

HONORABLE MAYOR

Anthony David Turner

MAYOR PRO TEM

Louie Alfaro, Place #4

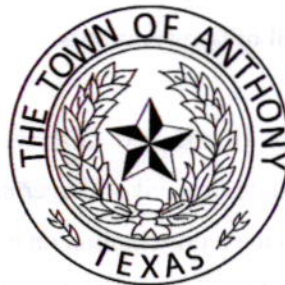
COUNCIL

Alicia Stevens, Place #1

Shawn Weeks, Place #2

Soledad Flores, Place#3

Eduardo Chavez, Place #5



MINUTES

Town of Anthony, Texas

Monday, July 24, 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 24, 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 5:34pm

2.0 QUORUM – Councilwoman Stevens-Yes, Councilman Weeks-Yes, Mayor Turner-Yes Mayor, Pro Tem Alfaro- Yes, Councilwoman Flores- Yes, Councilman 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.]*

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

- 06-12-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting
- 06-26-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting- pending
- 07-10-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting- pending

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro motions to approve minutes seconded by Councilwoman Flores. Motion passes 5-0.

6.0 Old Business:**6.1 Presentation on El Paso Area Transportation Service, Local Governments Corporation (LGC) by Rio Grande Council of Governments**

Annette Guitierrez, Executive Director of the Rio Grande Council Governments conducted the presentation. She explained the Rio Grande Council of Governments and the El Paso County Planning and Development Department, will provide a presentation on the El Paso Area Transportation Service, Local Governments Corporation (LGC). LGC is organized for the purpose of encouraging and assisting local units of government to join and cooperate with one another to provide and deliver regional multi modal transportation solutions for the residents of the Greater El Paso community. The LGC is a partnership between the County, Horizon City, the City of San Elizario and the Village of Vinton. The organization was recognized by the Texas Secretary of State on November 29th, 2021. The LGC looks forward to continuing the process to begin to implement a seamless regional transit system that will benefit the entire El Paso Region as a whole with public transportation. If the Town of Anthony would want services, they would be assigned route 10 shared along with Canutillo. Starting January 2024, anyone eligible with ADA and is within three miles of the bus stop they can basically have on spot services for \$3.00 fare. The financial Plan overview is based on what the contract cost based on contract prices for County Bus: First Transit and Sun Metro (Route 84, The ADA Paratransit: operated by First Transit, and the Sun Metro facility and it is also looked at the administrative expenses, forecasted revenues. The anticipated annual cost is estimated to be 6 million two hundred ninety-nine thousand five hundred. The annual estimated total local share would be one million sixty-six thousand eight hundred. If the Town of Anthony would come aboard, the amount for the Town of Anthony would be \$24,100. Councilwoman Stevens asked if this is a one-time fee or annual fee. Ms. Annette did mention it is an annual fee and is set to change every year depending on if extra routes are added or perhaps a Sunday service is added. The ideal deadline time would be by September if the Town of Anthony would like to join and be ready to be add to the board on their October Meeting.

6.2 Discussion, consideration, and action on implementing a seamless regional transit system with LGC for public transportation to Anthony, Texas residents.

Motion made by Councilman Weeks, seconded by Councilman Chavez to postponed agenda item. Motion Passes 5-0.

7.0 Reports

- 7.1 Finance- Councilman Weeks- Finance Department is working on Audit Review for next week.
- 7.2 Streets- Councilman Chavez- Public Works crew have been cleaning streets and cutting weeds on Poplar Street and picking up trash. Public Works crew were called for the light replacements behind Danny Sanchez neighborhood. The crew swept Fourth Street and did Speed bump replacement.
- 7.3 Parks- Councilwoman Flores- The parks have been mowed twice a week, trash-cans have been emptied twice a week, graffiti has been removed at state parks. Crew removed an old couch, clean the weeds and bugs near the volleyball court. The crew are planning construction at Wildcat Park. The parks are being open and locked every day. Councilwomen Flores states that there was an incident at the park, and Interim Public Works Superintendent did confirm there was an accident at the Municipal Park, Superintendent will be getting a quote on the repairs for the gate that was ran thru at the turn on the stage. Ramps were painted and will be fixing lights at the skating park.
- 7.4 Water & Sewer- Councilwoman Stevens- Councilwoman Stevens announces that Nathaniel Garcia, the Interim Superintendent is resigning by the end of the month. Nathaniel mentioned they did 30 samples for the EPA which came back good. The department did quarterly samples with ESC and had a meeting with Parkhill about the emergency preparedness. The department has installed the generators up in Flying J and transferred all switches from all the wells, the stationary generators and mobile ones too. Nathaniel advised that the town should contact TCEQ to check how many people have actually passed their licenses and if the town doesn't find an operator soon, the town could get fined \$25,000 per day.
- 7.5 Anthony Texas Police Department – Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro – The court collected \$58,815 from the auction.
- 7.6 Municipal Court- Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Nothing to Report
- 7.7 Administration – Mayor Turner- Mayor mentioned they are currently working on having a FY 2024 Workshop for the first week of August. Mayor mentioned the town is in the early stages with Fundview implementation. Mayor will have a meeting with Mayor Leeser July 27th, concerning the animal services.

8.0 ADJOURN MEETING – Councilman Chavez motions to adjourned meeting at 6:24PM, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passes 5-0

MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON AUGUST 28, 2023



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**APPROVED BY HONORABLE MAYOR
ANTHONY DAVID TURNER, MPH**

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