



# City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM  
Commission Chambers, 124 S Bluff, Anthony, KS 67003

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## 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, Chief of Police Kenny Hodson, Shannon Martin, Dick Aldis - Anthony Lake Board, Andi Giesen - Anthony Lake Board, Cassie Reed - Anthony Chamber President, Shelly Hansel - Anthony Chamber, Lois Hofmeier, Randy and Jacquie Wiseley

- Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Eaton.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Cleveland read a thank you card from the Anthony Golf Club thanking the city for cleaning the water tanks at the golf course.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approve April 14, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

3. Approve Payroll 4.21.2026 \$44552.07
4. Appropriation Ordinance No. 3237 \$300,749.14
5. Appropriations Requiring Special Approval

Fund #30 Municipal Equipment - Advanced Computers - \$3,405.00 Panasonic Toughbook Laptop

6. Approve CDBG Change Order #1 for 502 S Springfield \$3,500.00

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

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE**

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

7. **Discuss Replacement of Municipal Hall Kitchen Oven and Range**

Lois Hofmeier of the 10 County Council on Aging was present to discuss the need to replace the ovens at the Municipal Hall, which are used by Friendship Meals, and by the public who rent the hall. The current units are over 20 years old and are flaking off interior coating and are in disrepair. The Commission discussed replacing with commercial units or residential units. Superintendent Berry presented measurements and electric and gas connections available for the new units. The Commission guided the Administrator and Superintendent to price residential units at Chad's Appliance that fit the needs of Friendship Meals.

8. **28th Annual Sunflower Balloon Fest Requests - Anthony Chamber of Commerce**

Cassie Reed and Shelly Hansel of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce presented their Annual Balloon Fest schedule and to discuss balloon fest activities in town and at the airport. The Chamber would like to change the starting point of the parade, and made requests for street closures. The Chamber requested reservation of the Municipal Hall as a backup for vendors, and to have the fees waived. A motion was made to waive the fees for Hall for the Anthony Chamber Sunflower Balloon Fest.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Hatfield.

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

9. **Approve Request to Contract for Grant Writing - Anthony Lake Board**

Andi Giesen and Dick Aldis of the Anthony Lake Board, with Shannon Martin, were present to discuss grant writing opportunities for the new lake bathhouse. The Anthony Lake Board

would like to sign a contract with Shannon who has written this grant multiple times. There is a \$1,000.00 retainer fee, then hourly rate; the retainer then added back into the total cost. The lake board asks the Commission to use Lake Board Capital Improvement Funds to pay for this contract and hourly rate. The Commission guided the board to pay this using lake grant funds, and replenishing with lake board capital funds if needed. A motion was made to approve the request to contract for grant writing with Shannon Martin and the Anthony Lake Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Eaton, Seconded by Commissioner Lanie.

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

10. **Approve Purchase of Used Bicycle Rack for \$75.00 for Anthony Lake - Anthony Lake Board**

A motion was made to approve the purchase of a used bicycle rack for \$75.00 for the Anthony Lake paid from Lake Board Capital.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Hatfield.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Hatfield. Commissioner Smith absent at time of vote. Motion Carried.

11. **Approve Wayne Dennis Committee Recommendation of \$10,000.00 to Anthony Chamber of Commerce for Sunflower Balloon Fest**

A motion was made to approve the Wayne Dennis Committee recommendation of \$10,000.00 to the Anthony Chamber of Commerce for Sunflower Balloon Fest.

Motion made by Commissioner Eaton, Seconded by Commissioner Lanie.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Lanie, Commissioner Hatfield. Commissioner Smith absent at time of vote. Motion Carried.

12. **Discuss Vacating 800 N Bluff - Commissioner Lanie**

Commissioner Lanie asked to discuss vacating the short stretch of 800 N Bluff Ave in Anthony. This is not a through street, and primarily serves as an access to a private driveway. The Commission and Administrator discussed the process of vacating this property and retaining the right of way versus the vacating and deeding the land to the two land owners on each side. The Commission guided the Administrator to research this further and report back.

13. **Discuss City Nuisance Inspections and Notices**

Mayor Cleveland would like to discuss the process of serving notices for Nuisance Inspections with the Chief of Police. The Commission would like to see a proactive approach in contacting property owners of these properties before the condition results in serving official notices.

14. **Approve Correction to Ordinance No. S-324 Annexation of the City of Anthony Solar Field**

In the approved Ordinance S-324, a mistake was found that omitted a letter from the Kansas Statute referenced in the document. The corrected version was provided to the Commission to review. A motion was made to approve the correction to Ordinance S-324.

Roll call vote as follows: Mayor Cleveland - Yea, Commissioner Lanie - Yea, Commissioner Eaton - Yea, Commissioner Smith - Yea, Commissioner Hatfield - Yea.

Motion made by Commissioner Lanie, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

**STAFF REPORTS**

15. **Chief of Police Report**

We investigated a sexual assault case on S. Madison and arrested Alexander M. Gilkey a 21 year old male from Hutchinson, for Rape, aggravated indecent liberties with a child who is over 14 years of age but under 16 years of age, sodomy with a child who is over 14 years of age but under 16 years of age, and possession of marijuana.

We investigated a disturbance in the 300 block of E. Main and arrested Ninotchka L. Reyes for aggravated domestic battery, aggravated endangerment of a child, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of marijuana.

We served a clean up notice for N. Anthony.

Talked to a few people about mowing their yards.

16. **Superintendent Report**

The Superintendent updated the Commission on department activities and projects in the city.

17. **Administrator Report**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE**

18. **Executive Session for Attorney Consultation Pursuant to "Consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (2)."**

At 8:01, motion was made to enter executive session for 15 minutes for Attorney Consultation Pursuant to "Consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be

deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (2)." The Commission Chambers were cleared leaving only the Commissioners, City Administrator, and Attorney William Townsley present by phone.

At 8:16, the Mayor called the regular meeting back to order; no binding action taken.

## **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.

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Gregory Cleveland, Mayor

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Melinda Ewertz, City Administrator/Clerk