

**HONORABLE MAYOR**

Anthony David Turner

**MAYOR PRO TEM**

Louie Alfaro, Place #4

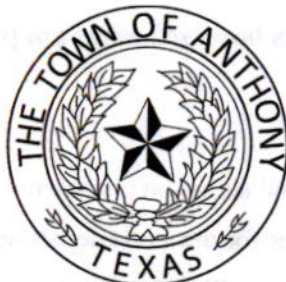
**COUNCIL**

Alicia Stevens, Place #1

Shawn Weeks, Place #2

Soledad Flores, Place #3

Eduardo Chavez, Place #5



**MINUTES**

**Town of Anthony, Texas**

Monday, August 14, 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, August 14, 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 5:36pm**

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

**No public comment**

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

- 06-26-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting
- 07-10-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting
- 07-24-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting- pending
- 08-03-2023 Special Town Council Meeting – pending
- 08-07-2023 Special Town Council Meeting – pending

**Councilwoman Flores motions to pass minutes for 06-26-2023 and 07-10-2023 with corrections requested by Councilman Weeks, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 5-0. Councilman Weeks Abstain for 06-26-2023 minutes because he was not present.**

**6.0 New Business:**

6.1 Discussion, consideration and action on a resolution regarding the purpose of financing emergency vehicles, vehicles for the street department and law enforcement equipment  
**Chief Enriquez presented that this loan will allow for the Town of Anthony to receive funding from interest and sinking to purchase 3 police vehicles, 3 street vehicles, 5 tasers, 5 body cam and 5 fleet cameras. Councilwomen Stevens and Councilman Weeks expressed concerns on how it will get paid and how will it affect property taxes. Councilman Stevens expressed the importance of other needs the town may need for water and sewer infrastructure. Town Clerk explained this is general fund loan and doesn't pertain to water & sewer budget or infrastructure needs. Councilman Weeks motions to table line item 6.1, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 5-0.**

6.2 Presentation on General Fund and Water & Sewer Operational Budget for Fiscal Year Budget 2024

**Accounting Manager and Department Heads presented the FY2024 operational budget for general fund and water and sewer budget. The current approved tax rate is .70 and council is provided tax rates for review for Fiscal Year 2024 budget. The taxable value has increased from \$231,343,485.00 to \$253,611,244.00. The Town Clerk submitted the debt schedule to the El Paso Tax Office and was provided taxes for FY 2024: No New Revenue at 0.67%, Voter Approval at 0.60% and De Minimis at 0.78%. The town has established an ordinance that 20% of the maintenance and operations be transferred to a Capital Improvement General Fund bank account for infrastructure needs.**

6.3 Discussion, consideration, and action on reviewing and approving proposed tax rate 0.7000000, no-new revenue tax rate 0.670169, voter-approval tax rate 0.599645, or de minimis tax rate 0.780636 for fiscal year 2023- 2024

**Councilman Chavez motions to table item for Monday's Special Town Council Meeting 08-21-2023, seconded by Councilwoman Flores. Motion passes 5-0.**

6.4 Discussion, consideration and action on renewing armored service agreement between Trans America Protection Corporation and the Town of Anthony, Texas

**Town Clerk presented this item is brought back every year to renew services with Trans America Protection. The new contract states it will increase from \$8.00 to \$10.00 for every pickup day. The increase will be \$2.00. Accounting Manager recommended pick up days should be from 5 days a week to three days a week: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Councilman Chavez motions to approve for Trans America to pick up deposits three times a week, Seconded by Councilwoman Flores. Motion passes 5-0.**

6.5 Discussion, consideration and action on approving a term year for the public funds depository services and pledge agreement with Vantage Bank

**Town Clerks mentions this is a pledge security for money being covered in case of fraud or theft and Vantage Bank wants to know if this will be a 2 year or 4 year term. Councilwoman Flores motions to approve to a 4 year term, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passes 5-0.**

6.6 Discussion, consideration, and action on 911 district budget for fiscal year 2024

**Chief Enriquez stated that the El Paso 911 District is required by the government to present their annual operating budget to all municipalities. 911 District does assist with equipment and pay for licensing. Chief Enriquez mentions that 911 District is asking for the approval or denial of their budget. Councilman Chavez motions to approve 911 District budget, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passes 5-0.**

6.7 Discussion, consideration, and action on a second School Resource Officer (SRO) for the Anthony Independent School District

**Chief Enriquez presented that Dr. Troncoso approached him with the possibility of having an armed police officer patrolling one of the Anthony Campuses. AISD has a contract with one of the officers but by Law they need a patrol officer per campus and wanted to bring it up for discussion with council. Chief did let Dr. Troncoso know that right now PD doesn't have the resources to send an officer at this time. The Anthony Police Department has 4 vacant positions, Chief cannot send a second SRO at this time. No action taken.**

6.8 Discussion, consideration, and action on opening a new bank account for escrow holdings for the Anthony Police Department

The Chief presented with new hires they will be holding \$150.00 a month about \$75.00 per paycheck and hold on to it in a separate account in case they break the contract with Anthony Police Department. When the new hires fulfill their 2-year contract all the money will be given back to them. Chief with the assistance of Accounting Manager is requesting council for permission to approve this bank account to hold the funds separately from operational budget and other grant accounts. Councilman Chavez motions to approve to open new bank account, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passes 5-0.

## **7.0 Reports**

7.1 Finance- Councilman Weeks- **Nothing to Report**

7.2 Streets- Councilman Chavez- **No report, he did notice access road lights are out and some at Antonio St are out. Mayor Turner mentioned a damage stop sign as well.**

7.3 Parks- Councilwoman Flores- **Nothing to Report, Councilwoman Flores mentions that she drove thru parks, and everything looked good.**

7.4 Water & Sewer- Councilwoman Stevens- **Nothing to Report**

7.5 Anthony Texas Police Department – Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Family violence cases -9, Assaults-7, Disorderly Conduct-1, Sexual offences-1, offenses against person-1, Public intoxication-2, motor vehicle theft- 2, impound to lot- 27, abandoned vehicles-2, UUMV- 2, Criminal mischief-2, Minor in possession- 2, Recovery in possession of narcotics- 19, execution of warrants- 7, Evading arrest-3, MVAS- 10, Driving with no License and insurance- 67, Threats/harassment -2, Fraud/Forgery- 1, Information calls-10, Misc/Civil- 6. Money received for reports- \$110, money received for fingerprints- \$230.00, money received for impounds - \$8,317.17, money received for VIN Inspections- \$80.00. **Total arrest felony- 24, Misdemeanor- 24, EDOS- 3. Total citations- 297, Total cases- 78.**

7.6 Municipal Court- Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- **Court collected \$22,574.49.**

7.7 Administration – Mayor Turner- **Mayor Turner mentions everything is good. Mayor thanked Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro for going to the meeting for Mayor's place.**

**8.0 CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION- Close session at 7:18pm.**

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.

8.1 Discussion and evaluation on hiring an officer for the Anthony, Texas Police Department (Armando Ulloa)

8.2 Discussion and evaluation on hiring an officer for the Anthony, Texas Police Department (Emanuel Garcia)

**9.0 Reconvene into open session and take action if necessary- Reconvene open session at 7:33pm.**

9.1 Discussion, consideration and action on hiring an officer for the Anthony, Texas Police Department (Armando Ulloa)

**Councilwoman Flores motions to approve hiring officer Armando Ulloa at \$22.00 an hour, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 5-0.**


9.2 Discussion, consideration and action on hiring an officer for the Anthony, Texas Police Department (Emanuel Garcia)

**Councilman Chavez motions to approve pending evaluation on hiring officer Emanuel Garcia at \$22.00 an hour, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passes 5-0.**

I. **ADJOURN MEETING – Councilman Chavez motions to adjourned meeting seconded by Councilwoman Flores. Motion passes 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.**

**MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**



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

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