

HONORABLE MAYOR

Benjamin C. Romero Jr

MAYOR PRO TEM

Louie Alfaro, Place #4

COUNCIL

Jose Garcia, Place #1

Shawn Weeks, Place #2

Soledad Flores, Place#3

Eduardo Chavez, Place #5



Minutes

Town of Anthony, Texas

Monday, April 10th, 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, April 10th, 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 Pro Tem Alfaro called meeting at 5:37pm

2.0 QUORUM – Mr. Garcia Absent, Councilman Weeks- present, Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- present, Councilwoman Flores- present, councilman Chavez-present. Mayor present arriving at 5:37pm. Councilman Garcia arrived at 5:48pm.

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.]*

Let the record reflect that one signed for open quorum.

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

- 02-13-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting
- 02-27-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting
- 03-13-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting
- 03-27-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting

Mr. Chavez motions to approve minutes for 02-13-2023, 02-27-2023, 03-13-2023, and table 03-27-2023 for the next council meeting. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion carries 3-1 Councilman Weeks Abstain.

6.0 New Business:

6.1 Discussion, consideration and action on Ordinance of the Town of Anthony, Texas updating existing water and wastewater fees and establishing new water and wastewater fees

A follow-up from the last council meeting making amends to current rates for water and wastes water fees. Valerie did mention that the utility deposits for both residential and commercial did go up because it doesn't even cover the first month when leave account unpaid. After 2 months accounts are closed due to no payment. Residential went up from \$150 to \$175 and commercial went up from \$300.00 to \$350.00. Motion to pass by councilman Chavez, second by councilwoman Flores. Motion carries 4-0.

6.2 Discussion, consideration and action on resolution establishing and approving a master fee schedule that shall be updated as necessary from time to time by the town council

Mayor says this is the one that wants to be included into the resolutions and ordinances to avoid going back and forth we can refer to a master fee schedule. Motion to approved by councilman Chavez second by councilwoman Flores. Motion carries 4-0. Valerie wanted to point out to the council that Ms. Sylvia helped her out to organize the ordinances and thanked her for her help.

6.3 Discussion, consideration and action on a resolution to designate authorized signatories for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program 2023 Application

The city decided to apply to continue to improve the streets starting Magdalena to Debra Lane. Part of the application is to gather signatories. TDA used to gather them after being pass now they need them before grant is submitted. At least two signatures are required. Mayor will be primary signature and Mayor Pro Tem will be secondary signature. Town Clerk signature . To be sign and turned in with in 15 days to TDA. Motion to pass by Mayor Pro tem Alfaro second by councilman Chavez. Motion carries 4-0.

6.4 Discussion, consideration, and action on a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application and adopting required CDBG

Civil Rights policies- Motion to table until Gilbert gets here by councilman Chavez second by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion carries 4-0.

Application states that town is committed to \$25,000 from the general funds which is 5% of the \$500,000. Full reconstruction, demolition of the existing curbs amps and driveways.

A new pedestrian and traffic control plan, new ADA ramps, new 5' sidewalks new curb and cutters entire projects and new concrete driveways for residents along the project approximately \$232,000. Questioning if the waterline will need to be replaced? Town will be matching fund \$264,533 this is where capital improvement line item for the general fund comes in. Gilbert added that the Texas CDBG grant for the 2023-2024 yr, picking up from previous project done at poplar street they all have complete street reconstruction demo curb and gutters. This project will be from Magdalena to Debra Lane that is the last portion of Poplar Street that is left to do. Look into asphalt zipper to save the town money. Application due date is May 3rd environmental assessment first then the start of design. Motion to pass by councilman Weeks, second by councilman Chavez. Motion carries 5-0.

6.5 Discussion, consideration and action on an interlocal agreement between the Town of Anthony, Texas and Anthony Housing Authority – **When Anthony Housing Authority had trouble status, Town helped with legal statues, HR, Admin services, public works. Mary has been able to get things up to par in this contract to renew every year unless opt out or given 30 days to council. Anthony Housing would like to remove HR and legal services and just continue to on going with the interlocal agreement. Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro second by councilwomen Flores. Motion carries 4-0.**

Motion to approved to move on to departments and reports by councilman Weeks second by Councilman Chavez. Motion carries 4-0.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Finance- **No new updates for finance, everything is good.**

7.2 Streets- **Nothing new to report. Asphalt ordered. A complaint was made about potholes when entering I-10 but TXDOT took care of it. Everything is good.**

7.3 Parks- **Busy easter hunt, parks trash cans were full. The only thing was restrooms were vandalized and they broke the locks. They want to use the restrooms for events and park rentals to use them.**

7.4 Water & Sewer- **For water there were roughly 5 leaks, two of them were main lines. Some service parts are in back order. For Sewer waiting for parts for the auger and the valves for the reconstruction of the lift station and it looks like they might start this week. A main sewer**



clog on main crew stayed until 6pm. Services about 12-13 manholes. Purchase enzymes that breakdown the bacteria and grease and service the lift station for bacteria and grease as well.

7.5 Police & Fire- Send out a copy of the report of monthly summary. Family file cases were 5. Family file cases involving children 1. Assaults -4, sexual autism 2. Public intoxication -3. Impounds- 38. Burglaries 1. Deaths- 4. Property damage 1. Leading to arrest 2. Motor vehicle accidents 50. No divers license and insurance -71. 15 motor vehicle accidents.

7.5 Municipal Court- Pass month court collected \$35,793.86.

Home rental fraud scam happening locally.

7.6 Administration – Grants, debates (no debates)

8.0 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:29 by councilman Chavez second by councilman Garcia.

I. ADJOURN MEETING –

MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON 24th DAY OF APRIL 2023



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin C. Romero Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

APPROVED BY MAYOR BENJAMIN C. ROMERO JR.

SUBMITTED BY: TOWN CLERK
VALERIE M. ARMENDARIZ, MPA