

SPECIAL MEETING

City of Anthony Board of Trustees
Municipal Building / 824 Anthony Drive
Anthony, NM 88021

Tuesday, January 21st, 2014
9:00 AM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL

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4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER
5. PUBLIC MEETING
Presentation
A. Anthony Water & Sanitation District (AWSD) – Franchise Fees Agreement with the City of Anthony.
6. ITEMS FROM THE CITY CLERK/TREASURER
7. ITEMS FROM THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES
8. ADJOURNMENT

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Vanda Mavarrate, City Clerk/Treasurer

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MINUTES

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 9:02am by Mayor Castañeda
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL Present: Trustee Murillo, Trustee Gonzalez, Trustee Madrid, Trustee Scott
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER Motion by Trustee Scott to approve the agenda order, second by Trustee Gonzalez, unanimous vote, agenda order approved.

5. PUBLIC MEETING

Presentation

A. Anthony Water & Sanitation District (AWSD) – Franchise Fees Agreement with the City of Anthony.

Mr. Jose Terrones from AWSD present at this special meeting, and began by stating the 4% franchise fee was an excessive amount, and also stated AWSD gives a lot to the community; they have a veterans program, a youth group that plants fruits and vegetables and sells them back to the community at a fair price. This was a “slap in the face” with the 4% franchise fee and letter from the City of Anthony.

Mayor Castañeda stated this only begins the negotiation process, the 4% franchise fee is not written in stone. He also stated the legal process is to have the City attorney draft and send the proposal letter to Anthony Water & Sanitation District. The same process was followed with Century Link and NM Gas Company. Also, a resolution was passed by the Board of Trustees giving the Mayor authorization to negotiate a franchise fee with Anthony Water.

Mr. Terrones stated the City was asking for things that were out of the ordinary; for instance having the City perform an audit on AWSD. He inquired as to the legality of such a requirement. Mayor Castañeda stipulated to Mr. Terrones he should red-line the agreement and send it back to Mr. Standridge (City attorney).

Trustee Murillo stated she also does not agree with some of requirements depicted in the agreement, but the City’s on-call engineer, Mr. Mario Suarez-Infante of Wilson & Co. recommended the City have this agreement established prior to, or in conjunction with the Fourth Street Project.

Mr. Terrones stated he does not see the need for this agreement for the Fourth Street Project. Trustee Gonzalez stated there was room for negotiations, and she also does not agree with some of the items on the agreement.

Trustee Madrid stated to Mr. Terrones that AWSD could have given the City more land for the library.

Ms. Juanita Salazar was sitting in the audience and stated she does not want a franchise fee.

6. ITEMS FROM THE CITY CLERK/TREASURER – no items

7. ITEMS FROM THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES

Trustee Murillo stated students from the Teen Advisory Council are in Santa Fe, NM lobbying for Anthony.


Trustee Gonzalez asked there be a sign put up in front of City Hall on the day of the meetings announcing the meeting and the time to let the public know, similar to the sign that the Village of Vinton uses. She also would like to obtain a copy of all the Planning & Zoning meeting minutes. There are funds in the budget for a building inspector and the City should hire someone. There was a Colonias Infrastructure Fund Application Workshop on Friday, did anyone from the City attend? City Clerk answered her question – and yes, Sarah Holguin attended. She would also like to set up a meeting/workshop to set goals for the City for 2014. She also has concerns about acquiring the property and building at 820 Highway 478, she is worried about having a rent payment here (current lease) and then the actual mortgage payment over there.

Trustee Madrid asked how many police units were in service with the Police Department. She also wanted to know how many were in the shop and for what. Mayor Castañeda stated one was in the shop because it was cannibalized for parts. The other five vehicles were in service. She also stated the new vehicle (Suburban) should have the City decals on it. Mayor stated they will be installed in the near future.

Mayor Castañeda stated he is working on setting up a City Solid Waste Department and will get back to the Board on the details when he can give them more detail.


8. **ADJOURNMENT** Motion made by Trustee Scott to adjourn, second by Trustee Madrid, unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 9:46am.

APPROVED:



Arnulfo Castañeda, Mayor

ATTEST:



Velma Navarrete, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Prepared by Velma Navarrete, City Clerk/Treasurer. Approved at Regular Meeting held on March 27th, 2014.