

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, November 27, 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, November 27, 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- Present

Councilman Weeks- Present

Mayor Turner- Present

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Present

Councilwoman Flores- Present

Councilman Chavez- Present

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Mayor Turner 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 Approve the Minutes of the following Town of Anthony Council Meetings:

- 11-13-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting

Councilwoman Flores motions to approve, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passes 5-0.

6.0 New Business:

- 6.1 Discussion, consideration and action on Utility Rate Study by Nelisa Heddin Consulting, LLC for the Town of Anthony, Texas

This line item was brought back from the last council meeting because it was tabled due to questions from council. The study was done through TWDB loan through Parkhill. Councilman Weeks asked how much the loan was and the Town Clerk responded the study was \$26,285.00 and the new study will cost \$29,380.00. The town budgeted for \$32,000 for fiscal year 2024. Councilman Chavez mentioned if this will be the final cost and Nelia the consultant for the study responded proposed fee is for a complete cost of service and rate design study and not included is negotiation with the City of El Paso, Texas. Councilman Weeks stated any additional costs with the consultation will be required to be brought for council approval. The Town Clerk clarified the discussion with El Paso, Texas is regarding the 12in waterline connection with Vinton, Texas but no discussion or negotiations have taken effect outside council with this study. Councilman Weeks motions to approve for \$29,380, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 5-0.

- 6.2 Discussion, consideration and action on a resolution authorizing councilmembers, the mayor and the town clerk as signatories to the Town of Anthony, Texas Vantage Bank accounts
- The Town Clerk notified council the bank is requesting an updated document on who are the authorized signatories for town's bank accounts. Councilwoman Stevens motions to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion Passes 5-0.**

ROLL CALL:

**Councilwoman Stevens- YES
Councilman Weeks- YES
Mayor Turner- YES
Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- YES
Councilwoman Flores- YES
Councilman Chavez- YES**

6.3 Discussion, consideration, and action on a resolution authorizing only certain designated town personnel to have account user access to the Town of Anthony, Texas' accounts with Vantage Bank

Resolution is for authorizing designated personnel to have account user access to the Town of Anthony bank accounts. The Town Clerk Armendariz is the one to initiate ACH and wired payments. Chief Enriquez has always been the one to review and approve the ACH's. Accounting Manager Mayeux only has accounting user viewing access. Councilman Weeks asked who is the authorized personnel and the resolution is authorizing Town Clerk, Chief of Police and Accounting Manager as the personnel to have account user access. The Town Attorney clarified this access is for online approvals and will give the bank a better understanding of who is authorized to make bank changes. Councilman Weeks motions to approve to authorize Town Clerk Valerie Armendariz, Chief of Police Carlos Enriquez and Accounting Manager Jessica Mayeux to have account access to Town of Anthony accounts, seconded by Councilwoman Flores. Motion passes 5-0.

ROLL CALL:

**Councilwoman Stevens- YES
Councilman Weeks- YES
Mayor Turner- YES
Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- YES
Councilwoman Flores- YES
Councilman Chavez- YES**

7.0 Reports

7.1 Finance- Councilman Weeks- Nothing to report.

7.2 Streets- Councilman Chavez- Crew removed a dead cat from Washington Street and Omar Street. Councilman Chavez gave credit to three employees for doing a good job on third St with the sewer clog.

7.3 Parks- Councilwoman Flores- Crew has trimmed grass and removed dead trees from Municipal park. Restrooms on baseball fields are now open to the public. Councilman Chavez mentioned why the lights in the Baseball field are on. Superintendent Martinez turned on the lights with the intent of letting people know that the fields are ready to be rented for practice. Mayor Pro Tem inquired why the park gates are close and the Superintendent responded that he decided to close the gates because of vandalism, and

he is also currently working on putting up lights. Superintendent Martinez also mentioned that he is working on a project of possibly including a walking trail.

- 7.4 Water & Sewer- Councilwoman Stevens- The crew performed preventive maintenance on wells and wastewater plant. Crew greased motors on wells.
- 7.5 Anthony Texas Police Department – Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- went over October’s report and presented there were 3 assaults, 6 public intoxications, 36 motor vehicle impounds, 1 Burglaries, 2 Thefts, 2 criminal mischief, 17 recovery/possession of narcotics, 3 executive warrants, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 87 for driving with no driver’s license. \$6,667.60 was received from impounds. For total arrest there was 5 felony, 14 misdemeanor, 2 EDOS. Total citations 459 and a total of 47 cases.
- 7.6 Chief’s Monthly Report- Chief Enriquez notified residents Hyundai’s and Kia’s vehicles are the number one car being stolen right now. Chief also wanted to notify there is going to be a vehicle auction Saturday, December 2, 2023.
- 7.7 Municipal Court- Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Monthly report of revenue collected of \$30,111.07 for the month of October.
- 7.8 Administration – Mayor Turner- Everything has been going great. The turkey giveaway was a great success. A little over 100 turkeys were given away. Ayuda, a non-profit donated 60 turkeys. Chief Enriquez took the time to recognize Officer Velasquez, Code Enforcement Ramirez, Danny Morales, Officer Maldonado, Officer Garcia, and Elida Chavez for donating \$100 each for the side fixings for Thanksgiving Food Basket. Mayor gave an update on the Food Truck Park, stating the Town is on schedule. Councilman Weeks asked if there is any updates on the Leap Year event and Mayor Turner stated that Gina with Rave Marketing has been organizing and is currently working on the vendors and entertainment.

8.0 The Town Council will go into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) A governmental body may not conduct a private consultation with its attorney except: (1) when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about: (A) pending or contemplated litigation; or (B) a settlement offer; or (2) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.

Close session at 6:10pm

8.1 Town Council will go into closed session to seek advice concerning contemplated litigation related to Vantage Bank.

Reconvene into open session and take any action if necessary:

Reconvene open session at 7:02pm.

8.1 Take action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 8.1

Councilman Chavez motions to no action taken, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passes 5-0.


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

I. ADJOURN MEETING – Councilman Weeks motions to adjourn meeting, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 5-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 27, 2023




APPROVED BY MAYOR ANTHONY DAVID TURNER, MPH


SUBMITTED BY: TOWN CLERK
VALERIE M. ARMENDARIZ, MPA