

June 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor C. Westphal called the regular meeting of the Anthon City Council to order on June 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were Tony McFarland, Joel Westphal, Dave Hoaglund and Ruth Groth. Ross Baldwin was absent. Also, present were Allyson Dirksen, Jeff Collins, Dan Brant, Eric Lundell, Josh Van Houten, Joe Henderson and Tom Luckel.

AGENDA: Motion by McFarland, seconded by Groth, to approve the printed agenda as presented. Carried 4-0.

POLICE REPORT: Woodbury County Deputy was present to give the monthly police report.

SANITARY SERVICES CONTRACT: Eric Lundell, Sanitary Services, was present with a contract renewal proposal. Motion by J Westphal, seconded by Groth, to approve the contract renewal effective August 1, 2026 with an increase of \$0.55 per residential pickup per month. Carried 4-0.

JOSH VAN HOUTEN: Josh Van Houten was present to give an update on his plans for his vacant lots on E Bridge.

JOE HENDERSON: Joe Henderson was present to discuss his property at 503 E Randolph St. Motion by J Westphal, seconded by Groth to not charge Henderson for the emergency abatement given his subsequent abatement measures. On roll call the vote was: ayes – Groth, Westphal, Hoaglund and McFarland; nays - none.

TOM LUCKEL: Tom Luckel was present to discuss tax lien of 301 W Randolph St.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by McFarland, seconded by Westphal, to approve the consent agenda, which includes minutes from May 11th meeting, financial reports as filed, Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds, renewal of Class C Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Fireside Steakhouse, LLC, renewal of Class C Liquor License for 1876 Iowa Jerky Co, LLC and building permit to Gary Lutgen, 206 Westgate Rd for a fence. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – McFarland, Groth, J. Westphal and Hoaglund.; nays - none.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Groth, seconded by J Westphal, to open public hearing at 6:17 pm to consider the proposed amendment to the Flood Plain Ordinance. Carried 4-0. No oral or written comments were received on proposed amendment. Motion by J Westphal, seconded by McFarland to close public hearing at 6:18 pm. Carried 4-0. McFarland introduced Ordinance #252 entitled, "Ordinance Amending the City of Anthon Floodplain Ordinance". McFarland moved that the rule requiring that an ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to this meeting be suspended with respect to Ordinance #252. Motion was seconded by Groth and passed with a roll call vote as follows: ayes – Groth, J Westphal, Hoaglund and McFarland; nays - none. Motion by McFarland, seconded by J Westphal, to pass and adopt Ordinance #252. On roll call the vote was: ayes – Groth, Hoaglund, McFarland and J Westphal; nays - none.

PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by McFarland, seconded by J Westphal, to open public hearing at 6:20 pm to consider Vacation of the North Portion of Park Drive legally described as: That part of Park Drive (formerly known as 6th Avenue) lying between lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Three (3), and Lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Four (4), all in Lucas Sub-division "B", Town of Anthon, Iowa. Carried 4-0. No oral or written comments were received. Motion by J Westphal, seconded by McFarland to close public hearing at 6:20 pm. Carried 4-0. No motion to vacate property was received.

ANNUAL EXAM: The City received bids for the annual examination. Motion by J Westphal, seconded by Groth, to accept the lowest bid proposal from Hunzelman, Putzier & Co to not exceed \$5,250, \$5,500 and \$5,750 for the city's annual exam for the years ending June 30, 2027, 2028 and 2029. Carried 4-0.

UTILITY BILLING CLERK: Motion by McFarland, seconded by Groth, to advertise for part time billing clerk. Carried 4-0.

CONTRACTS: Motion by J Westphal, seconded by McFarland, to approve the "Agreement for Service" from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 between the City of Anthon and each of the following three contractors: Annie Heath to provide cleaning/ janitorial services at City Hall; Matt Curtin to provide water testing services for the City; and Deb O'Connell to provide cleaning/janitorial services at the Shelter House. Carried 4-0.

May Receipts: General-\$14257.53; RUT-\$7258.70; Employee Benefits-\$859.99; LOST-\$8846.46; Water-\$27038.00; Water Sinking Fund-\$5578.33; Sewer-\$17139.97; Lift Station Project-\$124331.70; Electric-\$66573.00; Electric Sinking Fund-\$16004.16. Total: \$287887.84. Expenses: General-\$48689.62; RUT-\$2555.25; Water-\$11930.34; Water Sinking-\$58470.00; Sewer-\$8627.39; Lift Station Project-\$34680.20; Electric-\$41607.15; Electric Sinking-\$70512.50. Total: \$277072.45.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by McFarland, seconded by Hoaglund, to adjourn. Carried 4-0. Mayor C. Westphal proclaimed the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Connie L. Westphal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Buck, City Clerk