

**MARCH 9, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** Mayor Pro-Tem C. Westphal called the regular meeting of the Anthon City Council to order on March 9, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were Tony McFarland, Joel Westphal and Ross Baldwin. Absent was Ruth Groth. Also present: Allyson Dirksen, Amy Buck, Jeff Collins, Mark Nelson, Jacob Bottjen, Chad Bottjen, James Loomis, Darwin Hamann, Sharon Hamann, Laura Sievers, Keith Schrunk, Kevin Clausen, Becky Verschoor, Amanda Goodenow and Woodbury County Sergeant Groenhagen.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by McFarland, seconded by J. Westphal, to approve the consent agenda, which includes, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, meeting minutes and financial reports as presented, Resolution 2026-3-605 Resolution of Appreciation-Council Member Paul Lansink, Resolution 2026-3-606 Adopting Iowa League of Cities Current Record Retention Manual (April 2024 edition), and acknowledging the receipt of FY 2024-25 Audit Report. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – J. Westphal, C. Westphal, Baldwin, McFarland; nays - none.

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

**RECEIPT OF RESIGNATION – MAYOR – LISA PETERSEN:** Motion by Baldwin, seconded by McFarland, to accept Mayor Petersen's letter of resignation. Carried 4-0. Motion by McFarland to declare a vacancy, Baldwin seconded the motion. Carried 4-0. Motion by Baldwin to authorize the publication of notice of vacancy and J. Westphal seconded the motion. Carried 4-0. Baldwin made a motion to set the date to appoint Mayor's successor for the Regular Meeting on April 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., McFarland seconded the motion. Carried 4-0.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Woodbury County Sergeant Groenhagen gave the February Sheriff's Report.

**GIS SEWER LINE MAPPING PROJECT – LIFT STATION PROJECT UPDATE-LEAD SERVICE LINE PROJECT DISCUSSION- AMANDA GOODENOW, ISG Engineering:** Amanda presented Council with mapping options. McFarland made a motion to approve R1-data collection of horizontal locations without opening structures, curb stop inventory and GIS mapping with web application, Baldwin seconded the motion. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – McFarland, Baldwin, C. Westphal and J. Westphal; nays - none. Amanda and the Council discussed the lead and copper rules, water service line replacement requirements, funding opportunities and project options. No action taken.

**D38 RESURFACING PROJECT- MARK NELSON, WOODBURY COUNTY SUPERVISOR:** Mark Nelson, Woodbury County Supervisor and Laura Sievers, Woodbury County Engineer were present to discuss the D38 Resurfacing Project scheduled to take place in 2027. After discussion, the council asked Mark to approach the Board of Supervisors with possible finance options through the county on behalf of the City of Anthon. Mark and Laura will be at the April Council Meeting to present their answer. No action taken.

**ANTHON EVENTS CENTER – STRUCTURAL DESIGN CONCERN:** Keith Schrunk, Anthon Community Club President, notified council of foundation moisture issues and possible repairs. The council selected Jeff Collins, Tony McFarland and Ross Baldwin to be representatives of the city to meet with contractors, insurance representatives and to report back to the council their findings. No action taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Darwin Hamann spoke regarding a potential subdivision project and its infrastructure. James Loomis, Woodbury County Attorney announced that he would be running for re-election for County Attorney again in 2026.

**BUILDING PERMIT NO. 494- 300 W BRIDGE ST – FENCE:** Motion by Baldwin, seconded by McFarland, to approve Building Permit No. 494. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes –C. Westphal, J. Westphal, Baldwin, McFarland; nays - none.

**BUILDING PERMIT NO. 495- 304 E DIVISION ST – FENCE:** Motion by McFarland, seconded by Baldwin, to approve Building Permit No. 495, contingent upon documentation of approval from neighboring property owner. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – J. Westphal, C. Westphal, McFarland, Baldwin; nays - none.

**APPEAL HEARING- NOTICE AND ORDER TO REMOVE OR DESTROY VICIOUS/DANGEROUS ANIMAL VICIOUS/DANGEROUSANIMAL –305 N 2<sup>ND</sup> AVE:** Dog owner was not present. Owner had previously stated by phone that the dog would be removed from the city on March 11, 2026. McFarland made a motion to affirm the council’s decision to remove vicious/dangerous animal from city premises, J. Westphal seconded the motion. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – Baldwin, J. Westphal, McFarland, C. Westphal; nays - none.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANTHON, STATE OF IOWA, ON THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$317,000 SEWER REVENUE CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, AND THE HEARING ON THE ISSUANCE THEREOF:** McFarland made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:31 p.m, Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion Carried 4-0. No Public Comments. Baldwin made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:31 p.m, J. Westphal seconded the motion. Motion Carried 4-0. McFarland made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-3-607 Approving a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and not to exceed \$317,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes, Baldwin seconded the motion. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – J. Westphal, C. Westphal, Baldwin, McFarland; nays - none.

**INSURANCE RENEWAL- FY 2026-2027:** Policy Premium was presented to council and no action was taken. Policy will be renewed with no changes.

**JEFF HILL, TO DISCUSS NORTH END OF PARK DR:** McFarland made a motion to table, Baldwin seconded the motion. Carried 4-0.

**February Receipts:** General-\$20,388.10; RUT-\$4,950.00; Employee Benefits-\$359.94; LOST-\$8,291.19; FEMA 2024 Flood-\$10,827.55; Water-\$16,712.52; Water Sinking \$5,578.33; Sewer-\$9,660.54; Electric-\$93,889.10; Electric Sinking Fund-\$8,002.08; Total: \$178,659.35;  
**Expenses:** General-\$32,024.05; RUT-\$2,269.10; Water-\$12,969.22; Sewer-\$12,775.23; Electric-\$63,965.35. Total: \$124,002.95.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Baldwin, seconded by McFarland, to adjourn. Carried 4-0. Mayor Pro-Tem C. Westphal proclaimed the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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Connie Westphal, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

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Cristy Nelson, City Clerk