

Anthony City Commission Reviews Bids, Community Events, and Nuisance Properties in Busy Session

Staff Report
At its recent regular meeting on May 6th, the City of Anthony Commission worked through a comprehensive agenda that included infrastructure bids, community celebrations, and nuisance abatement actions. The session opened with a presentation from Scott Strong and Jessie Hodson of Strong's Insurance regarding the city's insurance policy through EMC Insurance. Following discussion, the Commission was presented with a dividend check in the amount of \$21,131.78. Several important infrastructure-related bids were opened and approved during the meeting. Mayer Specialty Services of Goddard submitted the only bid for CCTV

services related to the city's 16" water main testing, with a quote of up to \$26,000. The Commission approved the bid, contingent upon engineer approval. Likewise, Terracon of Wichita submitted a \$22,550 bid for GeoTech services on the same project, which was approved pending review by engineering staff. Bids were also reviewed for the city's 2025 street sealing project. Circle C Paving submitted proposals of \$225,127 and \$30,080.50, while APAC submitted significantly higher bids. The Commission approved Circle C's primary proposal and, following additional discussion, conditionally approved the second proposal pending a review of street conditions. For the 2025 crack fill materials, a bid from McConnell & Associates was accepted at \$28,595, which includes one week of equipment rental. The Commission approved the bid, along with additional rental fees as necessary. The Commission also approved a request by HPCO Heart to host the annual Fourth of July celebration at Anthony Lake. A presentation of proposed new directional signage for the Museum, Park, 911 Memorial, and Cemetery was made by Randy Wiseley of ACE, and

the sign replacement project received Commission approval. Street maintenance discussions included concerns about performing crack filling during high temperatures and street drainage and vegetation management issues. In related action, the Commission approved a right-of-way dedication for the Sunrise 2nd development and confirmed the groundbreaking ceremony date as May 28th. The city will move forward with submitting a pre-application to the KDHE SRLP program to assist with funding the 16" water main project. Administrator Kastens also discussed upcoming KDOT CCLIP funding for East Main and received guidance from the Commission on matching fund commitments. Commissioner Smith provided a status update on the HCHF project, noting a shift in focus from a county-wide pool to potential community trails. The Commission directed Administrator Kastens to begin legal preparation for forming a city land bank and heard updates on the ongoing employee union transition. Additional motions approved included a summer



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ANTHONY CHAPTER #187 PRESENTS SERVICE PINS FOR EASTERN STAR: On Thursday, June 19th, the evening started with a wonderful supper of pulled pork and turkey sandwiches, salads and desserts. The presentation pins were given to Tom Traylor for 25 years, Joyce Kaup received her 50 year pin, Gerald Kaup and JoAnn Wortman received their 60 year pins, and Corrine Eller received her 75 year pin. Totaled up is 270 years of service to others. It was a lovely evening with 47 people from around the state being present. Then the fun began as Worthy Grand Matron, Teresa Ryan and Worthy Grand Patron, Carl Anderson suited up for the big roller skating competition. The were escorted to the star points where they had to answer questions about seed since this is their "Plant a Seed" year. Teresa won by a 4 to 0 margin showing women are pretty smart. The meeting concluded with a dollar bill march to raise money for the KSDS Assistance Dogs Inc.. \$51.00 was raised to be sent to the KSDS Assistance Dogs. Cake was enjoyed by all before leaving to return home across the state. Pictured (L-R) are Carl Anderson, Gerald and Joyce Kaup, Corrine Eller (sitting), JoAnn Wortman, Tom Traylor, and Teresa Ryan.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Harper County Sheriff's Office
Abandoned Vehicles
The vehicles listed below were abandoned and have been impounded by the Harper County Sheriff's Office, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash if the owner thereof does not claim within 10 days of the date of the second publication of this notice and pay the removal and storage costs incurred by the Harper County Sheriff's Office.
List is ordered by case number, followed by Year, Make, Model, VIN, Registered Owner, Lien Holder name, Notice mailed on this date.
23-248: 1994 Ford Ranger, VIN 1FTCR14U1RPB44151, Paige Vanhouten, May 21, 2025
23-197: 2019 Nissan Versa, VIN 3N1CN7AP5KL807710, Shawn Morris - Credit Acceptance Corp., May 21, 2025

USD 361 Board Approves Summer Projects

Staff Report
The USD 361 Board of Education met on Monday, June 2, 2025. Board members present included Lind-

say Zimmerman, RoseAnn Teel, Dusty Albright, Jan Misak, Bret Walker, and Samantha Troyer. Jarrett Schmidt joined by phone at 8:40 p.m. and in person at 10:22 p.m. The board approved the proposed agenda and a consent agenda that included prior meeting minutes, the 2025-2026 board meeting schedule, a cardiac emergency protocol, a workers' compensation proposal, surplus items for auction, and the Edgenuity subscription renewal. Financial reports were tabled due to the early meeting date. Department heads presented updates across several areas. The Buildings and Grounds Department

office internship/assistance program and a project to bid out rehabilitation work on the police department bathroom floors. A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to addressing nuisance properties. The Commission reviewed and approved findings of fact and issued orders for health and vehicle nuisances at multiple locations across the city, including

properties on N. Franklin, S. Bluff, S. Jennings, S. Lincoln, and S. Springfield. The Chief of Police provided a report on recent department activities. Officers investigated a theft from the golf club, a theft by deception at the lake, a case of criminal damage to property in the 300 block of E. Main, and a theft in the 400 block of S. Anthony. Two domestic disturbances were investigated: one in the 600 block of N. Springfield, resulting in the arrest of Kai Kannenberg for domestic battery, and another in the 300 block of N. Anthony, where Bradan Salsberry was arrested for domestic battery and kidnapping. Jamaica Dunn was

arrested for trespassing in the 400 block of S. Lincoln. Brenda Kamstra was arrested on a warrant and additionally charged with possession of marijuana. Chad Deffenbaugh was arrested twice—once for pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs and later for burglary and theft related to an incident at the Catholic church. Six inoperable vehicles parked on city streets were marked with tow stickers, and all but one has since been removed. Several weed notices were sent out, and multiple properties were inspected for health code violations. The department also responded to and investigated one minor injury accident.

PUBLIC NOTICE
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Marriage of)
Irma Herrera Morales) Case No. HP-25-DM-11
and)
David Herrera Morales)
NOTICE OF SUIT
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO DAVID HERRERA MORALES:
You are hereby notified that Irma Herrera Morales has filed a Petition for Divorce. The Petition for Divorce has been filed in the District Court of Harper County, Kansas. Irma Herrera Morales is asking the court to grant a divorce and to make other orders. You may file an Answer/response to the Petition for Divorce with the court and provide a copy to the Petitioner on or before August 18, 2025, but not more than 41 days after first publication of the Notice of Suit in the newspaper. If you do not file an Answer/response with the court before the date listed above, the court may grant the divorce and make other orders.
Irma Herrera Morales
615 N. Lincoln
Anthony, Kansas 67003

LEGAL NOTICE
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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DEPARTMENT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
GARY L. LARCOM, DECEASED) Case No. HP-2025-PR-18
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by David Larcom, a son and one of the heirs of Gary L. Larcom, deceased, requesting:
Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Harper County, Kansas:
The South Twenty-eight feet (28') of Lot Four (4) and all of Lot Five (5) in Block Ten (10) Fractional in the City of Anthony, Harper County, Kansas; commonly known as 402 N Springfield Ave, Anthony, KS 67003;
and of all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by Decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the Decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the terms of the "Valid Settlement Agreement" dated June 18, 2025.
You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before August 6, 2025 at 10:00 am in the city of Anthony in Harper County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
David Larcom, Petitioner
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