



# City Commission Special Meeting

Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:00 PM  
Commission Chambers, 124 S Bluff, Anthony, KS 67003

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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Cleveland called the Special Meeting of July 18, 2022 to order.

### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Mayor Greg Cleveland

Commissioner Sherrie Eaton

Commissioner Jan Lanie

Commissioner Eric Smith

City Clerk/Administrator Cyndra Kastens, Police Chief Kenny Hodson and Deputy City Clerk Sherri Miller

#### ABSENT

Commissioner Kenny Hodson Jr.

Commissioner Hodson entered the room at 6:02 p.m.

### ITEMS OF BUSINESS

#### 1. 2023 Budget Work Session

Administrator Kastens presented the 2023 draft budget. The Administrator has prepared the budget not to raise any additional ad valorem tax dollars, levying the same dollars as last year. However, given the language of the new RNR Bill passed by legislation, since final valuations are not known until November, if the city does not complete the process to exceed the RNR (even though we are not raising taxes) then the city may not be able to guarantee the dollars levied (if valuations decrease). Since final valuations are an unknown as of this date, and due to the poor language of the bill, the only way to hold the levy amount is to "Exceed the RNR". After a great discussion on the issue, the Commission guided the Admin as follows for the 2022 and 2023 budget:

- a. Exceed the RNR but ONLY exceed by .001 mills (the smallest amount possible) since the intent is not to raise taxes but to cover the city legally under the new RNR law.
- b. Hold RNR Public Hearing on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- c. Leave the annual dividend check and existing balances dedicated to 01-16-2016 "Demolition Expenses".
- d. Bring back options to review for Housing/Eco Devo Fund.

- e. Focus CARES Act funding on replacing the card reader at the airport to EMV technology as a priority over a new sign and marketing. The sign should be funded out of capital if it cannot be funded with grant dollars. Make sure brand/software is not obsolete soon and negotiate fees.
- f. Transfers – All transfers for the 2023 budget and the adjustments to the 2022 budget were approved as presented.
- g. Additional discussions were held on 2023 merit increases and COLA. No decisions were made at this time pending additional information.

## **2. Resolution No. 1100 RNR 2023 Budget Set Hearing**

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 1100 Intent to Levy a Property Tax Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate.

### **Resolution No. 1100**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANTHONY, KANSAS REGARDING THE GOVERNING BODY'S INTENT TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;**

**WHEREAS**, the Revenue Neutral Rate for the City of Anthony was calculated as 70.196 mills by the Harper County Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Anthony has prepared a budget that would not require additional tax dollars however, this procedure to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate is necessary to ensure the dollars generated by 70.196, based off estimated valuations today, is not reduced when final valuations are calculated in November. The City of Anthony has therefore adjusted the 2023 budget to increase the Revenue Neutral Rate by 0.001 mill to provide the legal mechanism necessary to levy the same dollars at final valuations.

**WHEREAS**, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of the City of Anthony will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate by 0.001 mill; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body intends to hold a hearing and hear testimony from all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard as required by state law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ANTHONY:**

Section 1. The Governing Body of the City of Anthony hereby sets a public hearing regarding its intention to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate for September 6th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to be held at City Hall at 124 S Bluff Anthony, KS 67003, and directs that notice of the public hearing be given as required by state law.

Section 2. The Governing Body of the City of Anthony expresses its intention to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate with a proposed mill levy of 70.197 mills.

Section 3. The Governing Body of the City of Anthony directs the City Clerk to provide this resolution to the Harper County Clerk as notice of the City's proposed intent to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body.

**Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption by the governing body of the City.

ADOPTED by the governing body of the City and signed by the Mayor this 18th day of July, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Lanie, Seconded by Commissioner Eaton.  
Voting Yea: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Hodson Jr., Commissioner Lanie  
Voting Nay: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Smith

## **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 Hodson.

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Gregory Cleveland, Mayor

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Cyndra Kastens, City Clerk/Administrator