



City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 03, 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, Anthony Police Chief Kenny Hodson, Darin Neufeld - EBH, Tracy Chance - Anthony Golf Club, Randy and Jacquie Wiseley, Donna Crowe, Branson Fawcett

- Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the meeting 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 COMMENT - NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve February 25, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
3. Appropriation Ordinance No. 3234 \$409,035.90
4. Approve 2.24.2026 Payroll \$58,087.90

5. Approve February 2026 Court Report
6. Approve Transient Guest Tax Committee Recommendation to Award \$450.00 to Anthony Theatre Committee for Movie

Mayor Cleveland asked if any items should be removed from the consent agenda for discussion. The Mayor asked for Item No. 1 to be pulled and discussed prior to Item No. 7. Hearing no other requests, the consent agenda was approved without Item No. 1.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Lanie.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Approve February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the February 17, 2026 meeting had a consent agenda item missing the approved dollar amount for Item No. 8 KDWP Drawdown for \$67,227.08. This amount was corrected and reviewed by the Commissioners. A motion was made to approve the amended minutes for February 17, 2026 with this correction to add the dollar amount to Item No 8.

Motion made by Commissioner Eaton, Seconded by Mayor Cleveland.

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

7. Award Airport Jet-A Bid - Darin Neufeld of EBH

Darin Neufeld of EBH was present to share the bid tab for the Jet-A Fuel bid opening held March 3rd at 3:00p.m. Two bids were received: Hoidale Company \$169,970.51 for system/tank install and \$34,567.50 for remove/replace of new Point of Sale Device; and Double Check Company \$188,19.00 for system/tank install and \$19,040.00 for remove/replace of new Point of Sale Device. Darin discussed with the Commissioners that both bids exceeded the projected cost of the project and the grant award, creating a bigger cost to the City. After further discussion on funding the project to proceed, a motion was made to accept the Hoidale bid of \$204,628.01 and hold execution of the contract for 90 days.

Motion made by Commissioner Lanie, Seconded by Commissioner Hatfield.

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

8. **Introduction of New Board Members and Golf Club Future Plans - Anthony Golf Club**

Tracy Chance, President of the Anthony Golf Club, was present to introduce himself to the Commissioners as the new golf board president and to share with the Commission future plans of the golf course. Tracy asked if the city would quote property and equipment coverage under the City's policy, and the Commission directed the City Administrator to do so. Tracy also asked if the water department could flush the water holding tanks for the golf irrigation system, and the Commission granted that permission. Tracy also asked for clarification on the golf course irrigation loan payment for 2025 that has not yet been paid; the Commission directed the City Administrator to confirm the details of the loan repayment and report back.

9. **Discuss Mobile Food Vendor License Code**

City Administrator Ewertz asked the Commission for guidance to update the Mobile Food Vendor Code, sharing some of the things that need to be updated to match current state regulation. The Commission directed her to draft a new Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance to be reviewed in the future.

10. **Request to Use Empty Lot for Materials Storage - Harper County**

Josh Teel of Harper County asked for permission from the Commission to store pallets of roof tiles and small equipment on the old high school lot located across the street of the courthouse on Anthony Avenue while the courthouse roof was being replaced. A motion was made to approve the county to use the empty lot for material storage with it being left in its current condition and with insurance in place.

Motion made by Commissioner Lanie, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

11. **Rescind February 17, 2026 Motion to Keep BCBS Dental plan with HUB**

City Administrator Ewertz was asked to verify if the City would still pay the \$300 monthly broker fee to keep the BCBS dental plan with HUB. The City would still continue to pay that monthly fee just for the dental plan. A motion was made to rescind the February 17, 2026 motion to keep BCBS Dental plan with HUB.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Hatfield.

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

12. **Approve Scott Day of Day Insurance as Agent of Record for BCBS Dental Insurance**

Scott Day of Day insurance as the new agent for City health insurance is able to continue the same BCBS Dental plan through Day Insurance. A motion was made to approve Scott Day of Day Insurance as agent of record for BCBS Dental Insurance.

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

13. **Discuss Employee HRA Benefit**

City Administrator Ewertz asked the Commission if they would like to continue the HRA Benefit now that the deductible and out of pocket costs of health insurance are significantly lower. The City can continue the HRA through the current program administration company TASC at the same annual cost. The Commission directed the City Administrator to review the changes in the reimbursement amount and report back to the Commission.

14. **Approve Office Phone System Upgrade**

The SCTelcom quote for the phone system upgrade for the City building and Police Department were presented to the Commission for approval for a total cost of \$5,002.00 for the wire/phone installation and the purchase of 18 VOIP phones for the buildings to use with the new VOIP system. A motion was made to approve the office phone system upgrade with SCTelcom for \$5,002.00.

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

15. **Tabled -Approve Temporary Construction Easement for KDOT Project No. KA-6909-01 FY25 CCLIP Main & Anthony**

Mitch Gates, owner of Justice Battery Co, asked about the temporary construction easement that was signed and paid in 2025 for the CCLIP Project at Main and Anthony. The temporary easement expired on December 31, 2025. The Commission directed the City Administrator to verify if an amended agreement or a new agreement was needed and report back to the commission. A motion was made to table this item.

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

16. **Discuss Rules for Lake Trail**

City Administrator asked if the Commissioners had any specific concerns for rules on the lake trail, noting the need for the official rules to be approved so the signs can be created. The Commission directed the City Administrator to draft rules from examples from others trails to be reviewed at the next meeting.

17. **Discuss New Compensation Study**

The last wage study was completed in 2022. A motion was made to approve going out for bid for a compensation study.

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

18. **Discuss 9/11 Memorial Contributions**

Commissioner Hatfield asked for new information pertaining to the potential 9/11 Memorial Donations being made to the City and deposited into the City account. The Commissioners discussed the 9/11 volunteers setting up a checking account that these funds could be deposited into by creating their own EIN number, and would not be subject to City policy. City Administrator Ewertz explained that any money deposited in the City's account would be subject to all City policies for expenditure. The Commission had further discussion and directed the City Administrator to take the steps to create a "9/11 Memorial Fund" for the deposit of these donations into the City's account.

19. **Approve Melinda Ewertz as Signatory on all City of Anthony Public Relief Funds and Investments**

A motion was made to approve Melinda Ewertz as Signatory on all City of Anthony Public Relief Funds and Investments.

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

STAFF REPORTS

20. **Chief of Police Report**

21. **Superintendent Report**

22. **Administrator's Report**

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

23. **Executive Session to Discuss Staffing Pursuant to "Personnel Matters of NonElected Personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1)."**

At 7:57p.m., Mayor Cleland made a motion to enter executive session for 13 minutes to discuss staffing pursuant to "Personnel Matters of NonElected Personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1)" until 8:10p.m., motion seconded by Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried, and the Commission Chambers were cleared leaving only the Commissioners, City Administrator Ewertz, and Anthony Police Chief Kenny Hodson present.

At 8:10, Mayor Cleveland 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 Smith.

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

Gregory Cleveland, Mayor

Melinda Ewertz, City Administrator/Clerk