

HONORABLE MAYOR

Anthony David Turner, MPH

MAYOR PRO TEM

Louie Alfaro, Place #4

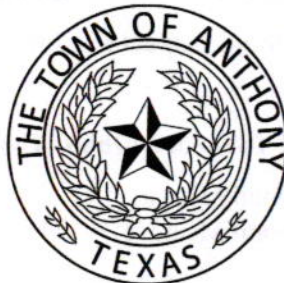
COUNCIL

Alicia Stevens, Place #1

Shawn Weeks, Place #2

Soledad Flores, Place #3

Eduardo Chavez, Place #5



MINUTES

Town of Anthony, Texas

Monday, October 23, 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, October 23, 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

Councilwoman Stevens- Absent

Councilman Weeks- Present

Mayor Turner- Present

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Present

Councilwomen Flores- Present

Councilman Chavez- Present

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.]*

Guillermo Rivas resident at 1010 Washington street provided a public comment on why the town is allowing mobile homes by his land. He was told that he could no longer put a mobile home at his property because it was declared commercial. He states why is the town denying him when he was never informed that they would be changing his land from residential to

commercial. The Town Attorney did let Guillermo Rivas know that this is just a public comment the council is not allowed to make any comments but he could leave his information with Town Clerk and will let Building Inspector know.

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

- 09-25-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting
- 10-09-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro motions to approve 9-25-2023 and 10-09-2023 minutes, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passe 4-0.

6.0 New Business:

6.1 Discussion, consideration and action on 2024 TX Health Benefits Pool renewal for the Town of Anthony, Texas

Chief mentioned that the rates that are recommended is option 3 consumer health service account 80%/50% 6,000 deductible, 12,000 out deductible. For \$778.88 a month on the employee and town by contract needs to do 60% from contribution. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro asked what the amount employees will need to pay and the Chief stated that it would be an estimate of \$214.00 per paycheck assuming it is for employees only. Dental there are tiers that can be chosen from. Recommendation is option C2 for \$37.86 employee only and \$100.40 for employee and family. And option F2 for \$30.24 employee only and \$79.00 for employee and family. Councilman Weeks motions to approve Option C2 Dental, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro mentions if employees have the option of getting insurance elsewhere and Chief did mention that they can but will be needing to provide proof within 30 days to send it to TML Health. Councilman Weeks mentions that council needs to approve a medical cost protection to not lose the TML Health pool. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro motions to approve medical cost protection option 3, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 4-0.

6.2 Discussion, consideration and action on beginning the process to change the Town of Anthony, Texas from general law to home rule city

Mayor Turner wanted to bring this item into discussion and consideration. Councilman Chavez mentions that by considering it what would be the Towns benefits. Councilman Weeks stated the town is still regulated by the state and changing into home rule city will allow the town to make its own decisions. Councilman Chavez stated it has been discussed in the past by previous council members. Mayor Turner stated that he will get with the

attorney to look over at the previous ordinance and do a new ordinance bring it back to vote and have in the ballot for next election in May 2024. The attorney mentions that after the state statutes require once the ordinance is approved the election happens after 30 days from the ordinance is approved but before 90 days. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro mentions if the town can start working on getting volunteers to be part of the committee. The attorney mentions that it would be up to Mayor because he is the one that appoints. Mayor states he has a few names in mind but would like to open it up to the public and give them the opportunity to come forward. Councilman Chavez motions to table, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passes 4-0.

- 6.3 Discussion, consideration, and action on entering into an agreement with GA Architectural for the USDA grant for the Anthony Texas Police Department, Municipal Court and Emergency Shelter Facility

Chief asked the Town Attorney if he has time to look over the contract and the Attorney mentioned he needs more time to go over it. He is halfway through it; he mentioned he recommends table it for the next agenda and will be ready if council wants to approve it subject to town attorney approving the contract. Motion made by Councilman Chavez to approve agreement assuming there are no changes to be made and when Attorney reviews contract, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passes 4-0.

- 6.4 Discussion, consideration and action on hiring the services of Samsara GPS system for the police fleets of the Anthony, Texas Police Department

The Chief discussed that the Samsara is a GPS service and a fleet management company that provides a gateway to all the police vehicles. It would allow us to track vehicles in real life and provide real lifetime tracking and vehicle maintenance to monitor vehicles. The services would be for a 3-year commitment to live GPS data, real time vehicle diagnostic, reporting alerts and proximity search. The Chief mentions that the current GPS system that PD currently gives them tracking data every 15 minutes. Samsara will be giving a live data. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro mentions if this is only for PD vehicles or public works too and the Chief responded as of right now it only for PD. The quote was provided for the police vehicles only but it can be added. Mayor Pro Tem asked if its cost more than the current GPS company and Chief stated its about the same a few dollars more. Councilwoman Flores motions to approve, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 4-0.

6.5 Discussion, consideration and action on hiring Victoria Garcia as an Independent Contractor for custodial services for the Town of Anthony, Texas

Chief mentions the contract was sent over to the attorney, this is a basic independent contractor stating we have off law the town does not provide health insurance and no taxes are paid on the towns behalf. The agreement will be for \$11.00 an hour, no more than 32 hours a week. Councilman Chavez motions to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passes 4-0.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Finance- **Councilman Weeks finance department is working on 2021-2022 financials for the next audit. Accounts payable have gone over from \$800,000 to \$237,000. Undeposited Funds have gone over from \$60,000 to \$17,000. And Accounts receivable decreased from \$80,000 to \$3,000. Town started receiving water payments from Anthony Palms that were not being billed and agreed to re pay. Requested ADP to automatically make payroll entries to QuickBooks as the mapping was incorrect and caused the incorrect numbers to be reflected.**

7.2 Streets- **Councilman Chavez mentions public works cleaned and removed stop sign graffiti, cleaned weeds on fire hydrants, and cleaned Torres Alto and Cravens holding ponds. Councilman Chavez mentions that there are still lights out and need to get fixed. Request to Chief if he can take care of people parking on the actual walking path. And Councilman Weeks mentions that there is still weeds on Wildcat that need to be taken care of and at the basketball courts as well.**

7.3 Parks- **Councilwoman Flores public works painted benches on municipal park. Fixed three holes in chain-link fence at municipal park by Stateline. And trim trees on police substation.**

7.4 Water & Sewer- Mayor states that public works cut weeds at the wastewater plant. Painted pipes on Celeste booster stations. Cut weeds in all wells and did housekeeping in all water stations and wells. Also preparing for TECQ inspection.

7.5 Anthony Texas Police Department – Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro mentions there were 106 cases for driving with no drivers license and no insurance. A total of 39 motor vehicles impounded. Recovery and possession of narcotics a total of 25. 13 motor vehicle accidents information calls a total of 15, public intoxication 8, family violence cases 3, 1 assault, and 1 disorderly conduct. Total arrests report there were 31 cases, misdemeanor 30, a total citation of 407.

7.6 Chief's Monthly Report- Chief sends out a report to council and Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro condenses it to present.

7.7 Municipal Court- Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro states the court collected \$28,989.60.

7.8 Administration – Mayor Turner states the staff is doing an excellent job, started implementing Fundview. Mayor states he has been having project meetings of potential development coming soon.

8.0 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.

The Town Council went into close executive session at 6:08pm.

Mayor and Council reconvened meeting for a public comment at 6:12pm. Councilman Chavez motioned to go back to open session seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passes 4-0.

Councilman Weeks motioned to go back to public comments and receipt of petitions, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 4-0.

The town council will go into close session at 6:15pm.

- 8.1 Town Council will go into closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties on hiring a Police Officer for the Anthony Police Department (Eric Nunez)
- 8.2 Town Council will go into closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment and duties on hiring a Police Officer for the Anthony Police Department (Lloyd Polen)
- 8.3 Town Council will go into closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment and duties on hiring a Police Officer for the Anthony Police Department (David Ohara)
- 8.4 Town Council will go into closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment and duties on reclassifying a Task Force Officer for the Anthony Police Department (Christopher Sierra)

Reconvene into open session and take any action if necessary: Reconvene into open session at 6:22pm

- 8.1 Take action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 8.1
Councilman Chavez motions to approve on hiring Eric Nunez as a Police Officer for Anthony PD at \$22.00 , seconded by Councilwomen Flores. Motion passes 4-0.
- 8.2 Take action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 8.2
Councilman Chavez motions to approve on hiring Lloyd Polen as Police Officer for Anthony PD at \$22.00, seconded by Councilwomen Flores. Motion passes 4-0
- 8.3 Take action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 8.3

Councilman Chavez motions to approve on hiring David Ochoa as Police Officer for Anthony PD at \$22.00, seconded by Councilwomen Flores. Motion passes 4-0

- 8.4 Take action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 8.4

Councilman Chavez motions to reassign Christopher Sierra as Task Force Officer for Anthony PD, seconded by Councilwoman Flores. Motion passes 4-0.

The next Regular Town Council meeting is scheduled at 5:30 PM on Monday, November 13, 2023.

- I. **ADJOURN MEETING – Councilman Chavez motions to adjourn meeting at 6:24pm, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passes 4-0.**

MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 13, 2023



APPROVED BY MAYOR ANTHONY DAVID TURNER, MPH

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