-month including a full report on 3rd St project for next Town Council Meeting.

8.3 Parks- Councilwoman Flores

Nothing to report

8.4 Water & Sewer- Councilwoman Stevens

Councilwoman Stevens has nothing to report but will have full report for next council meeting. Mayor Turner mentions to the community, if possible, to help conserve water. Councilman Chavez suggests if possible that the town could have water restrictions. Attorney Palomares mentions the town would have to put together an ordinance for the public to conserve water and give the opportunity for the community to give their feedback.

8.5 Anthony Texas Police Department – Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro

Chief Enriquez mentions that they had a notification of one of the top 10 most wanted was in our area. Det. Sierra said the individual was wanted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Det. Sierra also mentions that they are working with DPS on several cases. Det. Kuharik, who also works with the DA Task Force has been working with patrols comprehending several vehicles and 18 wheelers smuggling narcotics. Chief also mentioned that the officers are working diligently with Wet n wild patrolling the area.

8.6 Municipal Court- Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro-

Chief mentions the Court will be closed for a week due to the Municipal Clerks going to a training the week after 4th of July. Municipal Head Court Clerk will be working remotely while the Court Clerk and Juvenile Case Manager will be out training.

8.7 Administration – Mayor Turner

4th of July parade to start at 10Am starting at Acosta Rd and will end at Anthony Municipal Park.

August Fitness Night out, possible food vendors and possibly waterslide.

9.0 Executive Session: Close session at 6:18pm

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.

9.1 Town Council will go into closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties for Office Clerk (Raquel Jaquez)

9.2 Town Council will go into closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties for Operator with Dual License (Heber Jaquez)

Reconvene into open session and take action if necessary: Reconvene at 6:59pm

9.1. Take any action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item

9.1. Councilwomen Stevens motions to hire Office Clerk Raquel Jaquez at \$12.00, seconded by Councilwomen Flores. Motion passes 4-0.

9.2. Take any action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item

9.2. Councilman Chavez motions to open negotiations, seconded by Councilwomen Stevens. Motion passes 4-0.

The next Regular Town Council meeting is scheduled at 5:30 PM on Monday, July 10, 2023.

I. ADJOURN MEETING – Councilman Chavez motions to adjourn meeting at 7:02pm, seconded by Councilwomen Flores.

MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON AUGUST 14, 2023



APPROVED BY MAYOR ANTHONY DAVID TURNER, MPH

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