

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, July 10, 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, July 10, 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 5:31pm

2.0 QUORUM- Stevens-Yes, Weeks- Yes, Mayor-Yes, Mayor Pro Tem- Yes, Flores- Absent, Chavez- Yes

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor 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 - pending
- 06-26-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting- pending

Councilman Chavez motions to approve minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens. Motion passes 4-0.

6.0 Old Business:

6.1 Discussion, consideration and action on revised pay scale to replace the current scale in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between Town of Anthony, Texas and the Anthony, Texas Police Officers Association

Chief Enriquez mentioned he reviewed the pay scale with Accounting Manager and advised it would be sustainable. There was no negotiation from the Town of Anthony or the police association since the pay scale was the only topic being discussed. The Anthony police department is losing a significant number of officers, the department is having a difficult time retaining and recruiting officers. Councilman Chavez asked if the town has money to cover the pay scale and Accounting Manager responded that if things were to stay the same right now and assuming no officers leave, the town needs to come up with \$46,000. \$21,000 would be coming out of ARPA and the remaining from Forfeiture account for this fiscal year 2023. For the fiscal year 2024, the town would need to come up with an additional \$65,000. \$44,000 could be covered from forfeiture account, the remaining \$20,000 could come from property taxes and sales taxes. Councilman Chavez motions to approve seconded by Councilwomen Stevens. Motion Passes 4-0.

7.0 New Business:

7.1 Presentation on El Paso Area Transportation Service, Local Governments Corporation (LGC) by Rio Grant Council of Governments- **Town Clerk states that items 7.1 and 7.2, Ms. Annette from Rio Grande Council of Governments was not available to come into the meeting and was asking if she could be allowed to come back to the next council meeting July 24th, 2023. Councilman Weeks motions to postponed items 7.1 and 7.2 for next council meeting July 24th,2023, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 4-0.**

7.2 Discussion, consideration and action on implementing a seamless regional transit system with LGC for public transportation to Anthony, Texas residents. - **Town clerk states that items 7.1 and 7.2, Ms. Annette from Rio Grande Council of Governments was not available to come into the meeting and was asking if she could be allowed to come back to the next council meeting July 24th, 2023. Councilman Weeks motions to postponed items 7.1 and 7.2 for next council meeting July 24th,2023, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 4-0.**

7.3 Discussion, consideration, and action on a Marketing Promoter for the Leap Year Capital of the World 3-day Festival event – **Town Clerks discussed that on July 5th, there were interviews scheduled and of all the interviews there were two individuals: In Depth Events and Rave Marketing. In Depth Event did not submit a proposal but Rave Marketing did submit a proposal. Rave Marketing is local and is aware and familiar with the town’s past events. She knew about the previous years Balloon fest and has a substantial marketing background. Mayor Pro Tem mentioned this business company used to do the KLAQ Balloon Fest and do the events downtown with cultures, they have a lot of experience in marketing and media placement, advertising, and web design. Mayor mentions he looked over the proposal and states it is a good proposal. Councilman Weeks asked how much is the town is going to spend for this event and the Accounting Manager states that they haven’t looked at those numbers, Rave Marketing is asking for the town to assist in providing them with a list of what to expect for the event and put together exactly what the town wants before she can give a pricing. Town Clerk states that if town were to move forward with the event promotor and go over ideas with her, she will then get her quote to the town. Mayor states that he personally suggests moving forward with Rave Marketing and Events. The Town Clerk did mention that she spoke to Hotel Motel legal and once the budget is complete, they will help skim through the budget to ensure it does fall into hotel motel compliance. Mayor Pro Tem motions to approve on hiring Rave as the marketing promoter for the Leap Year Capital of the World event, seconded by Councilwomen Stevens. Motion passes 4-0.**

7.4 Discussion, consideration and action on the 111th Texas Municipal League Annual Conference and Exhibition for October 4 to 6, 2023 at Dallas, Texas- **The Town Clerk mentioned this item is brought to council every year. The Town Clerk provided a budget with prices with the flight, and hotel expenses which will be focused on the FY 2024 Budget. The Town Clerk states that she needs to know who will be attending because once she books they are no refunds. The Council confirming attendance is Councilman Chavez, Councilwomen Stevens, and Mayor Turner. Councilman Chavez motions to approve seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passes 4-0.**

7.5 Discussion, consideration, and action on an Anthony Farmer’s & Crafts Market- **Mayor Turner would like to begin a Anthony’s Farmers Market in the Anthony Municipal Parks on the weekends possibly on Saturdays. Vendors would be registering with the**

town and paying a permanent fee or installing a fee for set ups. The Town Clerk mentioned that she has contacted the El Paso Health Department and states that she can let them know if there will be food trucks and they can stop by and do food inspections but vendors would still need to pull permits. Fees would be what the town has established. Councilman Weeks suggests possibly cutting fees in half since we are asking vendors to come instead of them asking to set up at the park. Mayor states modeling kind of what Upper Valley Famer's Market has to where they are in charge of setting up and cleaning up after themselves. Mayor Turner mentioned possibly having it twice a month, having it year-round. The Town Clerk mentioned she will bring it back at the next regular town council meeting with more details. Councilman Chavez motions to approve the Anthony Farmer's and Craft Market, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passes 4-0.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Finance- Councilman Weeks- Councilman Weeks states that he spoke to Accounting Manager, and they are hoping Audit will get started in August and finish by September.

8.2 Streets- Councilman Chavez- June 1st to June 17th the potholes on Omar were patched. Street signs were replaced. Need to allocate money from general fund streets to be able to patch up the big holes. Flushed hydrants at the end of month. And the 4th of July parade flyers were handed out.

8.3 Parks- Councilwoman Flores- Parks have been mowed twice a week. Also, trash cans have been emptied twice a week. Parks have been mowed twice a week. Restrooms are kept locked due to frequent vandalism and only reserved for the park rentals.

8.4 Water & Sewer- Councilwoman Stevens

Good news at well#3, the recuperation time of the wells is good within a minute it recuperated 20 feet. Public Works Superintendent mentioned there were 16 samples for EPA. Mark Sanchez with Parkhill mentioned that back in June he had a meeting with the Village of Vinton along with Mayor and Town clerk, talked about a possible emergency connection from the Town of Anthony's water system to The Village of Vinton's water system. Village of Vinton did send the rates that they have negotiated with the El Paso Water utilities. Mark took those rates and checked what would look like for the Town of Anthony if the Town of Anthony was thinking of installing an emergency connection with Vinton. Typical average for a residential usage is 6,000 gallons per month and then an average of winter consumption of 3,000 gallons. Mark went over the numbers of possible increase rates whether they be for the improvements that need to be made at some point or with the possible connection with the Village of Vinton. The cost would be half a million for

the waterline pipe, Congresswoman Escobar's office and the NAD Bank are very interested in helping fund it. And might be able to get 70% grant/ 50% grant in weeks. Mark states possibly have a further discussion to see what are the possibilities and what is the actual rate they would be asking from the town.

8.5 Anthony Texas Police Department – Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro

Monthly report for June 2023

Violent cases -4, Crime involving children-1, Office against person-13, Public intoxication-6, Motor vehicle thefts, Motor vehicle impounded-34, Motor vehicle recovered stolen-1, motor vehicle abandoned-1, thefts-3, procession/recovery of narcotics-24, motor vehicle accidents-hit and run-no insurance-13, miscellaneous and several cause-6. Money received from reports \$142.00, fingerprints \$115.00, Impound \$7,398.10, inspections \$226.15. Total arrest 16 felony, misdemeanor- 24, total citations 285, and total cases 78.

8.6 Municipal Court- Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro

The Municipal Court collected a total revenue of \$21,538.36. Chief Enriquez mentioned that the nonprofit police foundation will be hosting a back to school event giving away 120 backpacks.

8.7 Administration – Mayor Turner

Mayor gave appreciation awards to Nathaniel Garcia, Public Works Superintendent, Chief Enriquez, Town Clerk Valerie M. Armendariz , Accounting Manager Jessica Mayeux, and Office Clerk Sylvia Chavez for their hard work and dedication.

Mayor mentioned that there will be an Auction on July 15th at 9am, gates open at 7:30. There will be 39 vehicles being auctioned. Chief Enriquez mentions this will be Officer Goggin last auction as she will be retiring as well as Sergeant Orozco.

9.0 Executive Session: Close session at 7:25pm.

The Town Council will go into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.087 (Deliberation regarding Economic Development) of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1); the open meeting will be reconvened following the closed session at which time action, if any, will be considered.

9.1 Town Council will be in closed session to discuss economic development: 892 acres, 900 Ginger, L.P. and Exit 0, L.P.

9.2 Town Council will be in closed session to discuss economic development on Anthony, Texas property
ID 169428

Reconvene into open session and take action if necessary: Reconvene open session at 7:54pm.

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

9.1. No Action Taken

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

9.2. No Action Taken

I. ADJOURN MEETING – Councilman Chavez motions to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion Passes 4-0.

MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON AUGUST 14, 2023



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anthony David Turner", is written over a horizontal line.

APPROVED BY MAYOR ANTHONY DAVID TURNER, MPH

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Valerie M. Armendariz", is written over a horizontal line.

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