



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 27th day of August 2018 at 6:00pm at the Anson City Hall 1301 Commercial Ave, Anson TX 79501. Members of the council in attendance are as follows; Robert Patterson, Larry White, Linda Powell, and Mayor Pro-tem Evelyn Edwards. Also, in attendance City Attorney Chad Cowan and City Manager Sonny Campbell.

Mayor Pro-tem Evelyn Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:07pm, and Larry White provided the opening prayer.

A. Discuss and take action on the August 13, 2018 City Council meeting minutes.

After council review, Larry White made the motion to approve the August 13, 2018 City Council 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).

No public comment.

C. Discuss and take action on the removed windows from the Anson Opera House.

Cheryl Guernsey, a member of the Anson Opera House Association was in attendance of the meeting and asked the council what they would like to do with old windows removed from the Anson Opera House. The council discussed that the windows would hold no value for the city and wished for the Opera House to have full possession of the old windows.

Jeannie Free made the motion to give the removed windows to the Anson Opera House Association as they had no value to city and that any proceeds made from the sale of the old windows be retained by the Opera House. Linda Powell provided the second. All approved.

D. Discussion with the Anson Volunteer Fire Department, regarding funding and the construction of a new building.

Councilmen Robert Patterson, informed the council that the Anson Volunteer Fire department has outgrown the current fire station. Mr. Patterson explained the with the construction of a new building, a kitchen, meeting room, and bathroom areas of the old building could be converted into bays that would allow for storage of Fire Department vehicles. Mr. Patterson provided the council with bids on constructing a new metal building at a size that allow for a potential banquet room, exercise area, bathrooms, and a kitchen.

The Council discussed the current fire department facilities, the various areas of expense in construction, and if the City of Anson was in need of an additional banquet room. The Council asked that more detailed list of expenses be provided and that a smaller building be considered. As this was a discussion topic only, no action was taken.



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- E. Discuss and take action on accepting transfer of real property known as a portion of the west one-half (W/2) of Lots 1 and 2, Block 34, ORIGINAL TOWN of Anson, Jones County, Texas, and more particularly described in a deed filed in Volume 593, Page 764, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, from the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF ANSON, TEXAS.**

(The council discussed agenda items E&F simultaneously)

City Attorney Chad Cowan explained that the Anson Chamber of Commerce were in ownership on the bottom floor and the Anson Preservation League were in ownership of the top floor. Mr. Cowan informed the council that in order to accept bids on the properties the city must first take ownership.

The council discussed the potential of the location, the liability the city holds if in ownership, the urgent need of repairs to the building, and what potential buyers' plans were for the building.

After council discussion, it was determined that the sale of the property would best be facilitated through the Anson Chamber of Commerce and the Anson Preservation League, and that any prospective buyers contact these individuals directly.

No Action Taken.

- F. Discuss and take action on accepting transfer of real property known as a portion of the west one-half (W/2) of Lots 1 and 2, Block 34, ORIGINAL TOWN of Anson, Jones County, Texas, and more particularly described in a deed filed in Volume 205, Page 104, Official Public Records of Jones County, Texas, from the ANSON PRESERVATION LEAGUE, INC.**

No Action Taken.

- G. Discuss and take action on publishing notice for bids on the sale of property known as Lots 5 & 6, BLOCK 3, Original Town of Anson.**

With no action taken on agenda items E&F, there was no need for action on agenda item G.

- H. Police report for the month of July 2018.**

Police Chief Jack Thompson provided the council with reports regarding Junk Vehicle removal, police activity, and canine activity for the month of July.

- I. Discuss and take action on implementing an investment policy.**

City Attorney Chad Cowan informed the council that the investment policy provided was much more streamline than the previously reviewed policy, and it was the same policy in place at the City of Stamford. The council would need to designate an investment officer and an alternate.

After council discussion, Linda Powell made the motion to approve Resolution 082718 implementing an investment policy and designating the City Manager and Mayor Pro-tem as investment officers. Larry White provided the second. All approved.



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J. Discuss and take action on Ordinance#931 regarding designating a reinvestment zone. (First Reading)

City Attorney Chad Cowan informed the council Pippins have submitted an application for a tax abatement on the Assisted Living facility they are preparing to open. In order for the council to grant/consider a Tax abatement the area must first be designated a reinvestment zone. Mr. Cowan informed the council that he will contact the Pippins to review and clarify the information on the application.

As this was the first reading of Ordinance #931- No action taken.

K. Discussion concerning the 2018 City of Anson Proposed Tax Rate.

City Manager Sonny Campbell along with the City Council discussed how the tax rates are derived, legislation concerning city's setting tax rates, and the best options moving forward.

City Manager Sonny Campbell advised the council to leave the tax rate the same as the previous year. As this was a discussion item only- No action taken.

L. Discuss and take action on the Accounts Payable.

After review of the accounts payable, Jeannie Free made the motion to approve the accounts payable, and Linda Powell provided the second. All approved.

M. Adjourn.

With No further business, Mayor Pro-tem Evelyn Edwards adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm.

Mayor

Attest