

APRIL 14, 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 Peterson, Jolynne Reimert, Chad Meier, Julia Adams, Dan Brant and Jeff Collins.

AGENDA: Motion by Lansink, seconded by McFarland, to approve the meeting agenda. Carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Westphal, seconded by Lansink, to approve the consent agenda, which includes minutes from March 10th regular meeting & both special meetings on March 25th. Financial Reports as filed, and Agreement for Services contract for Matt Curtin. It also included Water, Sewer and Building Permits for Mary Luckel. The house mover permit, for Mary Luckel, was approved, contingent on receiving the bond and route plan. Passed with a record vote as follows: ayes – Baldwin, McFarland, Westphal, Lansink, Groth; nays - none.

FEMA UPDATE: Deputy Clerk Buck gave the Council an update on FEMA. Anthon has been obligated funds for the Emergency Protective Measures. Payment will be made for outstanding bills related to this part of the flood efforts.

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

LEGAL: Allyson Dirksen, attorney, no change on the 500 E Main property.

ANTHON FIRE DEPARTMENT: The AFD was wanting to apply for a NIPCO low interest loan to purchase a new brush rig but the loan does not cover that type of purchase. They will look into other avenues for a low interest loan.

HAMMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY: Jolynne Reimert was present to talk about federal funding that may be cut, and how it will affect our local library. The library could lose their access to interlibrary loans and shares, and the delivery services associated with it, and the People's Law Library of Iowa. There will be NO change for our library's summer reading program and activities though.

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION (WAPA): Deputy Clerk Buck presented exhibit B to our contract that would allow the City of Anthon to move from X/Y to a fixed allocation. Motion by Westphal, seconded by Lansink. Carried 5-0.

2025/2026 BUDGET ADOPTION PUBLIC HEARING: Lansink made a motion to open the Public Hearing, McFarland seconded. Carried 5-0. No public comments. Lansink made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Groth seconded. Carried 5-0. Westphal made a motion to accept Resolution # 2025-3-579 Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026. Baldwin seconded, carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION SETTING COMPENSATION: Motion by Westphal, seconded by Baldwin, to adopt Resolution #2025-3-578 entitled "Resolution Setting Compensation", for Deputy Clerk Amy Buck, Public Works Superintendent Jeffrey Collins and Maintenance Worker Michael Umbach. Carried 5-0.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS: Council had a discussion about the low hanging electrical pole and PWS Collins will call REC Tuesday morning and get a timeframe on when it will be fixed. PWS Collins had estimates for concrete repair work around town, including a couple of damaged sidewalks and the bleacher pad at the ball field (FEMA). Council advised to accept the lowest most responsible and responsive bid. Collins also had 3 estimates for the intersection of E Bridge & N 2nd. Motion by Groth, seconded by Lansink to accept the bid from JMAC's for \$58344.00. Carried 5-0. Collins also had bids on 2" overlay of asphalt vs chipsealing the side roads. Lansink suggested a committee go out and look at the roads, and decide which need repairs first. City Hall has been received more complaints about dogs barking and now junk vehicles. Council advised clerk to send letters. Clerk will begin working to get the IowaAlert program started, this will alert residents, who sign up, of any weather and/or city alerts. Clerk advised the council that it has been brought up again about the sidewalks in the downtown area not being ADA compliant. Deputy Clerk talked about the Library getting a color printer, which the city will be able to use at any time.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE 21.5(1)(c): Motion by McFarland, second by Lansink to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) at 7:00 pm. Carried 5-0. Motion by Baldwin, second by Lansink to resume open session. Carried 5-0. Open session resumed at 7:26 pm.

March Receipts: General-\$66154.29; RUT-\$4950.31; EMP BENEFITS-\$82.24; LOST-\$8756.48; Debt Service-\$703.62; Water-\$17561.06; Water Sinking-\$11153.33; Sewer-\$10558.16; Electric-\$113827.36; Elec Underground Sinking-\$11902.08. Total: \$245648.93; Expenses: General-\$21850.20; RUT-\$4732.86; 2024 FEMA Flood - \$7300.00; Water-\$19956.68; Sewer-\$5726.14; Electric-\$77578.00. Total: \$137143.88. 2024 Wages: Darla Baird \$3078.95, Ross Baldwin \$855.00, Anita Brandt \$57826.35, Amy Buck \$26556.25, Jeff Collins \$74465.63, Ruth Groth \$360.00, Nikki Kelsheimer \$2057.50, Jonathan Kuhlmann \$225.00, Paul Lansink \$855.00, Tony McFarland \$855.00, Lisa Petersen \$4590.55, Jolynne Reimert \$10491.14, Suann Stines \$7011.08, Mike Umbach \$53352.00, Connie Westphal \$225.00, Diane Yockey \$352.00

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Baldwin, seconded by McFarland, to adjourn. Carried 5-0. Mayor Petersen proclaimed the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Lisa M Petersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nikki Kelsheimer, City Clerk