

FEBRUARY 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Mayor Petersen called the regular meeting of the Anthon City Council to order on February 9, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were Tony McFarland, Joel Westphal, Ross Baldwin, and Connie Westphal. Absent was Ruth Groth. Also present: Allyson Dirksen, Amy Buck, Jeremy Boatman, Kristi Boatman, Becky Verschoor, Jeff Hill, Dawn Zahnley, Lori Handke, JoLynne Reimert and Jeff Hill.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by McFarland, seconded by C. Westphal, to approve the consent agenda, which includes, January 12th, 13th, and 21st, 2026, meeting minutes and financial reports as presented, Resolution 2026-2-599 Approving Depository and Signatories to Reflect the Change in Mayor Pro-Tem Assignment to Connie Westphal. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – Baldwin, J. Westphal, C. Westphal, McFarland; nays - none.

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

AMANDA GOODENOW, SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER, WITH ISG ENGINEERING, LIFT STATION PROJECT STATUS, TO DISCUSS SEWER LINE MAPPING OPTIONS AND LEAD LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT DISCUSSION: Rescheduled for March 9th Meeting.

RESOLUTION 2026-2-602 APPROVING BEAR CREEK ARCHEOLOGY, INC. PROPOSAL FOR PHASE I ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY AHEAD OF THE LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Motion by McFarland, seconded by Baldwin, to approve the proposal from Bear Creek Archeology, Inc. for Phase I, ahead of the lift station replacement project. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – C. Westphal, J. Westphal, Baldwin, McFarland; nays - none.

BUILDING PERMIT NO. 493- 315 E MAIN ST-SET BACK VARIANCE/ADDRESS CHANGE: Motion by C. Westphal, and seconded by Baldwin, to approve Building Permit No. 493. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – Baldwin, J. Westphal, C. Westphal, McFarland; nays - none.

SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 106 WESTGATE RD. – To Correct the Resolutions Legal Description: Motion by C. Westphal, seconded by Baldwin, to open the public hearing. Carried 4-0. The hearing opened at 5:39pm. No public comments. C. Westphal made a motion to close the public hearing and McFarland seconded the motion. Carried 4-0. The hearing closed at 5:40 p.m. C. Westphal made a motion to approve “Corrected” Resolution 2025-11-591 Approving the Sale of Real Property, and McFarland seconded the motion. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – McFarland, Baldwin, C. Westphal, J. Westphal; nays - none.

JEFF HILL, TO DISCUSS NORTH END OF PARK DR: Jeff was present to discuss with council any possibility of acquiring a portion at the end of Park Dr to access a garage on his property. No decision was made and discussions will continue at the March meeting.

ANTHON FIRE DEPT AND ANTHON AMBULANCE-PRESENT TO DISCUSS 28E AGREEMENTS: After discussion, C. Westphal made a motion to approve contributing \$10,000.00 to the Anthon Community Ambulance Service and \$25,000.00 to the Anthon Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, McFarland seconded the motion. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes- C. Westphal, J. Westphal, McFarland; nays-none; Abstained-Baldwin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No action taken.

FINALIZE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX NOTICE AND SET DATE/TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING: C. Westphal made a motion to approve the Proposed Property Tax Notice Rate of 13.05451% for FY 2026-2027 with the Public Hearing being scheduled for March 23rd, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at a Special Council Meeting, and McFarland seconded the motion. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes-McFarland, J. Westphal, Baldwin, C. Westphal; nays-none.

RESOLUTION 2026-2-603 ANTHON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP. CITY CONTRIBUTION FOR FY 2026-27: C. Westphal made a motion to approve contributing \$10,000.00 to Anthon Community Development Corp for fiscal year 2026-27, and J. Westphal seconded the motion. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes- Baldwin, J. Westphal, C. Westphal, McFarland; nays-none.

RESOLUTION 2026-2-604 HAMANN MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUDGET CONTRIBUTION- FY 2026-27: C. Westphal made a motion to approve contributing \$35,000.00 to Hamann Memorial Library's Budget for FY 2026-27, and J. Westphal seconded the motion. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes- J. Westphal, McFarland, Baldwin, C. Westphal; nays-none.

ORDINANCE #250: C. Westphal introduced Ordinance #250 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ANTHON, IA BY AMENDING, ADDING, AND/OR REMOVING PROVISION PERTAINING TO WATER RATES". 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 #250. Motion was seconded by J. Westphal and passed with a roll call vote as follows: ayes – Baldwin, J. Westphal, C. Westphal, McFarland; nays - none. Motion by McFarland, seconded by C, Westphal, to pass and adopt Ordinance #250 Effective March 1st to be reflected on the April Utility Billing. On roll call the vote was: ayes –C. Westphal, J. Westphal, Baldwin, McFarland; nays - none.

ORDINANCE #251: Attorney Dirksen introduced Ordinance #251 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ANTHON, IA BY AMENDING, ADDING AND/OR REMOVING PROVISION PERTAINING TO WATER SERVICE SYSTEM". 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 #251. Motion was seconded by C. Westphal and passed with a roll call vote as follows: ayes – J. Westphal, McFarland, Baldwin, C. Westphal; nays - none. Motion by McFarland, seconded by Baldwin, to pass and adopt Ordinance #251. On roll call the vote was: ayes –C. Westphal, J. Westphal, Baldwin, McFarland; nays - none.

RESOLUTION 2026-2-600 APPROVING AHLERS & COONEY, P.C. BOND COUNSEL ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE LIFT STATION PROJECT AND SRF LOAN ADMINISTRATION: Motion by McFarland, and seconded by J. Westphal, to approve Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement for the Lift Station Project and SRF Loan Administration. Passed with a record vote; ayes- J. Westphal, McFarland, C Westphal, Baldwin; nays-none.

RESOLUTION 2026-2-601 SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME FOR MEETING ON THE PROPOSITION TO AUTHORIZE A LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES TO EVIDENCE THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY THEREUNDER. RE: THE LIFT STATION PROJECT AND SRF LOAN ADMINISTRATION:

Motion by McFarland, seconded by Baldwin, to approve “Resolution 2026-2-601 Setting Public Hearing for March 9th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the next Regular City Council meeting on the Proposition to Authorize a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the Issuance of Notes of Evidence the Obligations of the City Thereunder. RE: The Lift Station Project and SRF Loan Administration. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – C. Westphal, J. Westphal, Baldwin, McFarland; nays - none.

LAGOON SLUDGE SURVEY PROJECT: No motion necessary, Jeff is authorized to proceed.

December Receipts: General-\$16,942.47; RUT-\$6,275.45; Employee Benefits-\$184.82; LOST-\$11,773.31; Water-\$15,966.73; Water Sinking \$5,636.16; Sewer-\$9,541.68; Electric-\$89,274.04; Total: \$155,594.66; **Expenses:** General-\$28,433.37; RUT-\$2,859.04; Water-\$12,794.59; Sewer-\$26,658.76; Electric-\$73,116.73. Total: \$143,862.49.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by C, Westphal, seconded by McFarland, to adjourn. Carried 4-0. Mayor Petersen proclaimed the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Lisa M Petersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristy Nelson, City Clerk