

# **City Commission Special Meeting**

Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:00 PM Commission Chambers, 124 S Bluff, Anthony, KS 67003

# **MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT
Mayor Greg Cleveland
Commissioner Sherrie Eaton
Commissioner Kenny Hodson Jr.
Commissioner Jan Lanie
Commissioner Eric Smith

City Clerk/Admin Cyndra Kastens, Chief of Police Kenny Hodson, Deputy City Clerk Sherri Miller

#### **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

## 1. Base Grant Infrastructure Application Approval

Administrator Kastens presented a grant application for the Kansas Department of Commerce SPARK Building a Stronger Economy (BASE) program in the amount of \$1,679,276.08 to construct the water, sewer, and street infrastrucure for the Sunrise 2nd Addition to the City of Anthony, Kansas. Total project cost \$2,269,292.00. The City of Anthony would hereby commit matching funds in the amount of \$590,015.92. These funds would be paid as follows: \$315,900.96 of ARPA funds, \$264,062.96 Street Capital Funds and \$10,052.00 in Economic Development Funds. The \$10,052.00 in ED funds have already been paid in the cost to purchase the land. The remaining ARPA funds will be received in 2022. The City Clerk/Administrator then verified to the Commission that \$264,062.96 is available in the Street Capital Fund (\$250,000 available from the KDOT Cost-Share grant not awarded to the city in late 2021). The \$264,062.96 would pay for \$1,569,800 worth of street infrastructure.

The Commission then discussed the economic forecast of the city and the need for adequate housing for the success of the city and neighboring Harper County communities' economic development efforts. The city will continue to work on a complete housing plan to include rehabilitation and new construction and continue with the street capital plan to include repair, chip and seal/ tree trimming, and when possible, replacement. The City Administrator further reported per meeting with Kevin Alexander, the Harper County Community Foundation will also submit a BASE grant on behalf of the cities applying for the program (Anthony and Harper) for the infrastructure stated in their individual BASE applications as an economic advantage to pursue the developments jointly, saving cost on construction,

administration, marketing, and more to support the economic benefit of the projects to the county as a whole and the strength and savings that working together and pooling resources can bring. If awarded, the City of Anthony match as stated above would be dedicated to the HCCF application instead of the individual application. This project would be no cost to the HCCF.

After a great discussion, a motion was made to approve the submission of the BASE grant application in the amount of \$1,679,276.08, committing the matching funds as presented as an individual application or as a regional application submitted by Harper County Community Foundation, and authorizing the City Clerk/Administrator to execute all necessary documents to fulfill the requirements of the grant.

Motion made by Commissioner Eaton, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Hodson Jr., Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Lanie, Seconded by Mayor Cleveland.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Hodson Jr., Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Smith