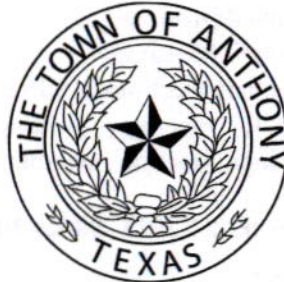


**HONORABLE MAYOR**  
Anthony David Turner, MPH

**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 28, 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 28, 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 5:33pm.**

**2.0 QUORUM- Councilwoman Stevens- Yes**

**Councilman Weeks – Yes**

**Mayor Turner- Yes**

**Mayor Pro Tem- Yes**

**Councilwoman Flores- Yes**

**Councilman Weeks- 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.]*

**Librado Fraire resident at 509 Isabel St. is speaking on behalf of the skating community regarding a petition they have started to get the lights fixed. The lights get turned off at 9pm giving skaters only 30 minutes to skate, especially during summer. His main concern is the safety of the kids that are skating in the dark.**

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

- 07-24-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting
- 08-03-2023 Special Town Council Meeting
- 08-07-2023 Special Town Council Meeting
- 08-14-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting- pending
- 08-21-2023 Special Town Council Meeting – pending
- 08-24-2023 Special Town Council Meeting - pending

**Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro motions to pass 07-24-2023, 08-03-2023, 08-07-2023 minutes. Seconded by Councilwoman Stevens. Motion passes 5-0.**

**6.0 Old 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 brought this item back for discussion and consideration after being motioned to table at the last council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro inquired if Chief had a breakdown of equipment being purchased. Chief Enriquez mentioned that 3 police vehicles fully equipped will be purchased as well as 3 public work vehicles, 5 body cameras, 5 tasers, and 5 flex vehicle cameras. Councilwoman Stevens is concerned because she stated that streets and the water and sewer plant needs more repairs and feels like Police department is fully equipped. The Accounting Manager states that this finance is separate from water and sewer, and it is completely general fund and doesn't have anything to do with water & sewer infrastructure needs. The Chief did let Council know that the loan has not been approved therefore Council can change it to where the bank can approve the loan as long as the town needs equipment. The Accounting Manager mentioned to council that they can choose any rate as long as it does not exceed .78% tax rate and loan needs to be included because the debt schedule determines the tax rate for property taxes. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro motions to approve loan, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 5-0.**

**7.0 New Business:**

7.1 Presentation by American Legion Livesay-Chavez Post 122 to request \$15,000 from Hotel Motel Funds for the Texas 16<sup>th</sup> District Convention on October 20 to 22, 2023 in Anthony, Texas

**Councilwoman Stevens asked if item is tabled, will there still be time to provide funds before October 20<sup>th</sup>? The Town Clerk mentioned that she emailed budget to Scott Joslove from the hotel motel lodging association and TML legal to identify what items on the budget can comply with the estimated \$15,000 request, but based with what was**



submitted it doesn't fall into hotel motel. The Town Clerk mentioned that the funds can not be used for food or entertainment, only for advertisement. Councilwoman Stevens mentions if the town can work with them. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro states that the town could be able to promote the event. Councilwoman Stevens motions to table item for September 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Town Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 5-0.

7.2 Presentation on restructuring public works department by Isael Martinez, Public Works Superintendent

Isael Martinez the new Public Works Superintendent stated that he has little experience with public works because he's main area is water and wastewater mechanics. One of his official duties was to oversee the public works department that includes the park department, maintenance department, street department and the water and wastewater department. The Superintendent mentioned some issues that need to be addressed, one being the neglect from previous management to have in-house operators. The Superintendent also mentions that our system has been lacking financially. The Superintendent stated that the lack of updated job description is a potential problem. The Superintendent wants to focus on providing the opportunity to in-house employees to get there TCEQ license or hire certified operators. Councilman Weeks asks if at this moment if the town is in any violation and Superintendent stated that as of right now he was told that there is no violation but that shouldn't stop the town from continuing to fulfill those requirements. Councilwoman Stevens mentioned that the town does pay for their licensing, but she was told that employees don't want to get license or that it is very hard that they cannot pass it. The Superintendent mentions that after talking to employees they feel that the bonus they get to get license is not valuable enough for them. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro states that the lack of leadership has prevented the employees from growing, lack of motivation and not having the support to move up. Overall, the Superintendent feels that an employee development and promotional opportunities, give them the opportunity to grow and have a chain in command. This will bring more people wanting to look for a job and not the other way around where the town is looking for employees and people wanting to work for the department.

## 8.0 Reports

- 8.1 Finance- Councilman Weeks mentions they will be a budget FY 2023-2024 workshop Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>,2023 at 4pm.

- 8.2 Streets- Councilman Chavez mentions a repair line on 4<sup>th</sup> street, lights on the access road are out as well as on Wildcat Drive. The Town Clerk mentioned she emailed George from TX DOT and will follow up with council when she hears back from them. Councilman Chavez stated if Survey has been done on Third St project. Town Clerk mentions the town has not started that project that will be on the capital improvement budget. Surveys have been done but Town Clerk needs to meet with Gilbert to discuss the procurement.
- 8.3 Parks- Councilwoman Flores mentions parks look nice, trash has been picked up, grass has been cut, and graffiti was removed from the skate park.
- 8.4 Water & Sewer- Councilwoman Stevens has met the new Superintendent.
- 8.5 Anthony Texas Police Department – Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro nothing to report, Chief Enriquez added that one of the task officers detained an individual wanted for theft.
- 8.6 Municipal Court- Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro has nothing to report.
- 8.7 Administration – Mayor Turner is working on the budget for the workshop and is working closely with new department heads.

The next Regular Town Council meeting is scheduled at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 11, 2023.

- I. **ADJOURN MEETING – Councilman Chavez motion to adjourned meeting seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passes 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm.**

**MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**



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

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