



City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 05, 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, Deputy Police Chief Nate Houston, Officer Stephan Weisheit, Randy and Jacquie Wiseley, John Coleman - Entregity Partners, Bill Moyer - Anthony Tree Board, Bryan Hilgeman, Tony Christiansen, Mike Hartman, Caleb Coady

- Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Lanie.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Chief Houston introduced Officer Weisheit to the Commission. Officer Weisheit recently graduated from KLETC with awards and has start his field training with Deputy Chief Houston.

Bryan Hilgeman shared his frustration with an Inoperable Vehicle letter that was mailed to him. He is waiting to receive the correct title for the vehicle so that he can register the car.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve April 21, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approve April 29, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
3. Appropriation Ordinance No 3238 \$385,560.64
4. Approve 5.5.2026 Payroll - \$56,726.25
5. Approve Pay Request #4 KDWP Project No. NRT2023-1 \$259,153.40
6. Special Appropriations:

Fund #15 Economic Development - Anthony Republican - \$175.95 - Bid Tour #4
Publication CDBG FY23-HR-003

Fund #34 Street Improvements - Mitch Gates - \$1,200.00 - Temporary Construction
Easement KDOT Project No. KA-6909-01 FY25 CCLIP

Fund #61 Grant Award/Expenses - Amazon - \$1993.20 - Narcan for Narcan Dispenser

Fund #34 Tree Board - Bomgaars - \$679.60 - Potting Soil for IRA Tree Grant

Fund #34 Tree Board - NAPA - \$55.56 - Zip Ties for IRA Tree Grant

7. Approve Recommendation of Appointment for Denise Beckner to the Anthony Public Library Board for a 4-year Term Expiring April 30, 2030

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

8. Discuss Solar Project

A terms sheet was presented to the Commission from Capital One Public Finance pertaining to the lease purchase option for the 2.25mw Solar Array for the City of Anthony. After discussion of the terms presented and other financing options, a motion was made to proceed with the Capital One loan and solar project made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Hatfield. Mayor Cleveland asked if there was any further discussion and Commissioner Lanie asked how the debt would be paid. Administrator Ewertz explained the

mechanism to capture the funds to satisfy the yearly debt payment based upon the kilowatt hours sold each month. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Hatfield.

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

9. **Discuss Anthony Tree Board IRA Grant Project and Funds - Bill Moyer - Anthony Tree Board**

Bill Moyer of the Anthony Tree Board was present to update the Commission on the tree planting and grant activity. The tree board plans to order the last trees for the grant to be delivered this fall. The tree board plans to plant decorative trees of different types along Hoard's Lake Trail that will display color all year long. Bill also discussed the many trees that need to be removed from the lake area and trees planted in replacement.

10. **Discuss Vacating 800 N Bluff**

The small section of North Bluff Ave in the 800 block was discussed pertaining to vacating the street and right-of-way to the adjoining land owners. Administrator Ewertz shared the information she has received from the Planning and Zoning consultant in the process of how to do this. The adjoining property owners to the east and west of this street were present. The owner to the east does not want to split the vacated area evenly, so the Commission guided the administrator to further research this with the consultant and line out next steps.

11. **Approve Purchase of Kitchen Ranges for Municipal Hall**

The quotes for the two electric and one gas range for the Municipal Hall kitchen were presented to the Commission for approval. A motion was made to approve the purchase of kitchen ranges for the Municipal Hall 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.

12. **Discuss Lake Trail Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting**

Administrator Ewertz asked the Commission when they would like to schedule the dedication of the lake trail. With the Memorial holiday coming up, and many people already using the trail while it has not been officially opened, would having the dedication before the holiday weekend be an option. The Commission discussed and decided to schedule the trail dedication for Friday, May 22nd, 2026 at 10am. The administrator will send out the press release this to publish next week and send out invites to key stakeholders in the project. There was further discussion about future plans for trash receptacles, lighting and benches along the trail.

13. **Approve Memorandum of Understanding for Anthony Lake Board**

The Anthony Lake Board is working diligently to secure funding for the Anthony Lake Shower House project by requesting funds from different sources and grants. The lake board has requested a memorandum of understanding from the Commission to attached to a donation request; this MOU shows the relationship of the lake board to the City Commission. The commission reviewed the document and a motion was made to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Anthony Lake Board.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Lanie.

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

14. **Approve Emergency Purchase of Fire Hose from Feld Equipment for \$8347.60 - Anthony Fire Department**

During a recent inspection and drill to test fire hose, the fire department found approximately 1,000 feet of 5" hose that needs to be replaced immediately as imminent failure of the hose poses a threat to life and property. Anthony Fire Chief provided two quotes for the hose from Feld Fire and Weis Fire and Safety. The cost of the hose will be paid from funds held by HCCF for the Anthony Fire Department. A motion was made to approve the emergency purchase of fire hose from Feld Equipment for \$8,347.60 to be paid from the HCCF Fire Department funds.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

15. **Approve to Surplus 1998 Spartan Aerial Truck**

The Anthony Fire Department would like to surplus the old ladder truck and post it for direct sale rather than auction at this time. A motion was made to approve to surplus the 1998 Spartan Aerial Truck.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Mayor Cleveland.

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

STAFF REPORTS

16. **Chief of Police Report**

We took a theft report in the 300 block of North Kansas. We arrested Brandon Brooks for assault on a law enforcement officer, interference with a law enforcement officer, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of marijuana. We investigated a case of aggravated intimidation of a witness and turned the case over to the C.A. for possible charges. We investigated a case of adult abuse. We started an investigation into a fraud case. We

investigated a burglary and theft in the 500 block of North Jennings. Sent out courtesy letters to property owners and tenants of 92 properties with 152 inoperable vehicles on those properties asking for their help to clean up the properties by the end of May or further action may be taken. Sent out courtesy letters to 29 property owners and tenants of properties with health code violations and asked them for their help to clean up their properties by the end of May or further action may be taken.

17. **Superintendent Report**

The superintendent updated the Commission on department and project activities for the City.

18. **Administrator Report**

The administrator updated the Commission on the search for summer help, Balloon Fest activity and the Rec Board hiring the pool managers and guards.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Lanie.

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

Gregory Cleveland, Mayor

Melinda Ewertz, City Administrator/Clerk