



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 23rd of July 2018 at 6:00pm at the Anson City Hall. Members of the council in attendance are as follows; Robert Patterson, Evelyn Edwards, Linda Powell, Jeannie Free, and Mayor Sara Alfaro. Also in attendance City Attorney Chad Cowan and City Manager Sonny Campbell.

Mayor Alfaro called the meeting to order at 7:07pm, and Robert Patterson provided the opening prayer.

A. Discuss and take action on the July 9, 2018 City Council minutes.

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

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

Bud Meier- spoke to the council regarding an encounter with a citizen who was tagged for an ordinance violation of having tall weeds. Mr. Meier felt this was unjust due to a city employee having a yard that was in far worse violation. Mr. Meier expressed his opinion that everyone regardless of place of employment or health condition should be held to the same standards.

Lupe Moreno expressed her concerns and opposition to the area in question being rezoned to allow for mobile homes, she felt that the rezoning had the potential of residents residing in substandard mobile homes.

C. Discuss and take action on an application by the Anson City Manager requesting that approximately 84.5 acres of land in multiple tracts located east of Avenue G and west of Avenue C and south of 4th Street and north of 11th Street in the northeast side of the City of Anson be re-zoned from AO Agriculture Open District to a mixed use of MHS Manufactured Housing Subdivision District and SF Single-Family Residential District.

City Attorney Chad Cowan informed the council the Zoning and Planning Commission's approval of the application to re-zoned, and explained the seven criteria areas the council should consider when re-zoning land. City Manager Sonny Campbell explained that with council approval of the re-zoning this would expand the mobile home area. This would allow mobile homes to be set legally in this area, the mobile homes cannot be older than ten years, and standard house construction in this area would not be limited by re-zoning.

After council discussed and review, Jeannie Free made the motion to approve 84.5 acres of land in multiple tracts located east of Avenue G and west of Avenue C and south of 4th Street and north of 11th Street in the northeast side of the City of Anson be re-zoned from AO Agriculture Open District to a mixed use of MHS Manufactured



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Housing Subdivision District and SF Single-Family Residential District, and that the mobile homes may not be older than ten years. Linda Powell provided the second. All approved.

D. Discuss and take action on the recommendations of individuals to serve on the Zoning and Planning Board of Adjustment & Zoning and Planning Commission.

City Manager Sonny Campbell informed the council that individuals were needed to serve on both boards. The council discussed possible candidates, two of which were in the audience Mark Easterling and Josie Pineda, the council would further consider individuals and appoint members at the next council meeting. No action taken.

E. Discuss and take action on opening sealed bids on property described in the Jones County Appraisal District records as ID # R10644 in Abstract 777-2, and being 5 acres, more or less, in T AND NO Survey No. 1, Jones County, Texas, in the northeast section of the City of Anson across from the Jones County Jail.

City Attorney Chad Cowan informed the council that only one bid had been submitted. Mr. Cowan opened the sealed bid announcing that Ervin & Adrien Campbell had submitted a bid of \$1,200.00.

After council discussion, Jeannie Free made the motion to accept the bid of \$1,200.00 submitted by Ervin & Adrien Campbell with the stipulation that they pay all closing costs and any fees. Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved.

F. Discuss and take action on a resolution approving the Anson Development Corporation Inc. Approval of a loan to Mark Easterling DBA Easterlings Custom Meats & BBQ for a project to purchase equipment for the amount of \$18,319.95.

Cody Burlison, a member of the Anson Development Corporation Inc. informed the council of the ADC's approval of a loan in the amount of \$18,319.95 at a 3% interest rate to Mark Easterling. With the condition at the end of the 4th year, if in good standing the final year 1/5 of the loan would be forgiven.

City Attorney Chad Cowan informed the council of the items Mr. Easterling was wanting to purchase, the loan could not be funded until 60 days after publication, and that the resolution was required to have two readings.

After Council review, Linda Powell made the motion to approve the resolution granting a loan to Mark Easterling DBA Easterlings Custom Meats & BBQ for a project to purchase equipment for the amount of \$18,319.95 with terms described. Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved.



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G. Discuss and take on Ordinance#928 that amends THE ZONING ORDINANCE, specifically as to recreational vehicles and dwellings.

City Attorney Chad Cowan informed the council that Ordinance #928 is identical to its previous reading, but required a second reading.

Evelyn Edwards made the motion to approve Ordinance#928 as presented, and Linda Powell provided the second. All approved.

H. Discuss and take action on Ordinance#929 regarding canine registration, procedures, and cost. (First Reading)

City Attorney Chad Cowan informed the council that with the passage of this ordinance residents would be required to register their dogs with Animal Control, provide proof of a valid rabies vaccination, and pay fee upon which they would receive a tag. The Council discussed the challenges in implementing the registration, the manner in which the Animal Control Office would keep these records, and the fee amount to charge. As this was the first reading- No Action Taken.

I. Discuss and take action on Ordinance No. 930 amending the ordinance on abandoned or junked motor vehicles (First Reading).

City Manager Sonny Campbell informed the council that under the current ordinance any appeals are heard by him, with amended Ordinance#930 appeals will be heard by the Municipal Judge. The Council agreed that this was the ideal process.
As this was the first reading-No Action Taken.

J. Discuss and take action on the purchase of new equipment.

City Manager Campbell provided the council with two bids for the purchase/lease of new equipment. A bid from John Deere for a new Back-Hoe and a new Road Grader was presented, and a bid from Warren Cat for a new Caterpillar Road Grader was also presented. Mr. Campbell informed the council that the new would equipment would alleviate the rising expense being occurred due to old and failing equipment. The Council along with Mr. Campbell discussed what roles the equipment would fill and the need to limit any incidents which caused damage to equipment.

The Council asked that Mr. Campbell utilize the demonstration offered by John Deere to ensure the equipment would fulfill the city's needs, and they would deliberate the purchase of either the John Deere or Caterpillar equipment at the next meeting. No action taken.



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K. Discuss and take action on settlement agreement with former employee Jeff Lake. The council may adjourn into executive session as set forth in the Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071.

(CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY)

City Attorney Chad Cowan informed the council that a settlement had been reached with former City of Anson Police Officer Jeff Lake. The settlement will not grant Mr. Lake any back-pay, but will change his F5 to a neutral standing, and that if employers call the city for a reference regarding Mr. Lake the city's response be neutral although that he is not eligible for rehire.

Jeannie Free made the motion to accept the settlement as presented, and Linda Powell provided the second. All approved.

L. 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.

M. Adjourn.

With no further business, Mayor Alfaro adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.