

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, March 25, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
at 6:00 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, March 25, 2024, at 6:00 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 the 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 Turner called meeting to order at 6:02pm.

2.0 QUORUM

Councilwoman Stevens- Present

Councilman Weeks- Absent (Arrived at 6:31pm)

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:

- 03-11-2024 Regular Town Council Meeting - pending

Tabled for next Council meeting.

6.0 Old Business:

6.1 Discussion and action on Town of Anthony, Texas Comprehensive Code of Conduct for Elected Officials

Mayor suggested to table item. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro motioned to table item, seconded by Councilwoman flores. Motion passed 4-0.

7.0 New Business:

7.1 Presentation on 2024 Leap Year Festival Report by Gina Roe-Davis from Rave Marketing & Events

Gina from Rave Marketing & Events presented her team that helped during the Leap Year Festival. Gina also gave a detailed presentation of the planning insights, digital insights, marketing, and executive summary. Bianca Cervantes gave a report on the branded impact and economic potential for the Town of Anthony. Mayor Turner recognized and thanked Gina and her team for an amazing outcome.

7.2 Discussion, consideration and action regarding sending a support letter to Congresswoman Escobar's Office for the Rio Grande Council of Government (RIOCOG) community project request for radio communications equipment and presentation by Annette Gutierrez from RIOCOG

The Chief mentioned that this is a support letter from the Town stating that we support this program. Councilman Chavez motioned to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 5-0.

7.3 Discussion, consideration and action on renewing contract agreement with Parkhill for engineering services

The Town Clerk states that this is a 5-year renewal contract with Parkhill for engineering services. Engineer Mark from Parkhill mentioned how long the company and himself have been working with the Town and they would like to continue doing so. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passed 5-0.

- 7.4 Discussion, consideration and action on changing the due date and disconnection dates for the water department

The Town mentioned that with the new system Fundview is recommended to have a 10-day grace period from the due date. For example, having a due date on the 10th, disconnection on the 20th. Or due date the 15th and disconnection by 25th. Councilman Chavez mentioned if Fundview will be sending billing and what would be the purpose of the clerks. The Town Clerk states Fundview will be sending out the bills and states that all three clerks are needed to run the front windows and answer phone calls. Clerks will still oversee monitoring any high-water usage and garbage disposal inquires as well as permits. Councilman Weeks motioned to approve the due date being on the 15th and disconnection day on the 25th, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 5-0.

- 7.5 Discussion, consideration and action on entering in an agreement with Spectrum VOIP for hosted VOIP phone system

The Chief mentions that Spectrum Voice Over IP came to the Town Hall and re-evaluated the phone system. Currently we have 2 phone systems, AT&T that provides the base lines, and Huntleigh that provides the Voice Over IP. Spectrum VOIP will be providing the hosted VOIP phone system but also applications and tools that Town is lacking and will initially cut the bill by ¾, and the first three months will be free. Councilman Chavez motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Flores. Motion passed 5-0.

- 7.6 Discussion, consideration and action on entering in a personal services agreement with Brianna Escandon as the tourism program coordinator for the Town of Anthony, Texas

The Mayor mentioned Brianna would be part of coordinating events and promoting tourism to the Town of Anthony. Funds will be paid from the Hotel Motel. Brianna Escandon mentioned that she is ready to come aboard and to put the Town of Anthony on the map. Councilwoman Stevens inquired Brianna on what she sees herself doing for the Town and how much time she is going to be spending with in the town. Brianna mentioned her goal is to make the Town of Anthony grow, helping local businesses be known to surrounding areas and attract tourism into the Town. Councilman Weeks inquired on how much money has been projected to be spent for events for the year from the Hotel Motel and how much does the Town gets in average. The Accounting Manager states that last year was brought in \$112,000. \$40,000 is projected for the year with the contract. Councilman Chavez motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passed 5-0.

- 7.7 Discussion, consideration and action on entering in a personal services agreement with Thelma Guzman-Quigg as the master licensed interpreter for the Anthony Municipal Court

Councilman Weeks motioned to postpone, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passed 5-0.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Public Works Department

The Public Works Superintendent states that with the Leap Year Festival they painted picnic tables and canopies along with the trash cans. Also clean up graffiti at the park. A pickleball court was installed and a fence will be installed in between the pickleball court and the basketball court. A new youth soccer field and goals will be installed in Torres Altg Park. Streets report a broken stop sign was replaced at 4th St and Magnolia. Crew also covered 24 potholes from 1st to 6th St. Crew fixed sewer clog on Isabel and Fresno. The superintendent gave an update on the property improvement plan.

8.2 Finance Department,

8.2.1 Jessica Mayeux, Accounting Manager Monthly Report – February 2024

The Accounting Manager gave a monthly budget report for the Month of February.

8.3 Municipal Court Department- First session with new prosecutors.

8.4 Police Department

8.4.1 Chief's Monthly Report – February 2024

Nick Dobards the IT for the Town of Anthony gave a summary report he has done for the Town. Installation of Network equipment, deployment of qNAP servers, WiFi antenna extension for PD, expansion of internet coverage, training and support for officers, website maintenance, upgrade of administrative workstations, server monitoring, maintenance and upgrades for MPS units.

8.5 Administration Department – Mayor is working with Town Attorney with the population number and multiple meetings with departments for future projects.

9.0 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.

- 9.1 Town Council will go into closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties for the Anthony Police Department (Brian Gallegos)

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.

- 9.2 Town Council will go into closed session to discuss 1400 Antonio Street Anthony, Texas 79821

The Town Council will go into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.087 (Deliberation regarding Economic Development) of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1); the open meeting will be reconvened following the closed session at which time action, if any, will be considered.

- 9.3 Town Council will be in closed session to discuss economic development: 892 acres, 900 Ginger, L.P. and Exit 0, L.P.

- 9.4 Town Council will be in closed session to discuss economic development: 1.3109 acre, more or less, parcel of land being Tracts 4, 5, and 2, A-8

The council went into close session at 7:58pm.

Reconvene into open session and take any action if necessary:

Reconvene into open session at 8:57pm.

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

Councilman Weeks motioned to approve the hiring of Brian Gallegos at \$22 an hour, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passed 5-0.

9.2 Take action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 8.2

No action taken.

9.3 Take action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 8.3

No action taken.

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


No action taken.

The next Regular Town Council meeting is scheduled at 5:30 PM on Monday, April 8, 2024.


I. **ADJOURN MEETING – Councilman Chavez motioned to adjourned meeting at 8:59pm, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passed 5-0.**

MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON APRIL 8,2024.





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



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