

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, April 22, 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, April 22, 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 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 called meeting to order at 5:38pm.

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 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 speaking.

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

- 04-08-2024 Regular Town Council Meeting- pending

6.0 Old Business:

- 6.1 Discussion, consideration and action on sewer average for residential accounts for the utilities department in order to establish fees

The Town Clerk mentioned she had to bring item back because when it was approved on prior meeting by dollar amount of \$34.00 but the average was \$33.91 in dollar and the average of 5,000 gallons consumption. In FundView it must be by consumption of 5 making it \$34.75 for the residential sewer average. Town Clerk also mentions the average of \$34.75 could stay for a whole year to get a whole year of history to average sewer per account, or when the rate study is finished, we can work on new average. Councilman Weeks thinks is better to transfer all of sewer rates from accounts to the new system. Town Clerk reassure council that it could be done but it is time consuming since it would have to be done manually and the sewer average would change once the rate study is finished. Councilwoman Stevens motion to approve \$34.75 sewer average for every 5,000 gallons for one month, seconded by Councilwoman Flores. Motion passed 3-2. Councilman Weeks and Councilman Chavez nay.

7.0 New Business:

- 7.1 Discussion, consideration, and action on an ordinance affecting trash pick up fees within the town limits of the Town of Anthony, Texas

Town Clerk mentioned this ordinance is brought every year if there is any changes. Town presented the trash pick up fees and stated that there is no updated ordinance. Town Clerk is asking council to approve updated ordinance. Councilman Weeks motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passed 5-0.

- 7.2 Discussion, consideration and action on a resolution of the Town of Anthony, Texas, adopting the town's investment policy and strategy for fiscal year 2024 as required by section 2256.00S(e), Texas Government Code

The Town Clerk mentioned this is the same resolution that was previously approved but with the difference that the Accounting Manager Jessica Mayeux was added and making her the third departments head to ensure that the Town complies. The Town Clerk, Chief, and Accounting Manager have received their two-year certification for Public Funds Investment Act training. Councilwoman Stevens states why not have the Mayor as part of the group three needed. Chief

Enriquez states that since the Mayor and Council are the decision makers it would be better to stay neutral. Chief Enriquez also stated that any decision must be passed by Mayor before proceeding. Councilman Chavez motioned to approve as it is with the Chief Enriquez, Town Clerk, and Accounting Manager, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passed 4-1. Councilwoman Stevens nay. Roll call was made for resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Yes

Councilman Weeks- Yes

Councilman Chavez- Yes

Councilwoman Flores- Yes

Councilwoman Stevens- No

- 7.3 Discussion, consideration and action on waiving the special event fee for Southwest Key Programs, Inc, a non-profit organization for Dia del Nino, a public event, on April 28, 2024 at the Anthony Municipal Park

Councilwoman Stevens motioned to waive the special event fee for Dia del Nino event, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 4-1. Councilman Weeks nay.

- 7.4 Discussion, consideration and action on allowing the Mayor to alter park fees for special events

The Mayor states that this is for the Farmers and Artist Market. The current fee is \$75 and states that the Upper Valley Farmers Market is \$35. He is asking to alter the fee to \$35 to give the chance to vendors to participate. Councilwoman Stevens motioned to alter park fees to \$35 for vendors and \$50 for food trucks for the Farmers and Artists market, seconded by councilwoman Flores. Motion passed 5-0.

8.0 Reports

- 8.1 Public Works Department- Public Work Superintendent Isael stated that the crew finished the Spring clean-up. Approximately 600 cubic yards of trash was picked up. Councilman Chavez stated that he would like a detailed report. TECQ has been making surprise visits. The Town is currently in compliance. Capital Improvement Plan report, the Torres Alto Park is currently in the execution plan. Picnic tables have been installed, rock wall construction and installation of water fountain coming soon. For the Wildcat Park it is currently in the execution plan, sidewalk, playground installation, playground mulch, and food truck slabs will be

installed in the next months. The Municipal Park is currently in the execution phase, sidewalk will be installed in the soccer field, water fountain by the soccer fields, soccer backstops system installed, and installation of two soccer goals. Streets maintenance is currently in the execution phase.

8.2 Finance Department- Accounting Manager Jessica gave a Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual report for Administration, Streets and Parks, Public Safety, and Water and Sewer.

8.3 Anthony Police and Municipal Court Department- Last month there were 262 calls for service, average response time per service was between 2 to 9 minutes. There were 8 felony arrest, 11 misdemeanor arrest, 171 citations were issued, the impound brought in \$2,500.

8.4 Administration Department- Mayor mentioned the front ladies have been working diligently with FundView. Mayor mentioned Congresswoman Veronica Escobar was going to present the Town with two checks on April 23rd, 2024. Mayor wanted to thanked Councilman Weeks, the Chief, and the town's mechanic Joe for their kindness and generosity in helping a stranded motorist and his family. Mayor stated May 11th would be the Farmers and Artist Market.

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.

Council went into close session at 6:47pm.

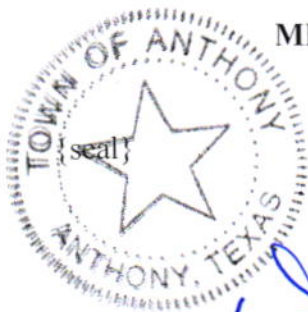
- 9.1 Town Council will go into closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties for the Public Works Department (Paul Milton)
- 9.2 Town Council will go into closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties for the Public Works Department (Ray Hernandez)

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

- 9.1 Take action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 9.1
Councilman Chavez motioned to approve the hiring of Paul Milton for \$15 an hour, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 5-0.
- 9.2 Take action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 9.2
Councilman Chavez motioned to approve the hiring of Ray Hernandez for \$15 an hour, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passed 5-0.

The next Regular Town Council meeting is scheduled at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 13, 2024.

- I. **ADJOURN MEETING – Councilman Chavez motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:04pm, seconded by Councilwoman Flores. Motion passed 5-0.**



MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON MAY 28, 2024.


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


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