

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, January 8, 2024
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, January 8, 2024 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- 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:

- 12-11-2024 Regular Town Council Meeting
- 12-26-2024 Regular Town Council Meeting- Cancelled

- 01-02-2024 Special Town Council Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro motioned to approve 12-11-2023 and 01-01-2024 minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Flores. Motion passed 5-0.

6.0 New Business:

6.1 Discussion, consideration and action on an Interlocal Agreement between Town of Anthony, Texas and Anthony Independent School District

The Public Works Superintendent presented the new annual contract with Anthony Independent School District for the baseball field usage for their upcoming baseball season. The Public Works Superintendent mentioned that this year's contract included a charge to cover the expenses of the park. Councilman Chavez asked when and with who did he talked to regarding the fee and Superintendent mentioned that he had met with the Mayor Turner to discuss and went over numbers and decided the amount based on the park being exclusively reserved for the school. Councilman Chavez doesn't think that the town should be charging the school because they are part of the town and had never charged them before. Councilman Chavez also states that the fields are not in good condition to charge them, and the school can't have their own field therefore need to use the towns. Superintendent Troncoso states that it was a surprise for them when the contract was presented to them because they have never been charged. He states the school board approved in December because they have no other field for their boy's baseball team to practice at or play at. He states that he has gone to check on the fields and states the field looks the same, no repairs have been made. There's mice and roaches, the restrooms don't work, and the concession stand is in bad shape. Councilman Weeks states that the school should not get charged since the town budgeted for parks and the schools' budget was made around the same time and was not budgeted for it either. Rene Ramirez states that in the past the school had been in charge of the infield, and they would also pay for electricity being used. The Town was charged of cutting grass and cleaning restrooms. Councilman Weeks motioned to extend last years contract, seconded by Councilwoman Flores. Motion passes 5-0.

6.2 Discussion, consideration and action on an Interlocal Public Service Transit and Contribution Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024 between the Town of Anthony, Texas and El Paso Area Transportation Services , LGC (EPATS)

Ms. Annette with the Rio Grande Council Government asking the council if they would be considering being part of the board and the contribution to the program is \$21,600. Annette states Anthony's route will start on Franklin street and continue Doniphan, up Mesa Street stopping at Remcon. The price of \$1.50 per trip. Councilman Weeks inquired with the Accounting Manager if it had been budgeted into the fiscal year 2024? Also, if the town doesn't feel that people are not using it the town will have the option of not renewing. The Accounting Manager mentioned it was budgeted for fiscal year 2024 and Annette confirmed the town doesn't have to renew it next year. Councilwoman Stevens feels like that the town doesn't need this service. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro states that the town needs to take a chance and contribute to this program for the residents. Councilman Weeks combined 6.2 and 6.3 line items and motion to approve the Interlocal Public Service transit and Contribution Agreement for FY 2024 and appoint the Accounting Manager Jessica Mayeux as the Town employee to serve on the El Paso transportation services committee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 3-2

Roll call

Councilwoman Stevens – No

Councilman Weeks- Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Yes

Councilwoman Flores- Yes

Councilman Chavez- No

6.3 Discussion, consideration and action on appointing a Town of Anthony employee to serve on the El Paso Transportation Service, Local Government Corporation

6.4 Discussion, consideration and action on a resolution authorizing Anthony David Turner, Mayor of the Town of Anthony, Texas, to sign on behalf of the Town of Anthony, Texas, the settlement documents related to Vantage Bank.

Councilman Week motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passed 5-0.

Roll Call

Councilwoman Stevens- Yes

Councilman Weeks- Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Yes

Councilwoman Flores- Yes

Councilman Chave- Yes

7.0 Reports

- 7.1 Finance- Councilman Weeks- **Accounting Manager states there are no concerns over all finances doing well.**
- 7.2 Streets- Councilman Chavez- **they are two potholes on 3rd street afraid they will be become sink holes.**
- 7.3 Parks- Councilwoman Flores- **working on painting the basketball courts. New entertainment is coming soon.**
- 7.4 Water & Sewer- Councilwoman Stevens- **Three employees will be testing for their class D and Class C water licenses. Mentioned sampling water testing between 11-3:30pm January 9th.**
- 7.5 Anthony Texas Police Department – Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro – **Nothing to report.**
- 7.6 Chief's Monthly Report- **Nothing to report.**
- 7.7 Municipal Court- Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- **Nothing to report.**
- 7.8 Administration – Mayor Turner- **New aspects coming soon. Ms. Nelissa received all the information she had requested for the rate study.**

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.

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

The Town Council will go into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding real property). A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.