



MINUTES

ANTHONY, TEXAS REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 9th, 2023

TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS TOWN HALL
401 WILDCAT DR ANTHONY, TEXAS

5:30 P.M.

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- Meeting began at 5:36pm

This is a duly called regular council meeting of the Town of Anthony, Texas posted in accordance with Section 551.002 and 551.041 of the Open Meetings Act of the Texas Government Code. Public participation during the portion of the agenda for public comment is limited to that portion only, except that if a citizen's comments relate to a topic or subject covered under an agenda item, the citizen shall wait to speak until the agenda item comes up for discussion. At all other times during the council meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the presiding officer.

B. QUORUM CHECK

Present:

- Mayor Romero
- Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro
- Councilman Chavez
- Councilman Weeks
- Councilman Garcia
- Councilwoman Flores

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND INVOCATION

D. PUBLIC COMMENT- no one signed up for public comment

To speak to Council during public comment

- Speakers are limited to 2 minutes, a tone will sound at 30 seconds left and when time has expired
- Please state your name and address when speaking

The purpose of this item is to allow the public an opportunity to address the Town Council on issues that are not indicated as a "Public Hearing" on this agenda. Issues regarding daily operational or administrative matters should first be dealt with by calling Town Hall at 915.886.3944 during business hours.



E. REGULAR ITEMS

1. Presentation on financial report for the 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023 Budget presented by Finance Director Carlos Carlock and Accountant Kelly Lindsey

Finance Department presented for the first quarterly report there was a net surplus deficit of \$84,627.00 for the water and sewer. There was high expenses were salaries, wages and benefits, other insurances, other fees, garbage contract, supplies, dues, and repairs and maintenance. For the general fund account there was a net surplus of \$352,152.00. Finance Director presented the expenses for salaries, wages and benefits, other insurances, other fees, supplies, dues, and repairs and maintenance and the general fund account is doing better. Highlights presented were that the town health plan contribution increases from \$300 to \$350. Town's contribution to TMRS increased from 2.8% to 10% based on wages. The completion for AUDIT 2021 and town will begin migration from Quickbooks and UDS to integrate with FundView Accounting software.

2. Discussion, consideration, and action on Resolution No. 2023-01-0109 by the Town of Anthony, Texas transferring \$4,500.00 from contingency line item no. 6166 general fund to professional fees-consultants line item no. 6121 general fund

Motion to approve resolution made by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passes 5-0.

Roll call:

- Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- YES
- Councilman Chavez-YES
- Councilman Weeks-YES
- Councilman Garcia-YES
- Councilwoman Flores-YES

3. Discussion, consideration and action on Resolution No. 2023-02-0109 by the Town of Anthony, Texas transferring \$4,500.00 from contingency line item no. 6166 water & sewer to professional fees-consultants line item no. 6121 water & sewer

Motion to approve resolution made by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro. Motion passes 5-0.

Roll call:

- Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- YES
- Councilman Chavez-YES
- Councilman Weeks-YES
- Councilman Garcia-YES
- Councilwoman Flores-YES

4. Discussion, consideration and action on interlocal agreement between Town of Anthony, Texas and Anthony Independent School District

This item is brought to council every year. Nothing has changes just standard procedure. Motion to approve interlocal agreement made by Councilman Weeks, seconded by Councilman Garcia. Motion passes 5-0.

5. Discussion, consideration and action on Texas Gas Service Company's Petition For Review Of Municipal Rate Decisions And Motion To Consolidate

On June 30, 2022, the Texas Gas Service Company ("TGS"), a Division of ONE Gas, Inc., filed with the Town of Anthony, Texas ("Town) and with the Railroad Commission of Texas a statement of intent to change rates (Texas Gas Service Company, A Division Of ONE Gas, Inc., Statement Of Intent To Change Gas Utility Rates Wilhin The Incorporated Areas Of The Borger Skellytown



Service Area And West Texas Service Area). In its statement of intent, TGS is asking the Railroad Commission of Texas and municipal regulatory authorities to approve a rate increase to become effective on August 30, 2022 and to approve consolidating the Borger Skellytown Service Area ("BSSA"), the West Texas Service Area ("WISA"), and the North Texas Service Area ("NTSA") into a new service area called the West North Service Area ("WNSA"). TGS is asking the Railroad Commission of Texas and municipal regulatory authorities to approve a \$13.0 million revenue increase to cover the combined revenue requirement for the WNSA. The combined revenue required for the WNSA is \$140.5 million and the revenue received for the test period for the WNSA was \$127.5 million, leaving a deficiency on a combined basis of approximately \$13.0 million. The \$13.0 million revenue increase is an increase of 6.27% including gas costs, or 10.19% excluding gas costs. The average monthly bill impact of a "small" (usage at 24 Ccf) residential customer will be \$4.39 per month [\$39.89 (proposed average monthly bill with gas costs) - \$35.50 (current average monthly bill with gas cost) = \$4.39 (increase in proposed average monthly bill with gas costs)]. This is a 12.37% monthly increase. The average monthly bill impact on a "large" (usage at 55 Ccf) residential customer will be \$7.01 per month [\$58.02 (proposed average monthly bill with gas costs) - \$51.01 (current average monthly bill with gas cost) = \$7.01 (increase in proposed average monthly bill with gas costs)]. This is a 13.74% monthly increase. For commercial (usage at 225 Ccf) the average monthly bill impact will be \$10.47 which is a 6.05% monthly increase.
NO ACTION TAKEN.

6. Discussion, consideration and action on \$8,000.00 from Capital Improvement General Fund bank account to purchase a trash pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant

This is necessary for the repairs that will take place to be able to have a pump large enough to assist in transferring sewer to holding tanks while main lines are being repaired and replaced. There are no invoices at the moment because Public Works Superintendent is currently looking for available equipment. As of 01-06-2022 available funds are \$67,187.74 general fund. Project approved by Council for full reconstruction of the lift station at the waste water sewer plant. Project will begin in two weeks. Motion to approve a loan with general fund capital improvement and be paid back by April 30th, 2023 in full with no interest to purchase pump for the wastewater treatment plant made by Councilman Weeks, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 5-0.

**7. Discussion, consideration and action on updating fees for special events, food trucks, mobile vendors, application and permits for park rentals at the Anthony Municipal Park
Motion to table item for next regular town council meeting with new rates.**

The rates have been increased due to inflation for electricity and size of parties. This item will be brought back on next regular town council meeting with new rates to present to council. No action taken.

8. Discussion, consideration and action on a Resolution Grant No. 4596401 for the Bullet Resistant Shield Grant Program

This is a required resolution to be able to receive funds to purchase shields. Motion to approve resolution made by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Mayor Tem Alfaro. Motion passes 5-0.

Roll call:

- Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- YES
- Councilman Chavez-YES
- Councilman Weeks-YES
- Councilman Garcia-YES
- Councilwoman Flores-YES



F. EXECUTIVE SESSION- close session at 6:10pm

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.

1. Discussion and evaluation on hiring officers for the Anthony, Texas Police Department
2. Discussion and evaluation on transferring Clerk Alma Armijo from Administration Department to the Finance Department as the Accounting Clerk
3. Discussion and evaluation on changing Natalie Hinojos status from part-time to full-time for the Administration Department
4. Discussion and evaluation on the possible retirement of Mr. Heber Jaquez (Public Works Superintendent), his reasons for his possible retirement and the impact on the town's water and sewer utility without a licensed operator
5. Discussion and evaluation on the role of Esteban Ramirez (Public Works Supervisor) in the Water and Wastewater Utility Department

No action taken in closed session

G. Reconvene into open session and take action if necessary: Reconvene at 7:59PM

1. Discussion, consideration and action on hiring officers for the Anthony, Texas Police Department
Motion to approve hiring officers made by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro.
Motion passes 5-0.
2. Discussion, consideration and action on transferring Clerk Alma Armijo from Administration Department to the Finance Department as the Accounting Clerk
Motion to approve Alma Armijo at the Accounting Clerk at \$14.00 made by Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro, seconded by Councilman Flores. Motion passes 5-0.
3. Discussion, consideration and action on changing Natalie Hinojos status from part-time to full-time for the Administration Department
Motion to approve made by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Garcia. Motion passes 5-0.
4. Discussion, consideration and action on the possible retirement of Mr. Heber Jaquez (Public Works Superintendent), his reasons for his possible retirement and the impact on the town's water and sewer utility without a licensed operator
NO ACTION TAKEN.
5. Discussion, consideration and action on the role of Esteban Ramirez (Public Works Supervisor) in the Water and Wastewater Utility Department
Motion to appoint Esteban Ramirez as the Interim Public Works Director with an augmentation of his pay at \$25.00 hourly rate starting January 17th, 2023 made by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Flores. Motion passes 5-0.



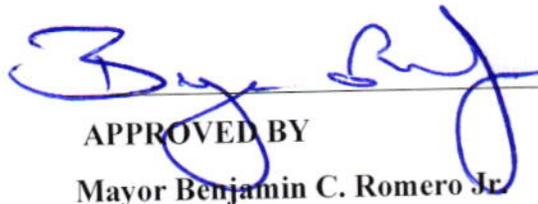
H. TOWN'S LIAISONS REPORTS

1. Finance: Finance Department will work on changing the actual budget and showing the changes made. The goal is to have the reconciliation sheets completed and begin integration with FundView Accounting Software.
2. Municipal Court: revenue for the month of December was \$25,405.93. PIP brought in \$347.50.
3. Police & Fire: Officers have been sick with COVID and the flu, there was a shooting and the pursuit was at the Flying J and individual was arrested.
4. Streets: Owner of JAR Construction, Mayor and Public Works Superintendent met and discussed TxDOT did not follow completion for FM1905. Mayor will keep Council updated. Mark Sanchez from Parkhill discussed that the last four years for the town have been challenging. There have been potential grants that the town could have applied for upgrades for the Waste Water Treatment Plant but the Audits have been behind therefore town doesn't qualify. Town Engineer wanted to address to Council that the town is missing in funding to help the town's infrastructure.
5. Parks: Nothing to report for parks.
6. Water & Sewer: Nothing to report further.
7. Administration: Heber is retiring with the town and Mayor presented Heber with a plaque of gratitude for his service.

I. ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made by Councilman Chavez, seconded Councilman Flores to end meeting at 8:41pm

MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON 27 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023





APPROVED BY
Mayor Benjamin C. Romero Jr.



SUBMITTED BY:
Valerie M. Armendariz, MPA
Town Clerk, CFO

