



# City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 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 Cyndra Kasters, Deputy City Clerk Melinda Ewertz, Matt Reed Water/Wastewater Department Head, Randy and Jacquie Wiseley.

- 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

Mayor Cleveland read a thank you note from the family of Don Jensen.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2025
2. Approve Special Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2025
3. Appropriations Requiring Special Approval Within App. Ord 3228

Fund #34 General Admin Capital - Bank of the Plains - KHITC-Escrow-\$95,234

Fund #15 Economic Development - KHRC - KHITC-Reservation Fee-\$12,600

4. Appropriation Ordinance No 3228 \$309,806.01
5. Approve 12.16.2025 Payroll \$62,461.99
6. Appoint People Bank and Trust, Bank of the Plains, and Bank of Commerce as Official City Banks for 2026
7. Appoint the Anthony Republican as Official City Newspaper for 2026
8. Approve Resolution No. 1180 – Local Participation in Rural Opportunity Zone

**RESOLUTION NO. 1180**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR  
THE CITY OF ANTHONY, KANSAS AUTHORIZING  
PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE  
STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM  
CALENDAR YEAR 2026.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF ANTHONY, KANSAS, IN  
THE COUNTY OF HARPER:**

**Section 1.** Pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,223, the City Commission expresses its intent to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment program.

**Section 2.** Harper County has been designated a Rural Opportunity Zone pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,222.

**Section 3.** The City of Anthony Commission hereby obligate the City of Anthony to participate in the ROZ student loan repayment program as provided by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,223 for a period of five years, which shall be irrevocable.

**Section 4.** The City of Anthony agrees to pay in equal shares with the State of Kansas the outstanding student loan balance of any individual domiciled within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the City of Anthony for a period of five years, if the domiciled individual meets the terms of qualification provided by the State of Kansas in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,223, and the appropriate rules and regulations. The number of qualified resident individuals receiving such payments will be subject to the availability of funds.

**Section 5.** The maximum student loan balance for each qualified resident individual to be repaid jointly The City of Anthony and the State of Kansas shall be \$15,000 over a term of five years.

**Section 6.** The City of Anthony shall allocate \$ 7,500.00 a calendar year for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas to qualified resident individuals. The City of Anthony shall revise its ROZ budget on an annual basis submitting a new Resolution to the State of Kansas by January 30<sup>th</sup> each year. The City of Anthony shall submit their obligation in full to the Department of Commerce before the first day of September each year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be published once in the official city newspaper and shall be in effect from and after its date of publication.

**Adopted this 16th day of December 2025 by the City Commission of Anthony, in Harper County, Ks.**

9. Resolution No. 1181 - Annual GAAP Waiver

**RESOLUTION NO. 1181**

WHEREAS, the City of Anthony, Kansas has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year end 2026 will be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(c) finding financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of subsection (a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the City Commission or the members of the general public of the City of Anthony and

WHEREAS, there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolutions of the municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the year end 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Commission of the City of Anthony, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 16th day of December 2025 that the City Commission requests the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) as they apply to the City of Anthony for the year ended 2026.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Commission shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of the City of Anthony to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025

10. Resolution No. 1182 - Annual Approval of Permit Fee Schedule

**RESOLUTION NO. 1182**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF ANTHONY, KANSAS  
ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S 2026 PERMIT  
FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for the City of Anthony to have a current and updated City Permit Fee Schedule.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Commission of the City of Anthony, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025: As follows:

Section 1. The Anthony City Commission hereby establishes and adopts the formalized 2026 City Permit Fee Schedule which is attached hereto as Resolution Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The 2026 City Permit Fee Schedule shall be effective beginning January 1, 2026 and remain in effect until a resolution is passed replacing this resolution. All previous resolutions and permit fee schedules are repealed and replaced by this resolution.

**ADOPTED** by the City Commission this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

The complete permit fee schedule is available to view at the Office of the City Clerk.

11. Re-appoint Kenny Hodson as City of Anthony Fire Chief
12. Approve CDBG Change Order #2 for 436 S Springfield \$1150.00
13. Approve Investments:

Bank of the Plains-Capital Improvement Streets-Reduce CD 303462 from \$250,000 to \$200,000. Reinvest \$200,000 into CDARS-6 months @ 3.65%

14. 2026 Cereal Malt Beverage Renewals as Presented - Contingent Upon Successful Background Check and License Payment
15. Approve Reimbursement Request #2 IRA Tree Grant A24-0081-S006 \$19,232.98

Mayor Cleveland asked if any items should be removed from the consent agenda for discussion. Commissioner Hatfield ask to remove Item No. 8. Hearing nothing further, a motion was made to approve the consent agenda minus item #8.

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**

##### **8. Resolution No. 1180 - Local Participation in Rural Opportunity Zone**

Commissioner Hatfield requested a review of the ROZ program. after discussion, a motion was made to approve Resolution No. 1180.

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

**16. Selection of Mayor**

The Commission Members cast votes to select a mayor for the next 2-year term. Mayor Greg Cleveland was selected as Mayor. No committee appointments were changed and remain as follows:

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Commissioner of Finance:	Jan Lanie – Sherrie Eaton (Vice)
Commissioner of Utilities Dept.:	Howard Hatfield – Eric Smith (Vice)
Commissioner of Parks, Police, Fire Dept.:	Sherrie Eaton – Howard Hatfield (Vice)
Commissioner of Street Dept., Airport:	Eric Smith – Jan Lanie (Vice)

**17. Approve Request to Waive Municipal Hall Rental Fees - Anthony Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting**

A motion was made to waive the Municipal Hall rental fees for the Anthony Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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

**18. Approve FY27 Airport GP – Darin Neufeld, EBH**

**19. Bid Opening High Service Pump Replacement**

Mayor Cleveland opened the bids for the High Service Pump Replacement. Three bids were received: FTC Equipment for \$54,878.49, and 2 separate bids from H2O Drilling for \$56,825.00 and \$61,325.00. Funds to be paid for by water.

Commissioner Hatfield started a motion to approve the bid from H2O for \$56,825.00 - Motion died due to lack of a second.

After discussion and bid specification review a second motion was made to accept the bid from FTC not to exceed \$54,878.49.

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

**20. Approve KHITC Escrow Agreement with Bank of the Plains**

Administrator Kastens updated the Commission on the status of the KHITC's and the need for the escrow to continue the availability of the credits. A motion was made to approve KHITC Escrow Agreement with Bank of the Plains.

Motion made by Mayor Cleveland, Seconded by Commissioner Eaton.

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

**21. AVRP/HRP Update**

Administrator Kastens updated the Commission on the status of the AVRP/HRP Municipal Agreements. The Commission supports continuation of the program.

**22. Approve Purchase of Ram for Rescue Equipment for Anthony FD - Kenny Hodson, Chief**

Commissioner Hatfield requested to purchase a hydraulic ram for the fire department. Funds to be paid from Fire Equipment Replacement. A motion was made to approve the purchase of the hydraulic Ram for rescue equipment for the Anthony Fire Department for \$14,500.00.

Bid exception due to Equipment Management Company being the only supplier.

Motion made by Commissioner Eaton, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

**STAFF REPORTS**

**23. Administrator Report**

The Administrator provided a written report on Airport Economic Development, Lake Trail, Magellan, Airport T-Hangars, HRP/AVRP, Software Upgrade, KCC 40101d Grant, Solar Study, Anthony Recreation, Tax Classification/Exemptions, Anthony Welcome Sign, Police Department Staffing and certification, HCCF, and the staff Christmas Party.

**24. Police Chief Report**

We investigated a theft of services in the 400 block of S. Lawrence.

We investigated a theft of services in the 300 block of W. Main and turned the case over to the C.A. for possible charges.

We investigated a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of south Jennings and arrested Adrian Perez for domestic battery.

We investigated a possible case of aggravated battery to a minor and turned the case over to the C.A. for possible charges.

**25. Department Reports**

Department activity updates were provided for Electric Distribution, Power Plant/Lake, Street, Water/Wastewater, and Mechanic.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Cleveland made a motion to enter executive session for 30 minutes until 7:30 p.m. to discuss staffing pursuant to "Personnel Matters of NonElected Personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1)." Commissioner Hatfield seconded the motion. Motion carried. The commission chambers were cleared with the Commissioners and City Administrator remaining present.

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Cleveland made a motion to extend the executive session for 30 minutes until 8:00 p.m., motion seconded by Commissioner Lanie. Motion Carried.

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Cleveland made a motion to extend the executive session for 30 minutes until 8:30 p.m., motion seconded by Commissioner Hatfield. Motion Carried.

At 8:30 p.m., Mayor Cleveland made a motion to extend the executive session for 15 minutes until 8:45 p.m., motion seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion Carried. At 8:45 p.m. Mayor Cleveland called the regular meeting back to order.

Mayor Cleveland made a motion to add the Mayor as an authorized signer to the money market and petty cash accounts at Bank of the Plains. Commissioner Hatfield seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Cleveland made a motion to accept the resignation of Cyndra Kastens as City Administrator effective January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with regrets. Commissioner Lanie seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Cleveland made a motion to pay Cyndra Kastens unused PTO at end of year. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried.

City Administrator Kastens left the commission chambers at 8:55 p.m. Mayor Cleveland made a motion to re-enter executive session for 5 minutes until 9:00 p.m. Commissioner Lanie seconded the motion. Motion carried. The commission chambers were cleared with only the Commissioners present.

At 9:00 p.m., the regular meeting was called back to order with no further actions taken.

## ADJOURNMENT

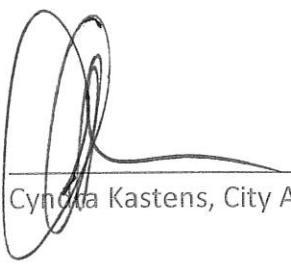
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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 Z. Cleveland

Gregory Cleveland, Mayor

  
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Cynthia Kastens, City Administrator/Clerk