

AUGUST 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Mayor Petersen called the regular meeting of the Anthon City Council to order on August 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were Connie Westphal, Ross Baldwin and Ruth Groth. Tony McFarland joined the meeting at 5:31 pm. Absent: Paul Lansink. Also present: Allyson Dirksen, Jeff Collins, and JoLynne Reimert.

AGENDA: Motion by Groth, seconded by Westphal, to approve the meeting agenda.
Carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Groth, seconded by McFarland, to approve the consent agenda, which includes minutes from July 14, 2025 meeting, financial reports as filed, Anthon Community Center Association Liquor License renewal, and a resolution authorizing the Transfer of Funds. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes - Westphal, McFarland, Groth and Baldwin; nays - none.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: Motion by McFarland, seconded by Westphal, to approve the list of bills as presented.
Carried 4-0.

HAMANN MEMORIAL LIBRARY: JoLynne Reimert was present to present the Annual report. Reimert informed the council that the Summer Reading Program had an average of 21 children present at each activity. The library will also celebrate its 20th anniversary in October. Jeff Collins went over repairs needed to the balcony roof at the library. Motion by Westphal, seconded by Baldwin to have Mark Cloud repair the front roof balcony for \$1293. On roll call the vote was: ayes – Baldwin, Westphal and Groth; abstained - McFarland; nays – none. Motion by Baldwin, seconded by Westphal to have Chris Kreger install gutters for \$1288. Carried 4-0. The council would also like to see leaf guards installed on the gutters.

BARKING DOGS: Council discussed in length, the ongoing barking dog issues. Continued violations will result in fines to those not in compliance with the City’s ordinance.

LEGAL: Allyson Dirksen, attorney, was present to discuss the farm lease. Council directed Dirksen to renew the current farm lease at the same rent.

STREET FINANCE REPORT: Deputy Clerk Buck presented the Fiscal Year Street Finance Report to the council.

HIRE CITY CLERK: The hiring committee, Westphal and McFarland, interviewed all applicants the previous week. The council discussed their recommendation for the available City Clerk position. Motion by Groth, seconded by Baldwin to hire Barbara Nelson as the City Clerk. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – Baldwin, Groth, Westphal and McFarland; nays – none. Motion by Westphal, seconded by Groth to pass the Resolution Setting Compensation for the City Clerk. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – McFarland, Westphal, Groth and Baldwin; nays – none.

COUNCIL & STAFF COMMENTS: Westphal discussed a meeting with Todd Lewis of the Iowa Utility Commission. Collins informed the council of a Lift Station tour with ISG on August 20, 2025 in Storm Lake. Collins also let the council know the community recycling dumpsters currently contain electronics, paint cans, drywall and other non-recyclable items. All items will need removed before they can be emptied. As this is an ongoing issue, the council instructed to have the dumpster removed.

Receipts: General-\$13445.62; RUT-\$5953.82; Employee Benefits-\$85.21; LOST-\$10734.08; Debt Service-\$729.03; FEMA-\$1230.85; Water-\$31495.47; Water Sinking Fund-\$5578.35; Sewer-\$10634.67; Electric-\$65218.73; Electric Underground Sinking-\$8002.10. Total: \$153107.93. Expenses: General-\$19734.75; RUT-\$37640.74; FEMA Fund-\$4562.27; Water-\$9672.27; Sewer-\$11402.48; Electric-\$22856.82; Transmission Line Fund-\$385986.13. Total: \$524855.46.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Groth, seconded by Westphal, to adjourn. Carried 4-0. Mayor Petersen proclaimed the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Lisa M. Petersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Buck, Deputy City Clerk