



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 8th day of October 2018 at the Anson City Hall 1301 Commercial Avenue, Anson, TX 79501 at 6:00pm. Members of the council in attendance are as follows; Robert Patterson, Larry White, and Mayor Pro-tem Evelyn Edwards. Also, in attendance City Manager Sonny Campbell and City Attorney Chad Cowan. (Jeannie Free and Mayor Sara Alfaro arriving at agenda item C)

Mayor Pro-tem Evelyn Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and Robert Patterson provided the opening prayer.

A. Discuss and take action on the September 24, 2018 City Council meeting minutes.

After council review, Larry White 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).

No public comment.

C. Discuss and take action on entering into a tax abatement agreement with Anson Senior Living, LLC regarding property at 125 Avenue J, known as LOT Numbers 6-8, all in Block No. 5, Northside Addition to the Town of Anson."

City Attorney Chad Cowan informed the council that in order to grant a tax abatement the property must have improvements that increase the appraised value of the building by at least \$75,000.00, and the abatement would apply to city taxes exclusively. The first year of tax abatement will commence in 2019 at a rate of 90% percent declining 10% each following year for 10 years.

After council discussion and review, Evelyn Edwards made the motion to approve the Tax Abatement for the Anson Senior Living, LLC as presented, and Larry White provided the second. All approved.

D. Discuss and take action on awarding the CDBG Grant construction project at the Waste Water Treatment facility.

City Manager Sonny Campbell informed the council that a bid opening was conducted on October the 5th with Reed Dozing & Contracting being the only company to submit a bid. Reed Dozing & Contracting provided a bid of \$194,400.00, which is under budget leaving a balance of \$28,850.00 for contingencies through the project. The bid submitted included modifications to the original plan, which includes the construction of a recirculation channel. The creation of the recirculation channel should alleviate the use of chemicals to treat Waste Water Treatment Facility.



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After council discussion regarding the project, Evelyn Edwards made the motion to award the CDBG Grant construction project at the Waste Water Treatment Facility for the amount of \$194,400.00 to Reed Dozing and Contracting, LLC. Larry White provided the second. All approved.

E. Discuss and take action on Ordinance#931, regarding curfew hours for minors.

City attorney Chad Cowan informed the council the proposed ordinance was the same as presented in prior years with minor date changes.

As this was the first reading, no action taken.

F. Discuss and take action on Resolution#100818 regarding the submission of a nominee to the Jones County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

After Council discussion, Jeannie Free made the motion to nominate Larry Lytle to the Jones County Appraisal District Board of Directors, and Larry White provided the second. All approved.

G. City Manager Report- Update on USDA.

City Manager Sonny Campbell informed the council that after continuing negotiations with USDA representatives, the city has received two repayment proposals, neither of which are feasible for the city. The City has until October the 12th to make a counter proposal or request an extension. Mr. Campbell is consulting with the city's financial advisors Government Capital and they have advised him to request an extension until an alternative plan of action can be formulated. The City Council along with City Manager Campbell discussed the USDA's unwillingness to negotiate with city and near refusal to communicate with city representatives. After an extensive discussion regarding the situation with USDA and options moving forward, the council moved on to the following agenda item.

H. Discuss and take action on the Anson Hardware accounts payable.

After council review, Larry White made the motion to approve the Anson Hardware accounts payable, and Evelyn Edwards provided the second. All approved.

I. Discuss and take action on the Accounts Payable.

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

J. Adjourn.

With no further business, Mayor Alfaro adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.

Mayor

Attest