



City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Commission Chambers, 124 S Bluff, Anthony, KS 67003

MINUTES

OPENING

- Welcome / Call to Order
- Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Greg Cleveland
Commissioner Sherrie Eaton
Commissioner Jan Lanie
Commissioner Eric Smith
Commissioner Howard Hatfield

City Administrator Melinda Ewertz, City Superintendent Larry Berry, Police Chief Kenny Hodson, Jessica Jaeger of CHS Jr. Cheer, Dollie Mathes and Kari O'Riley of HPCO Heart, Lindsey Dreiling of Dreiling Aviation via Zoom, Randy and Jacquie Wiseley, Anthony Airport Board members Jeremey Graves, Dan Levens, Tracy Copenhaver, Jim Seipel

- Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Lanie.
Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Randy Wiseley gave a "shout out" to the city employees for keeping the lake looking so nice.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve June 2, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approve 06.16.206 Payroll \$72,168.83

3. Appropriation Ordinance 3241-\$324,864.16

4. Special Appropriations:

Fund #34 Anthony Recreation - Visa - \$1,275.17 - Pool Lights

Fund #34 Anthony Recreation - Visa - \$293.03 - Pool Light Lens Gasket

5. Appoint IBTS as Zoning Administrator and Flood Plain Manager for the City of Anthony

Mayor Cleveland asked if any items should be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. Hearing none, a motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Hatfield.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

REGULAR BUSINESS

6. **Approve Request to Waive Municipal Hall Fees for 9/11 Memorial Event - Donna Crowe**

The Commission reviewed the Municipal Hall Rental Agreement for the 9/11 Memorial Event and the request to waive the rental fees. A motion was made to waive the Municipal Hall fees for 9/11 Memorial Event.

Motion made by Commissioner Eaton, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith

Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Hatfield

7. **Approve Request to Waive Municipal Hall Fees - Chaparral Jr. High Cheer - Jessica Jaeger**

The Commission reviewed the Municipal Hall Rental Agreement for CHS Junior Cheer and the request to waive the rental fees. Jessica Jaeger was present to make the request to use the hall during the month of July for cheer practice. A motion was made to waive the Municipal Hall fees for Chaparral Junior and Senior High Cheer.

Motion made by Commissioner Eaton, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

8. **Discuss Economic Development Strategy - Lindsey Dreiling of Dreiling Aviation Services**

Lindsey Dreiling of Dreiling Aviation Services was present via Zoom to speak with the Commission and the Anthony Airport Board about the economic development direction for the Anthony Airport. Ideas were discussed and Lindsey has direction to begin making contacts on potential grant opportunities for the airport. She would like to have a check-in with the Commission every few weeks as she develops a plan for a stakeholder meeting in the future.

9. **Discuss Event Planning for 250th Celebration July 4th, 2026 - HPCO Heart**

Kari O'Riley and Dollie Mathes of Harper County Heart were present to share the event plan for the 4th of July event at the Anthony Lake with the Commissioners.

10. **Discussion to Rescind Approval of Utility Incentive Program - Administrator Ewertz**

Administrator Ewertz explained some details that need to be corrected in the recently approved utility incentive plan. After discussion with the Commission and the Superintendent, the Administrator has guidance on changes and will share those with the ID/EcoDevo Board for their review before sending it back through Commission for approval. A motion was then made to rescind the approval of the Utility Incentive Program.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Hatfield.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

11. **Approve Magellan Contract Amendment - Superintendent Berry**

Superintendent Berry presented an updated contract with the Commission to update rate and structure for Saddelhorn/Magellan. This contract amendment was made with the consultation of KMEA and once approved will be provided to the representative of Saddlehorn for review and signature. A motion was then made to approve the Magellan Contract Amendment Exhibit A.

Motion made by Commissioner Lanie, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

12. **Approve Purchase of Air Compressor from Justice Battery for \$2,600.00 to be Paid from Fire Municipal Equipment Reserve - Anthony Fire Department**

The Anthony Fire Department requested approval to purchase an air compressor to be paid for from the Fire Municipal Equipment Reserve fund. Quotes were obtained from three local vendors. After review of the quotes, a motion was made to approve the purchase of an air compressor from Justice Battery for up to \$3,000.00 to be paid from Fire Municipal Equipment Reserve.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Lanie.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith

Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Hatfield

13. **Approve the Renewal of City Officer Appointments:**

City Officer appointments are due for renewal on July 1st, 2026. Motions were made as follows:

A motion was made to re-appoint Melinda Ewertz as City Clerk/Administrator.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Hatfield.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

A motion was made to re-appoint Larry Berry as City Superintendent.

Motion made by Commissioner Lanie, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

A motion was made to re-appoint Jamie Deviney as City Treasurer.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Lanie.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

A motion was made to re-appoint Brandon Ritcha as City Attorney.

Motion made by Commissioner Lanie, Seconded by Commissioner Eaton.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

A motion was made to re-appoint Kenny Hodson as Police Chief.

Motion made by Commissioner Hatfield, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

A motion was made to re-appoint Richard Befort as Municipal Court Judge.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Eaton.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Voting Nay: Commissioner Hatfield.

A motion was made to appoint Nate Houston as City Health Officer.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Lanie.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

14. **Discuss Anthony Land Bank - Mayor Cleveland**

Mayor Cleveland asked to discuss the Anthony Land Bank and the role of the City with the Land Bank. The Commission will have a joint work session with the land bank on June 25th, 2026 at 7:00p.m.

15. **Health Nuisance 320 S Kansas Ward 2026**

The Commission reviewed the notice. After review, a motion was made to approve the findings of facts and issue the order.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Lanie.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

16. **Inoperable Vehicle 429 S Anthony Stoabs 2026**

The Commission reviewed the notice. After review, a motion was made to approve the findings of facts and issue the order.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Eaton.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

17. **Health Nuisance 601 N Anthony Radcliff 2026**

The Commission reviewed the notice. After review, a motion was made to approve the findings of facts and issue the order.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Hatfield.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

18. **Health Nuisance 436 S Kansas Ward 2026**

The Commission reviewed the notice. After review, a motion was made to approve the findings of facts and issue the order.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

19. Chief of Police Report

We served some weed notices We had the city mow several properties We investigated a stalking case and turned it over to the C.A. for possible charges We investigated a case of theft and identity theft We are investigating a child sexual assault case

20. Administrator's Report

In addition to the Administrators report, the Commission was updated on the returns from the state Set-off program for collections on bad debt accounts as well as the insurance policy for the solar field and the annual premium for coverage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

21. Executive Session to Discuss Staffing Pursuant to "Personnel Matters of NonElected Personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1)."

At 7:50p.m., Mayor Cleveland made a motion to enter executive session for 10 minutes to discuss staffing pursuant to "Personnel Matters of NonElected Personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1)", seconded by Commissioner Smith. The Commission Chambers were cleared leaving the Commission, City Administrator and Chief of Police present. Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

At 8:00p.m., Mayor Cleveland called the regular meeting back to order with no binding action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

Gregory Cleveland, Mayor

Melinda Ewertz, City Administrator/Clerk