



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 26th day of February 2018, at the Anson City Hall 1301 Commercial Avenue, Anson TX, 79501. Members of the council in attendance were as follows; Robert Patterson, Keith Gilbert, Linda Powell, Evelyn Edwards, and Jeannie Free. Also in attendance City Manager Sonny Campbell and City Attorney Chad Cowan.

With Mayor Alfaro being absent for the meeting, Mayor Pro-tem Keith Gilbert called the meeting to order at 6:09pm, and Robert Patterson provided the opening prayer.

A. Discuss and take action on the February 12, 2018 City Council meeting minutes.

After council review, Robert Patterson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Linda Powell provided the second. All approved.

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

Teresa Barbian spoke to the council with concerns about a speed bump never being reinstalled after road construction was completed on Westover Drive. Teresa Barbian asked that this speed bump be installed for the safety of the community.

C. Consent Agenda - These items are considered routine and may be considered in one motion for all items by the City Council. Any Council member may request that an individual agenda item be removed from the Consent Agenda at the meeting for individual consideration. The items are as follows:

- I. **Discuss and take action on the sale of trust property known as; Lot Twenty-eight (28) in Block Four (4) of Hoover Addition, of the Town of Anson, Jones County, Texas., (R16064) for the amount of \$101.00. To Jerry Wayne Macek, 1034 Jeanette Street, Abilene, Texas 79602.**
- II. **Discuss and take action on sale of trust property known as; Lots Thirty (30), Thirty-two (32), and Thirty-four (34) in Block Four (4) of Hoover Addition of the Town of Anson, Jones County, Texas., (R16717) for the amount of \$301.00. To Jerry Wayne Macek, 1034 Jeanette Street, Abilene, Texas 79602.**
- III. **Discuss and take action on the sale of trust property known as; Lots One (1), Two (2) and Three (3) in Block Nineteen (19) of the Edmonds Addition of the Town of Anson,**



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Jones County, Texas., (R13714) for the amount of \$352.00. To Jerry Wayne Macek, 1034 Jeanette Street, Abilene, Texas 79602.

After council review, Evelyn Edwards made the motion to approve the sale of trust properties R16064, R16717, and R13714 for the amount of \$754.00 to Jerry Wayne Macek, 1034 Jeanette Street, Abilene, Texas 79602. Linda Powell provided the second. All approved.

D. Discuss and take action on entering into agreement with AEP Texas, Inc. for an easement for electric transmission facilities distribution facilities across property described as Section No. 1 of the T&NO RR Co. Survey, Abstract No. 352, and Lots 11&12, Block 3, of the Dana Scott Addition, Town of Anson, and Lots 7-12, Block 4 of the Dana Scott Addition, Town of Anson.

Robert Patterson made the motion to approve AEP Texas's request for an easement on property as Section No. 1 of the T&NO RR Co. Survey, Abstract No. 352, and Lots 11&12, Block 3, of the Dana Scott Addition, Town of Anson, and Lots 7-12, Block 4 of the Dana Scott Addition, Town of Anson. Linda Powell provided the second. All approved.

E. Discuss and take action on amending the Zoning Ordinance.

City Manager Sonny Campbell addressed the council with ideas about enlarging the designated mobile home area, how the city defines a Recreational Vehicle, how the city will define a "Tiny Home", and the conversion of storage buildings into habitable structures.

The City council along with City Attorney Chad Cowan and City manager Campbell, discussed the current Zoning ordinance and the issues involving individuals living in RVs and substandard converted storage buildings. They discussed potential solutions, and their support of citizens having the ability to reside in "tiny Homes" in the City, but needed to clarify what distinguishes a "Tiny Home" from and an R.V. The council asked that City Manager Campbell and City Attorney Cowan work together and present their findings at a later point. The agenda item was Tabled.

F. Police Report- Discuss and/or take action on:

a. Police report for the month of January 2018.

Anson Police Sergeant Jeff Lake provided the council with a detailed report of Animal Control and Police activity for the month January 2018.



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b. Purchase of Fleet Safety System camera equipment.

Anson Police Sergeant Jeff Lake presented the council a bid for new police cruiser cameras and body cameras. Sergeant Lake informed the council that the bid included 3 cameras for each unit and microphones that would automatically activate upon police cruiser lights being activated. The system is highly customizable and the highest of quality. Sergeant Lake explained the current camera system in place is no longer supported by the manufacturer, resulting in great expense in technical support due to the failing equipment. The bid from Safety Vision for \$19,487.00 is for five police units and includes installation.

The City council discussed the necessity of the cameras, expense, and the increased efficiency of the Police Department with the new equipment. City Manager Sonny Campbell informed the council that he believed the funds are available to purchase the equipment.

Evelyn Edwards made the motion to approve the purchase of the camera equipment from Safety Vision for the amount of \$19,487.00, and Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved.

c. Police commendations.

Police Sergeant Jeff Lake presented an award of commendation to Officer Michael Prado and Officer Robert Morrell for their recent outstanding awareness and investigative skills while performing their law enforcement duties.

G. City Manager report- Discuss and/or take action on:

a. Update on Texas Department of Agriculture Texas Capital Fund Grant #7217072.

City Manager Sonny Campbell informed the council that due to Fiat Chrysler Automobiles not willing to grant Star Dodge franchise rights to open a new business in Anson before the March 19, 2018 contract signing deadline with the TDA, that the TCF grant was no longer available for the city. The remaining two businesses, C4 Fuels and Chicken Express still wish to open a location in Anson. The city will have to utilize the Industrial Development Corporation Inc., Tax Anticipation note of \$167,000.00, financed to complete the utilities construction to facilitate these two businesses. Mr. Campbell asked the council for their blessing to contact Jacob and Martin Engineering firm in order for them to draft plans for the altered site plan.

After council discussion of the project, they urged Mr. Campbell to proceed with the plans.

b. Update on Community Development Block Grant #7217011

City Manager Sonny Campbell informed the council the CDBG Waste Treatment Facility project was approved and was moving forward, and that the city would need to have a \$27,000.00 match for the grant.



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c. Setting a date for a Budget Workshop meeting.

After council discussion, it was determined that a budget Workshop meeting be held on March 5, 2018 at 5:00pm at the Anson City Hall.

d. Anson/Jones Museum

City Manager Campbell informed the council of Hail damage to the museum roof which has created leaks resulting in damages. The damages are approximately \$19,000, and the city will have to pay a \$5,000.00 deductible plus any expenses that Texas Municipal League Risk Pool insurance company will not cover. During research, it was found that a prior claim on the roof had been submitted to TML Risk Pool and a check had been issued, but the repairs were never completed. The council discussed the possibilities of why the work was not completed and asked that the whereabouts of the check be discovered.

Mr. Campbell explained the city had access to the Anson Jones Museum bank account, but he believed the city should not as those funds were not contributed by city. He asked the council that he be removed as signature from the account and the account become independent from the city.

Evelyn Edwards made the motion that all city employees be removed from the account signature card for the Anson Jones Museum First National Bank Anson bank account and that the account be completely disassociated from the City of Anson's bank accounts. Linda Powell provided the second. All approved.

H. Discuss and take action on the duties of the Police Department Sargent. 'The council may adjourn into executive session as allowed in Sec. 551.074 of the Texas Gov't Code (personnel matters).

At 7:44pm the council adjourned into executive session for deliberation on personnel matters. The council reconvened in open session at 8:28pm.

Linda Powell made the motion "The Duties of the sergeant shall only include his normal duties prior to the resignation of the Chief of Police, plus he shall do all scheduling, paperwork/reports for the department, police investigation decisions, and shall only make purchases for the department or incur expenses that are regular, every day expenses; such as gasoline, oil changes, Etc.. All other expenses or other department head decisions shall be the responsibility of the City Manager with the advice of the Mayor." Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved.



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I. Discuss and take action on amending Ordinance # 905 AN ORDINANCE LISTING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF ANSON, NAMELY THE CITY MANAGER and CHIEF OF POLICE AND OTHER CITY EMPLOYEES.

City Attorney Chad Cowan explained that Ordinance #905 related to the separation of duties of the offices of the city, and reviewed with the council several charter amendments relating to the appoint of the Police Chief.

City Manager Sonny Campbell informed the council that goal of amending the ordinance was not that he be placed in charge of the police department, but to create an avenue should an employee of the police department wish to have a grievance that heard be an additional party. That having a system in place and a chain of authority should any issues arise in the future. That the police Chief be in police procedural policies, and day to day operation, but that the financial decision should be completed through the City Manager.

City Attorney Chad Cowan provided the council with Ordinance #927, and after discussion with the council and city manager, he informed the council that he would continue to work on the ordinance.

As this was the first reading of ordinance #927-No Action Taken.

J. Discuss and take action on Anson Hardware accounts payable.

Robert Patterson made the motion to approve the Anson Hardware accounts payable, and Jeannie Free provided the second. All approved. (Linda Powel having signed an affidavit of conflict of interest did not participate in the discussion nor the vote.)

K. Discuss and take action on the Accounts Payable.

After council review, Evelyn Edwards made the motion to approve the accounts payable, and Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved.

L. Adjourn.

With no further business, Mayor Pro-tem Keith Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 8:51pm.

Mayor

Attest