



# *CITY OF ANSON*

1301 Commercial Ave  
Anson, Texas 79501

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## Minutes

### Anson City Council Meeting

The Anson City Council met on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of January 8, 2018, at the Anson City Hall 1301 Commercial Ave, Anson TX 79501. Members of the council in attendance were as follows; Robert Patterson, Evelyn Edwards, Jeannie Free, and Mayor Sara Alfaro. Also In attendance, City Manager Sonny Campbell and City Attorney Chad Cowan.

Mayor Sara Alfaro called the meeting to order at 6:12pm, and Robert Patterson provided the opening prayer.

**A. Discuss and take action on the December 11, 2017 City Council minutes.**

Evelyn Edwards made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Keith Gilbert provided the second. All approved.

**B. Presentation from Citizens. No formal action may be taken. (Limit 5 minutes per spokesperson).**

No Public Comment.

**C. Discuss and take action on hiring Loren Gardner as Election Judge.**

Loren Gardner was in attendance of the meeting to field any questions or concerns the council may have. Mr. Gardener informed the council that he has been an election judge for the county's elections for several years, and that the typical pay is \$145.00 for the judge and \$100.00 per helper per day.

Linda Powell made the motion to move forward with the hiring of Loren Gardner as Election Judge, and Jeannie Free provided the second. All approved.

**D. Discuss and take action on the appointment of Keith Jones to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.**

After council discussion, Jeannie Free made the motion to appoint Keith Jones to two-year term to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved.

**E. Discuss and take action on the sale of trust property known as; A Two Hundred (200') by One Hundred and Forty (140') tract, 758-73, being a .643 acre out of Abstract 0758, T & NO RR. Company Survey, Block One (1), Section Two (2), Jones County, Texas; being more particularly described in a General Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 238 Page 756 of the Official Public Records of Jones County, Texas, such description being incorporated herein by reference., (R26763) for the amount of \$2,700.00 from Brenna Troncoso, 426 Ave. K, Anson, Texas 79501.**

After council discussion, Jeannie Free made the motion to approve the sale of trust property R26763 for the amount of \$2,700.00 to Brenna Troncoso, 426 Ave. K, Anson, Texas 79501. Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved.



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- F. Discuss and take action on the sale of trust property known as; Lots Thirty-six (36), Thirty-eight (38), Forty (40), Forty-two (42), Forty-four (44) and Forty-six (46) in Block Four (4) of the Hoover Subdivision to the Town of Anson, Jones County, Texas., (R27286). For the amount of \$600.00, from Donald Hunter, P.O. Box 337, Copperas Cove, TX 76522.**

After council discussion, Evelyn Edwards made the motion to approve the sale of trust property R27286 for the amount of \$600.00 to Donald Hunter, P.O. Box 337, Copperas Cove, TX 76522. Keith Gilbert provided the second. All approved.

- G. Police Report for the month of December 2017.**

Sergeant Jeff Lake with the Anson Police Department provided the council with Police and Animal Control activity for the month of December 2017. No action needed.

- H. Discuss and take action on passing an Order of the City Council of City of Anson, Texas, prohibiting weapons from being brought into Anson City Hall.**

City Attorney Chad Cowan informed the council that this order would prohibit weapons being carried within City Hall and that this order is in accordance with the law due to City Hall also housing the Municipal Court. Mr. Cowan also informed the council that Municipal Judge Crawford must first approve an order listing the AREAS ESSENTIAL TO OPERATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT before the council can approve the ORDER PROHIBITING WEAPONS FROM BEING BROUGHT INTO ANSON CITY HALL.

Linda Powell made the motion to table the item so that Municipal Judge Crawford to review and approve the order. Evelyn Edwards provided the second. All approved.

- I. Discuss law regarding qualifications for candidates to be on the ballot for City Council and Mayor.**

City Attorney Chad Cowan informed the council regarding the law on Administrative Declaration of Ineligibility, per the Texas Attorney General. The law states that the council may only declare a potential candidate ineligible if the face of the application has information that indicates the candidate is ineligible. The Council and City cannot declare a candidate ineligible based on knowledge outside of the face of the application, and only a district court can declare a candidate ineligible due to residency.

With no action needed, the council moved to the next agenda item.

- J. Discuss and take action on setting the 2018 Holiday dates for the City of Anson.**

City Manager Sony Campbell informed the council that the holiday schedule is exactly the same as the county.

Jeannie Free made the motion to approve the 2018 City of Anson Holiday schedule, and Linda Powell provided the second. All approved.



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**K. Discuss and take action on entering into a contract with Reliant Energy for electricity services.**

City Manager Sonny Campbell provided the council with the lowest quote he had received for electricity service for the City of Anson. The new electricity contract will be a 60month contract at \$0.035 per kilo watt hour and will be a significate savings opposed to the city`s current electricity provider.

Evelyn Edwards made the motion to approve City Manager Sonny Campbell to seek and enter into the best electricity rate contract he could find. Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved.

**L. Discuss and take action on entering in an agreement with Government Capital for the financing of Police Cruisers.**

City Manager Sonny Campbell informed that the council that he has been in contact with Government Capital and financing is available. Sergeant Jeff Lake and City Manager Campbell provided the council with 3 bids on Ford Explorer police cruisers and discussed the pros and cons of each bid, and the equipment needed on Police Vehicles.

After Council discussion, Linda Powell made the motion to seek financing for two new Ford Explorer Police Cruisers for the amount of \$40,633.00 each, from Fleet Safety Equipment. Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved. The motor vehicles will be financed through Government Capital.

**M. Discuss and take action on deliberation on the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of an employee, namely the Chief of Police.**

**The Council may adjourn into executive session as allowed in Texas Gov't Code § 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS).**

At 7:06pm Mayor Alfaro announced the council would be adjourning into executive session for discussion on personnel matters as allowed in Texas Gov't Code § 551.074.

The council Reconvened in open session at 8:33pm. Mayor Alfaro announced that Police Chief David Moore has resigned, effective immediately.

Linda Powell made the motion to accept Chief Moore`s resignation effective immediately, and Keith Gilbert provided the second. All approved.

**N. Discuss and take action on accounts payable.**

After review of the accounts payable, Evelyn Edwards made the motion to approve the accounts payable, and Keith Gilbert provided the second. All approved.

**O. Adjourn.**

With no further business, Mayor Alfaro adjourned the meeting at 8:37pm.

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Mayor

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Attest