

April 13, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Mayor Pro Tem C. Westphal called the regular meeting of the Anthon City Council to order on April 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were Ross Baldwin, Tony McFarland, Joel Westphal, Ruth Groth and Connie Westphal. Also present were Allyson Dirksen, Jeff Collins, Amy Buck, Jeff Hill, Mark Nelson, Amanda Goodenow, Becky Verschoor, Brenna Mammen, Kinsey Brunn, Chloe Parr, and Alivya Peterson.

AGENDA: Motion by Groth, seconded by Baldwin, to approve the printed agenda as presented. Carried 5-0.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR: MAYOR VACANCY: Notice of intent to fill a vacancy by appointment was published March 19, 2026. Motion by Baldwin, seconded by McFarland, to appoint Connie Westphal to fill the remaining term of office vacated by Lisa Petersen. Carried 4-0.
Oath of Office given at 7:17pm.

COUNCIL VACANCY: Connie Westphal submitted her resignation from the City Council effective April 13, 2026. Motion by McFarland, seconded by Groth to accept the resignation of Connie Westphal from City Council. Carried 4-0. Council instructed Deputy Clerk Buck to publish a notice to fill vacancy. Motion by Baldwin, seconded by J. Westphal, to appoint a new council member as opposed to holding a special election at the May 11, 2026 council meeting. Carried 4-0.

RESOLUTION 2026-4-610: Motion by J. Westphal, seconded by McFarland to authorize Deputy City Clerk Amy Buck to serve as Interim City Clerk until the time that the Council appoints a new City Clerk. Carried 4-0.
Oath of Office given at 7:19pm.

D38 RESURSCING PROJECT: Woodbury County Supervisor Mark Nelson was present to discuss the upcoming D38 resurfacing project. Motion by Baldwin, seconded by J. Westphal to move forward with the D38 resurfacing project contingent on a 3-year repayment loan to Woodbury County. Carried 4-0.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sgt. Groenhagen provided the monthly report to Council.

ISG ENGINEERING: Amanda Goodenow, ISG Engineering, presented Council the updated quote to add the electrical line information to the previous approved GIS Mapping Services which included R1-data collection of horizontal locations without opening structures, curb stop inventory and GIS mapping with web application. Motion by McFarland, seconded by Baldwin to approve the updated proposal. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – J Westphal, Baldwin, McFarland and Groth; nays – none.

Goodenow presented a proposal for ADA Sidewalks along D38. Council requested to get additional engineering bids and will decide at the May 11, 2026 meeting.

Goodenow presented the bids for geotechnical services in affiliation with the Main Lift Station Replacement Project. Motion by McFarland, seconded by Baldwin to accept the bid from CTS Certified Testing Service. Ayes – J Westphal, McFarland, Groth and Baldwin; nays – none.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by J. Westphal, seconded by Groth, to approve the consent agenda, which includes minutes from March 9th, March 18th and March 23rd meetings, financial reports as filed, Building permit to Irwin Richards for a shop at 303 & 305 N 5th Ave and a building permit to Joe Henderson for a greenhouse at 102 W Brady St. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – McFarland, Baldwin, Groth and J. Westphal; nays - none.

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

JEFF HILL: Jeff Hill was present to discuss options for the north end of Park Dr. Council is looking into options and will discuss at the May 11th meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2026-2027 BUDGET ADOPTION: Motion by McFarland, seconded by Groth, to open public hearing at 6.50 pm to approve a “Resolution Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027”. Carried 4-0. No oral or written comments were received on said adoption of annual budget. Motion by Groth, seconded by J. Westphal to close public hearing at 6:51 pm. Carried 4-0. Motion by McFarland, seconded by Groth to adopt Resolution 2026-4-609 entitled “Resolution Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027”. On roll call the vote was: ayes – Baldwin, J. Westphal, Groth and McFarland; nays – none.

RESOLUTION 2026-4-611: Motion by J. Westphal, seconded by McFarland to approve Resolution 2026-4-611 approving and authorizing a form of Interim Loan and Disbursement Agreement by and between City of Anthon, Iowa, and the Iowa Finance Authority, and authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$317,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes Anticipation Project Note, Series 2026, of City of Anthon, Iowa, under the provisions of the Code of Iowa, and providing for a method of payment of said Notes. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – McFarland, Groth, J. Westphal and Baldwin; nays – none.

March Receipts: General-\$33009.23; RUT-\$5172.95; Employee Benefits-\$2013.20; LOST-\$8009.35; Water-\$16670.30; Water Sinking Fund-\$5578.33; Sewer-\$11422.93; Electric-\$78544.37; Electric Sinking Fund-\$8002.08. Total: \$168422.74. Expenses: General-\$66939.25; RUT-\$6735.23; Water-\$43748.94; Sewer-\$77429.87; Electric-\$69007.76. Total: \$263861.05.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Groth, seconded by Baldwin, to adjourn. Carried 4-0. Mayor C. Westphal proclaimed the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Connie L. Westphal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Buck, Interim City Clerk