

JULY 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Mayor Pro-tem McFarland called the regular meeting of the Anthon City Council to order on July 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were Tony McFarland, Connie Westphal, Ross Baldwin and Ruth Groth. Absent: Paul Lansink, Mayor Petersen. Also present: Allyson Dirksen, Jeff Collins, Dan Brant, James Loomis, Aaron Kollbaum, Darwin & Sharon Hamann, Lora Knaack, Amanda Goodenow and Ashayla Soodsma.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Westphal, seconded by Baldwin, to approve the consent agenda, which includes minutes from June 9, 2025 meeting, financial reports as filed, accept Nikki Kelsheimer's resignation, building permit to Joe Henderson for Flower Fence at 102 W Brady, building permit to Kaitlyn Hoelscher for a storage shed at 405 E Main St, building permit to Dan Brant for deck at 105 W Brady St, building permit to Zach Brant for storage shed at 408 E Randolph St and building permit to Ben Elznic for patio and fence at 406 S 1st Ave. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – Baldwin, McFarland, Westphal and Groth; nays - none.

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

MAIN STREET CLOSURE: Lora Knaack was present on behalf of Camp High Hopes to request a closure of Main St between Miller Ave and N 2nd Ave on August 16th for their 8th Annual Miles for Smiles Poker Run. The Fireside Steakhouse is this year's host. Motion by Westphal, seconded by Baldwin, to close Main St between Miller Ave and N 2nd Ave on August 16, 2025. Carried 4-0.

ANNEXATION APPLICATION: Darwin and Sharon Hamann submitted an Application for Annexation for their property at 3697 220th St, Anthon. Discussion followed and the council directed Attorney Allyson Dirksen to move forward with the annexation process.

3-PHASE SERVICE: Aaron Kollbaum was present to discuss adding a 3-Phase service to his property at 201 E Bridge St, Anthon. Discussion regarding the cost of this followed. Kollbaum is looking into possibly purchasing a 3-Phase Converter.

LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Amanda Goodenow and Ashayla Soodsma were present from ISG to submit a lift station facility plan proposal. Facility plans, costs, and funding options were some of the items discussed. Motion by McFarland, seconded by Westphal to accept the ISG's lift station facility plan proposal. On roll call the vote was: ayes – Baldwin, Groth, McFarland, and Westphal; nays - none.

LEGAL: Allyson Dirksen, attorney, gave an update on where the City's auditor is at in the exam process.

ORDINANCE #244 2nd READING: McFarland introduced Ordinance #244 entitled, “An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Anthon, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Collection Fees for Solid Waste”. McFarland moved that the rule requiring that an ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at a third council meeting be suspended with respect to Ordinance #244. Motion was seconded Westphal and passed with a roll call vote as follows: ayes – McFarland, Baldwin, Groth and Westphal; nays – none. Motion by Groth, seconded by Westphal to pass and adopt Ordinance #244. On roll call the vote was: ayes – Westphal, McFarland, Groth and Baldwin; nays – none.

ACTION TO AMEND RENEWALS OF CD #8445 & CD #8448: Motion by Westphal, seconded by Baldwin to amend the decision made at the June 9, 2025 meeting. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – McFarland, Westphal, Groth, Baldwin, nays – none.

CITY CLERK VACANCY: After discussion, McFarland and Westphal were appointed to the hiring committee. Motion by McFarland, seconded by Westphal, to publish the City Clerk vacancy. Carried 4-0.

SHELTER HOUSE SIDING: Public Works Superintendent Collins discussed the one bid received for replacement of the Shelter House siding that was damaged during the June 2024 Flood. Work could be started the last week of September and completed by October 10, 2025. Motion by Baldwin, seconded by Westphal to accept the bid from Mike Sevensing Construction. Carried 4-0.

CITY PARK’S ASH TREES: Council discussed possible mitigation against the Emerald Ash Borer on City Park Trees.

Receipts: General-\$106394.16; RUT-\$8523.33; Employee Benefits-\$87.71; LOST-\$8637.97; Debt Service-\$750.43; FEMA-\$11678.99; Water-\$22173.51; Water Sinking Fund-\$11153.33; Sewer-\$11135.08; Electric-\$56145.68; Electric Underground Sinking-\$11902.38. Total: \$248582.57. Expenses: General-\$39299.91; RUT-\$2247.70; FEMA Fund-\$13111.36; Water-\$10466.90; Sewer-\$5872.59; Electric-\$52073.87. Total: \$123072.33.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by McFarland, seconded by Baldwin, to adjourn. Carried 4-0. Mayor Pro-tem McFarland proclaimed the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Anthony McFarland, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

Amy Buck, Deputy City Clerk