

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

Friday, September 15, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING
at 4:00 p.m.

Anthony Town Hall,
401 Wildcat Drive
Anthony, Texas 79821

Notice is hereby given of a special meeting of the Town of Anthony Council, to be held on Friday, September 15, 2023 at 4:00 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 the meeting to order at 4:06pm.

2.0 QUORUM- Councilwoman Stevens- Yes

Councilman Weeks- Yes

Mayor Turner- Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Yes

Councilwoman Flores- Absent

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 one signed up for public comment.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Discussion, consideration and action on an Ordinance for 2023 proposed tax rate of \$0.780636 with Maintenance and Operation (MNO) rate at \$0.658911 and a debt service (I&S) rate of \$0.121725 for fiscal year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

Town Clerk mentions item was brought back for Roll Call.

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Yes

Councilwoman Stevens- Yes

Councilman Chavez- Yes

Councilman Weeks- Yes

Councilwoman Flores- Absent

5.2 Discussion, consideration, and action on American Legion Livesay-Chavez Post 122 to request \$14,553.00 from Hotel Motel Funds for the Texas 16th District Convention on October 20 to 22, 2023 in Anthony, Texas

The town clerk states that she did receive a PowerPoint presentation with additional expenses due to the agenda item being strictly for \$14,553.00. Councilman Weeks inquired if the Town Attorney Palomares contacted the hotel motel personal. The Town Clerk did state that TML legal and Scott spoke to them and stated that the Town must go with the Town's Attorney advise. Councilman

Weeks inquired if Hotel Motel had said yes or no. Town Clerk states that hotel motel wanted a budget with the expenses that the town has but also the revenue forecast. The town clerk states that for instant American Legion is requesting 15 tables they said if they would have requested one table for the staff to sit and take registrations then that would fall into accessible expenses otherwise 15 tables would be excessive. The Town Attorney states that in the state statute, it has a section related to convection center. The Attorney states that this is not a convention center, and this facility is not owned by the town, if they wanted to donate the facilities to the town then the expenses can be used. The Town Attorney states that they are requesting 15 tables and 80 chairs for registration, he states that if they don't need that many that with 2 tables to have for the registration would be more than enough. Ray Montano states that around 300 people will be coming in to register, meaning they sit and wait while they get everyone through the registration process. Councilman Weeks states that with leap year event approaching if it would be possible for the Town of Anthony to purchase the tables and chairs and lend them out like in this case to the American Legion Convention and utilize for future Town events. The Town Attorney states that yes this is something possible that can be done it may not be covered by the Hotel Motel but suggest buying them through the general funds. Councilman Weeks suggest that the town uses the quality-of-life funds to buy the tables and chairs for all future general events and use hotel motel to pay for half of the registration booklet. Councilwoman Stevens mentions if the laptop would be something that be added into the Hotel Motel funds. The Attorney states that it doesn't fall in the state statue unless only strictly used for the convection only and not for personal use. The Attorney states that in his opinion it doesn't fall within that restriction. For item #5 Funding historical restoration or preservation Councilman Weeks states that the VA group and the legislature was down in Anthony TX two years ago and were told that just because the town wanted to make the town historical didn't mean it would be historical. States that there are no records that the park is historical. Councilwoman Stevens states if the signage could be small or big. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro mentions that the signage that it's in the budget is for a marquee. The Town Attorney states that in the statue it states that signage directing the public to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel motel quest in the municipality. Councilman Weeks thinks that that it is something that can be done in the future. For the funding transportation of tourists, the Town Attorney states it does fall in the hotel motel. Councilman Weeks wants to do a two-part motion, one motion to use the quality-of-life general fund to purchase 18 tables and 80 chairs for future town events. And motion to use \$500 from the hotel motel to pay for the registration booklet and use \$500 from the hotel motel to pay for the transportation shuttle services. Councilman Chavez seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

The next Regular Town Council meeting is scheduled at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 25, 2023.

6.0 Adjournment- Councilman Chavez motions to adjourn meeting, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passes 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:17pm.

MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON OCTOBER 09, 2023



APPROVED BY MAYOR ANTHONY DAVID TURNER, MPH

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