

JANUARY 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Mayor Petersen called the regular meeting of the Anthon City Council to order on January 13, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were Tony McFarland, Connie Westphal, Ross Baldwin, and Paul Lansink. Absent was Ruth Groth. Also present: Gage Cleveland, Nikki Kelsheimer, Allyson Dirksen, Sgt. Peterson, Amy Buck, Jeff Collins and Julia Adams.

AGENDA: Motion by Westphal, seconded by Lansink, to approve the meeting agenda. Carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gage Cleveland was present to discuss a low lying power line across his backyard.

POLICE REPORT: Sgt. Peterson was present with the monthly Police report.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by McFarland, seconded by Baldwin, to approve the consent agenda, which includes minutes from December 10, 2024 meeting, financial reports as filed, Resolution 2025-1-576 Approving “The Record” as the official publication for the City of Anthon FY 2025, and renew Class E Liquor License for E&S Enterprises LLC dba Anthon Mini Mart. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes –Lansink, Baldwin, McFarland, Westphal; nays - none.

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

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Westphal, seconded by Baldwin, to appoint Allyson Dirksen of Heidman Law Firm, P.L.L.C., Sioux City, Iowa as City Attorney. Carried 4-0. Motion by McFarland, seconded by Baldwin, to appoint Nikki Kelsheimer as City Clerk. Carried 4-0. Motion by Baldwin, seconded by Westphal, to appoint Lisa Petersen as the WIMECA Representative. Carried 4-0.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES FY 2025: Mayor Petersen appointed McFarland Mayor Pro-tem, Baldwin & Groth the Finance Committee, Lansink & McFarland the Water Committee, Westphal & McFarland the Electric Committee, Westphal & Groth the Streets Committee, Baldwin & Lansink the Sanitation Committee, Kelsheimer the Housing Authority representative, Petersen & Lansink the Landfill & E911 representative, McFarland & Groth the Nuisance Committee, Baldwin & McFarland the Economic Development Committee, Buck, Lansink, & Petersen the Event Center Committee, Westphal & Baldwin the Rec Trail Committee and Kelsheimer & Buck the SIMPCO Committee.

LEGAL: Allyson Dirksen, attorney, gave update on 500 E Main.

HAMANN LIBRARY: Clerk discussed that the library would like to sell an old table along with 5 chairs.

ANTHON COMMUNITY CENTER: A bid from Beelner Services for new water lines for the bathrooms was presented, it was determined that ACC is responsible for the cost.

CD 8442, CD 8445, CD8448, & CD8451 RENEWALS: Motion by McFarland, seconded by Westphal to place funds for all CD’s back into a 5-month CD. Carried 4-0.

CD 8457 CASH OUT: Motion by Lansink, seconded by McFarland to cash out CD. Carried 4-0

ORDINANCE 243: Ordinance #243 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ANTHON, IA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO ELECTRIC UTILITY RATES FOR SERVICE” was introduced by McFarland for first reading, second by Westphal. Carried 4-0. Motion by McFarland, second by Westphal to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be voted on for passage at two council meetings subsequent to final passage. Carried 4-0. Motion by Westphal, seconded by Baldwin, for final passage of Ordinance #243. Carried 4-0.

2025/2026 BUDGET WORKSHOP: The budget workshop was set for February 5, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS: McFarland commented that we need to look into equipment upgrades and that Buck is due for a review. Collins reported he will schedule an efficiency test on Well # 6.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE 21.5(1)(c): Motion by Baldwin, second by Westphal to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) at 6:21 pm. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – McFarland, Lansink, Baldwin, and Westphal; nays – none. Motion by Landsink, second by McFarland to resume open session. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – McFarland, Lansink,, Baldwin, and Westphal; nays – none. Open session resumed at 6:44 pm.

December Receipts: General-\$14466.37; RUT-\$6253.58; EMP BENEFITS-\$142.77; LOST-\$7994.40; Debt Service-\$1221.52; Water-\$18211.89; Sewer-\$9854.01; Electric-\$72174.11; Transmission Line Project-\$126457.15. Total: \$256633.03; Expenses: General-\$26727.23; RUT-\$7839.90; Water-\$12910.69; Sewer-\$7241.95; Electric-\$55845.87. Total: \$110565.64.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by McFarland, seconded by Westphal, to adjourn. Carried 4-0. Mayor Petersen proclaimed the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Lisa M Petersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nikki Kelsheimer, City Clerk