

**MARCH 10, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** Mayor Petersen called the regular meeting of the Anthon City Council to order on March 10, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were Tony McFarland, Connie Westphal, Ross Baldwin, Ruth Groth and Paul Lansink. Also present: Nikki Kelsheimer, Allyson Dirksen, Amy Buck, Deputy Brooks, Elijah Dougherty, Cody Forch, Jana Hamann, Paula Schram and Jeff Collins.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Groth, seconded by Baldwin, to approve the meeting agenda. Carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments

**POLICE REPORT:** Deputy Brooks was present with the monthly Police report.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Lansink, seconded by Westphal, to approve the consent agenda, which includes minutes from February 10th regular meeting, Letter of Support to the Legion, Resolution #2025-3-577 and financial reports as filed. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – Baldwin, McFarland, Westphal, Lansink, Groth; nays - none.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:** Motion by McFarland, seconded by Baldwin, to approve the list of bills as presented. Carried 5-0.

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

**RESOLUTION SETTING COMPENSATION:** Tabled until April Meeting.

**FEMA UPDATE:** Site Inspection was completed the end of February. Discussed replacing the siding on the shelter house, reseeding of Stahl Park and the ball field, and fixing the infield. All work must be completed by December. Should have Site Inspection results soon.

**TRAIL COMMITTEE:** Cody Forch was present to discuss the next steps for the Recreation Trail. They are asking for a resolution of support from the City. Planning and designing are the first step, and there are many grants that will help fund this. McFarland made a motion to accept a resolution of support, by reviewing and accepting individual resolutions that will be presented by committee as needed. Westphal seconded. Carried 5-0.

**2025/2026 BUDGET:** Clerk presented updated Budget numbers from Budget Workshop discussion.

**COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:** Council has been receiving multiple complaints about dogs barking and dog waste. Council advised clerk to send letters to both home owner and tenant. PWS Collins advised they have found the water leak, 4 Manhole covers will be fixed. Talked about roads around town, and how to patch them. Deputy Clerk told Council the Spring Rummages will be May 2 & 3, with clean up day on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Recycling dumpsters are still being filled with items they shouldn't be. She will be attending the IAMU Conference April 21 & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE 21.5(1)(c):** Motion by Westphal, second by Lansink to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) at 6:29 pm. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – McFarland, Lansink, Baldwin, Groth and Westphal; nays – none. Motion by Westphal, second by Groth to resume open session. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – McFarland, Lansink,, Baldwin, Groth and Westphal; nays – none. Open session resumed at 6:44 pm.

February Receipts: General-\$21623.14; RUT-\$5498.88; EMP BENEFITS-\$14.22; LOST-\$7719.46; Debt Service-\$121.68; Water-\$18181.43; Water Sinking-\$11153.33; Sewer-\$10439.38; Electric-\$89144.14; Elec Underground Sinking-\$11902.08. Total: \$175797.74; Expenses: General-\$20732.09; RUT-\$2544.81; 2024 FEMA Flood - \$7300.00: Water-\$8176.88; Sewer-\$4601.32; Electric-\$64632.60. Total: \$107987.70.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Westphal, seconded by Groth, to adjourn. Carried 5-0. Mayor Petersen proclaimed the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Lisa M Petersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nikki Kelsheimer, City Clerk