



City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 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

Deputy City Clerk Melinda Ewertz, City Superintendent Larry Berry, Randy and Jacquie Wiseley, Joe Hall
- Anthony Land Bank, Scott Day - Day Insurance

- Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the 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 COMMENT - NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve February 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approve February 4, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
3. Approve February 9, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

4. Approve 02.10.2026 Payroll \$69,519.83
5. Appropriation Ordinance No. 3233 \$445,868.57
6. Approve Investments:

Peoples Bank & Trust-General Fund-Renewal CD 2205045 \$97,000-18 months @ 3.65% with interest to post in General Fund

Peoples Bank & Trust-Wayne Dennis-Renewal CD 2205047 \$100,000-18 months @ 3.65% with interest to post in Wayne Dennis Fund

Peoples Bank & Trust-Wayne Dennis-Renewal CD 2205046 \$80,000-18 months @ 3.65% with interest to post in Wayne Dennis Fund

Peoples Bank & Trust-Electric Reserve-Renewal CD 2205048 \$100,000-18 months @ 3.65% with interest to post in Electric Reserve Fund

7. Approve Transient Guest Tax Committee Recommendation to Award \$3,725.00 to Anthony Car Show for Annual Show and Shine Event in May 2026
8. Approve Pay Drawdown #1 KDWP Project No. NRT2023-1
9. Approve Drawdown #2 Grid Resilience Project KCC-40101d-005 - \$53,599.78

Mayor Cleveland asked if any items should be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. Commissioner Eaton asked about the total for Item #5 Deposit Refund being paid to one person, and to verify after the meeting. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda contingent upon reviewing Item #5 "Deposit Refund".

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Eaton.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

REGULAR BUSINESS

10. **Approve Anthony Land Bank Insert into Utility Bills - Joe Hall**

Joe Hall of the Anthony Land Bank was present to share a flyer sharing information about the Anthony Land Bank and to request this to be mailed out with the monthly utility bills. A motion was made to approve Anthony Land Bank Insert into utility bills.

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

11. **2026 Health Insurance Renewal**

Scott Day was present to answer any additional questions the Commission may have as they make the decision for the City's health insurance renewal.

After discussion, a motion was made to switch employee health insurance to the EZ-MERP plan with Angle through Day Insurance.

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

12. **2026 Dental Insurance Renewal**

After discussion, a motion was made to stay with the current BC/BS dental insurance through HUB.

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

13. **Approve Ballfield Alcohol Consumption Exemption Application - Benefit Tournament for Trina Reeves**

A motion was made to approve the ballfield alcohol consumption exemption application.

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

14. **Award Bids and Approve Fund for CDBG Housing Grant Bid Tour #3**

Deputy Clerk Ewertz presented the bid tab for Bid Tour #3 with the CDBG Housing Grant as follows:

124 S Springfield (demolition) - Wilsons Dig & Flow \$17,375.00, ABBA \$24,000.00, Skidsteer Services \$16,800.00, Barker Sand & Gravel \$16,000.00, ISI Demolition \$43,568.00

411 E Washington (demolition) - Wilsons Dig & Flow \$9,300.00, ABBA \$24,000.00, Skidsteer Services \$8,000.00 Barker Sand & Gravel \$7,400.00, ISI Demolition \$39,187.00

502 S Springfield (rehab) - Arambula \$28,793.00, S&A Construction \$39,934.00, NWFA \$32,545.00, Skyline \$27,325.00, ABBA \$24,963.00

502 S Lincoln (rehab) - Arambula \$29,067.00, S&A Construction \$40,284.00, NWFA \$38,237.50, Skyline \$25,000.00, ABBA \$23,863.00

120 S Springfield (rehab) - Arambula \$45,943.00, S&A Construction \$37,404.00, NWFA \$38,237.50, ABBA \$30,763.00

A recommendation provided by SCKEDD to award bids based upon contractor open projects, availability and bid amount are as follows:

124 S Springfield - Barker Sand & Gravel

411 E Washington - Barker Sand and Gravel

502 S Springfield - Arambula

502 S Lincoln - Skyline

120 S Springfield -ABBA

A motion was made to award bids and approve funds for CDBG Housing Grant Bid Tour # 3 as recommended.

Motion made by Commissioner Eaton, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

15. **Kansas Collateral Pool Transition**

Information was provided to the Commission about changes regarding investments of city funds in Kansas.

16. **Approve KDHE Aboveground Fund Consent Agreement and Final Order - KDHE Project A2-039-40429 - \$4,500.00**

An agreement for ground remediation work at the power plant was reviewed and Superintendent Berry answered questions for the Commission. This agreement to pay \$4,500.00 provides the remediation of ground contamination by KDHE who will manage the project.

A motion was made to approve KDHE Aboveground Fund Consent Agreement and Final Order - KDHE Project A2-039-40429 for \$4,500.00.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Hatfield.

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

17. **Water Treatment Plant Ponds - Larry Berry**

Superintendent Berry shared information with the Commission on a problem at the Harper Water Treatment Plant where a leak in the pond liner was found. KDHE has been notified and no immediate action is required from KDHE.

18. **Discuss 9/11 Memorial Donations - Howard Hatfield**

Commissioner Hatfield asked to continue the conversation of depositing donation monies for the 9/11 Memorial through the City. The Commission asked Deputy Clerk Ewertz to gather further information about creating a fund in the City for these donations.

19. **Discuss Business Operating in Residential Neighborhood - Greg Cleveland**

Mayor Cleveland asked to discuss businesses operating in residential neighborhoods. Deputy Clerk Ewertz provided information from the Unified Development Code pertaining to Home Occupations, where auto mechanic shops are specifically prohibited. The Commission asked for city staff to contact individuals to notify them mechanic/auto repair businesses are not allowed in a residential zoned lot.

20. **Appoint City Administrator/City Clerk**

A motion was made to appoint Melinda Ewertz as City Clerk and City Administrator for the City of Anthony, Kansas for an annual salary of \$80,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Eaton.

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

STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Berry provided updates to the Commission on department activities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Hatfield, Seconded by Mayor Cleveland.

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

Gregory Cleveland, Mayor

Melinda Ewertz, City Administrator/Clerk