

**HONORABLE MAYOR**

Anthony David Turner

**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, May 22, 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, May 22, 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- Councilman Weeks call meeting to order at 5:35pm.**

**2.0 QUORUM- Councilwomen Flores- Absent, Mayor Pro Tem- Absent, Mayor Romero- Absent, Councilman Chavez- Yes, Councilman Garcia- Yes, Councilman Weeks-Yes**

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Councilman Weeks 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:**

- 05-08-2023 Regular Town Council Meeting

**Motion to approve minutes by Councilman Garcia seconded by Councilman Chavez.**

**Motion passes 3-0**

**6.0 New Business:**

**6.1 A Resolution Canvassing the Election Returns And Declaring Election Results In The Uniform Election Held In The Town Of Anthony On May 6, 2023 For The Purpose Of Electing Mayor and 2 Alderman To Two Year Terms**

Town Clerk read the official canvas of the Uniform Election as followed:

Town of Anthony Mayor

- Benjamin Romero with a total of 79 votes a 29.04%
- Eluterio Alfaro with 81 votes a 29.78%
- Anthony David Turner with 112 votes a 41.18%

The total votes for mayor is 272 with an overall 100% votes, declaring Anthony David Turner as the Town of Anthony Mayor.

Town of Anthony, Alderman 1

- Alicia Leyva Stevens with a total of 147 votes a 56.32%
- Jose Garcia with 114 votes a 43.68%

The total votes for council place 1 is 261 with an overall 100% votes, declaring Alicia Leyva Stevens as Alderwoman 1 for the Town of Anthony.

For Town of Anthony Alderman 2

Stephanie Alexis Ramirez at 116 votes a 44.79%

Shawn Weeks at 142 votes a 55.21%

The total votes for council place 2 is 259 with an overall 100% vote percentage, declaring Shawn Weeks as the Alderman 2 for the Town of Anthony.

Motion to approve resolution made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion carries 3-0. Roll Call: Councilman Garcia-yes, Councilman Weeks-Yes, Councilwomen Flores-Absent, Mayor Pro Tem- Alfaro-Absent, Councilman Chavez-Yes

**6.2 Secretary of State- Oath of Office for Mayor Anthony David Turner, Councilwoman Alicia Stevens Place No.1 and Councilman Shawn Weeks Place No. 2 –**

Chief Enriquez led the Oath of Office for Mayor Anthony David Turner, Councilwoman Stevens, and Councilman Weeks.

**6.3 A Resolution authorizing Mayor Anthony David Turner to be added to Vantage Bank as an authorized signer and as the Town's signer representative and to remove Benjamin Romero from any financials authorizations.**

Motion to approve resolution made by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passes 3-0. Roll call: Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Absent, Councilman Stevens-Yes, Councilman Weeks-Yes, Councilman Chavez-Yes, Councilwomen Flores-Absent.

**6.4 A Resolution authorizing Councilwoman Alicia Stevens to be added to Vantage Bank as an authorized signer and to remove Jose Garcia as an authorized signer.**

Motion to approve resolution made by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion carries 3-0. Roll Call- Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Absent, Councilman Stevens-Yes, Councilman Weeks-Yes, Councilman Chavez-Yes, Councilwomen Flores-Absent.

**6.5 Discussion, consideration and action on Town Council appointing a representative for the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

Town Clerk stated that she needed to bring this item as an agenda for council to appoint a representative to attend the TPB and MPO monthly meetings. Former Mayor Romero was the representative therefore TPB and MPO require minutes of new appointment. Town Clerk expressed that it would be beneficial to appoint two representative incase one can not attend. A motion was made to appoint Mayor Turner and Mayor Pro Tem as a secondary representative incase Mayor Turner can not attend a meeting. Motion to approve Mayor Turner and Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro as representatives made by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passes 3-0.

**6.6 Discussion, consideration and action on depository service and pledge agreement and increasing the letter of credit from 5 million to 8 million with Vantage Bank**

Accounting Manager stated that this service is to ensure the funds are ensured. The yearly average is 5.6 and this service has increased since last year. The town's bank is advising on an

increase of line of credit to ensure funds are ensured for any loss and/or theft. Motion to approve the increase made by Councilman Weeks, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 3-0.

**6.7 Discussion, consideration, and action on 2023 Anthony Independent School District (AISD) summer feeding program to only Corporal Miramontes Park for breakfast and lunch and Torres Altos Park lunch only**

Ms. Tisha Villalva, Child Nutrition Director from Anthony ISD would like to continue with the summer food service program and will only be doing two parks. The AISD will be doing Corporal Enrique Miramontes Park for breakfast and lunch and the Torres Alto Park for lunch only. Councilman Chavez asked if this is for everyone, and Ms. Tisha stated that this will be for 18 years old and younger. The program will begin June 5<sup>th</sup> until July 21<sup>st</sup>. This food program will be for anyone including the surrounding areas. Councilman Weeks stated if there was a reason why they will only be providing Lunch at Torres Alto and Ms. Tisha answered that there was a decline for breakfast attendance since for the last two years the staff would be at the park waiting for two hours and they will only get 10 kids at the most per day and staff could be used elsewhere. Motion to approve by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwomen Stevens. Motion passes 3-0

**6.8 Discussion, consideration and action on Invoice 2022-1020 from TOMCO Welding & Energy Services in the amount of \$97,500.00 for repairs to the Anthony Sewer Plant.**

The Public Works Administrative Assistant presented this item to the council because back in October 2022 when this invoice was approved there were available funds but now there aren't any to cover the invoice for TOMCO. Public Works Department is asking council if Public Works department could ask for a loan. Accounting Manager explained that there were two projects with similar amounts, one was for \$97,500 and the other one was for \$97,600 and she believes there was a confusion about which project was going to be paid. One project got paid for and when the other invoice came in that's when it was noticed the funds were not available. Councilman Chavez states that the loan is for the \$97,500 so he's asking where the money is for the second one. Jessica states that the project for \$ 97,600 has been paid and now that is why they are asking for a loan to be able to pay the \$97,500 project. Councilman Chavez states

that it shouldn't be called a loan if one project was paid then there should be the money available that was originally going to be project #2. Accounting manger mentions both projects were approved to be paid from the capital improvement account however there is not enough fund to cover both. Councilman Weeks says he got together with Accounting Manager because they were doing a lot of things quickly that they lose track, he says it doesn't fall on Nathaniel, Interim Public Works Director or the staff but with the former Mayor kept pushing with projects and now the work is already done. Councilman Chavez asks if the town can cover this costs? Accounting manager advised that it can be transfer from the equipment line item she says there's about \$17,000 that can used, and the remaining would have to come from capital improvement water and sewer. For the water and sewer capital improvements account there is a total of \$35,000 available. Accounting manager mentioned to council that they can chose to deplete this account which she doesn't recommend or use \$17,000 and ask for a loan with general fund capital improvement to cover the rest. Attorney Palomares proposes to use only half of the equipment line item to reduce the loan and it wouldn't leave the equipment line item to zero. Councilman Weeks asked when it is due and Public Works assistant mentioned that this invoice is 30 days past due. Councilman Weeks motions to have a special meeting to further discuss this item with options on how to cover this invoice, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 3-0.

**6.9 Discussion, consideration and action on Texas Gas Service Company, A Division of ONE Gas ,Inc., Customer Notice of Interim Rate Adjustment WNSA Incorporated and Environs IRA filed March 10, 2023**

Attorney Palomares stated this is service grip for the gas company to recover for any additional capital investment that occur for January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022. A notice of interim rate adjustment was handed out to see the current customer charges, the proposed 2022 interim rate adjustment, and the proposed monthly customer charge. Attorney Palomares recommends in this case that we make a resolution to deny the interim rate adjustment and up see the City of El Paso. His recommendation is to deny the rates and have a resolution drafted for the next council meeting. Motion to deny the interim rate adjustment and bring item back as an resolution made by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passes 3-0

**6.10 Discussion, consideration and action on Resolution of Anthony, Texas, authorizing the award of professional engineering/architecture/surveying services provider contract for the Town of Anthony, Texas RFQ for 2023 Community Project Funding from the Congresswoman Veronica Escobar office for the construction of a Police Department, Municipal Court and Emergency Shelter Facility in Anthony, Texas with the financial assistance of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

Chief Enriquez notified council that there was a committee who reviewed four proposals and contacted references. Out of those four proposals, there was two of them that have stood out. There was follow up questions, the committee did contact both firms and committee concluded that one of the finalists had an extensive knowledge of procurement as far as federal fund goes and that is GA Architecture. GA Architecture do have knowledge on how to build a public building which is one of the requirements with USDA. Mayor Turner asked if the architect firm gave any type of proposal deadline of when the building would be done. Chief Enriquez did say the first step to sit down with the firm and discuss all business. The firm would be in charge of everything to include getting all contractors doing the change orders. Councilman Weeks asks what the percentage is the architectures will get out that money and Chief Enriquez did mention it was not in the proposals he does says it is something that can be negotiable it is something that needs to be sit them and negotiate. Councilman Weeks says that the reason he asked was because in the Architecture proposal for a firm was getting 20%, he is asking if the same line item as architecture of engineer is. This firm would also oversee engineering, surveying, contractors would be responsible for everything. Councilwoman Stevens asked if the community can provide input on the development of the facility and Chief addressed that first the architects must be the ones that provide the input because they must follow federal guidelines. After the plans are submitted of how the facility will look like then we can ask for community input. Motion to approve GA Architecture firm made by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwomen Stevens. Motion passes 3-0 Roll call: Councilwoman Stevens-Yes, councilman Weeks-Yes, Councilwoman Flores-Absent, Councilman Chavez-Yes, Mayor Pro Tem-Absent.

**7.0 Executive Session:** 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.-

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

**Council went into close session at 6:13 PM**

**Reconvene into open session and take action if necessary:.**

7.1. Take any action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 7.1.

**Reconvene to open session at 6:41PM**

**No Action taken.**

**8.0 Reports**

**8.1 Finance- Councilman Weeks wanted to remind council and mayor that he will meet with Accounting Manager every Wednesday before a regular town council meeting to go over financials.**

**8.2 Streets- Councilman Chavez mentioned Third street was patched and Public Works was going to work on potholes on Omar Street, Tamarisk Street , and Luisa Street.**

**8.3 Parks- Councilwoman Flores Absent**

**8.4 Water & Sewer- No Report**



8.5 Administration- Mayor Turner mentioned everything at Town Hall is running smoothly.

Next Regular Town council Meeting is scheduled at 5:30 pm on Monday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

- I. ADJOURN MEETING – Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:45pm by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passes 3-0

**MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON JULY 10, 2023**



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



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