



CITY OF ANSON

1301 Commercial Ave
Anson, Texas 79501

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Minutes

Special Called City Council Meeting

The Anson Council held a Special Called City Council meeting on the 18th day of June 2021 at 12:00pm at the Anson City Hall 1301 Commercial Avenue, Anson, TX 79501. Members of the Council in attendance Robert Patterson, Linda Powell, Misti Seay, Leticia Hernandez, and Mayor Sara Alfaro. Also in attendance City Manager Sonny Campbell and City Attorney Chad Cowan.

Mayor Alfaro called the meeting to order at 12:00pm and Robert Patterson provided the opening prayer.

Owner of Permian Basin Ambulance Inc("PBA") Chuck Leftwich, CEO of Anson General Hospital("AGH") Nathan Staggs, and Secretary of the Anson Hospital District("AHD") Kay Haynes were in attendance of the meeting.

A. Discuss and take action on amendment of our ambulance agreement with Permian Basin Ambulance, Inc. ("PBA") to provide for prepaying or advancing to PBA multiple months of payments.

Chuck Leftwich addressed the council explaining the way in which he bills for services and some issues he is having with uninsured patients being transferred from AGH. Mr. Leftwich believes it is the hospital's duty to pay for the transfer of these patients under The Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act ("EMTALA") and he believes PBA is owed by AGH \$7,000-\$10,000 dollars. Mr. Leftwich explained the way in which medical billing functions and the disagreement between PBA and AGH on patient transfer costs. He is requesting the City provide an advance of \$59,500.00 of the monthly payments that the City pays PBA under its EMS Services Agreement of March 23, 2021 (the "Agreement")

Nathan Stagg explained the AGH had no agreement with PBA to pay for patient transfers, and they did not have \$7,000-\$10,000 to pay PBA. He stated that he believes that ~~and~~ EMTALA does not apply to AGH in this situation. There was a discussion of EMTALA and what it is and how it applies to hospitals and EMS services.

The council discussed possible resolutions to the problems faced by AGH and PBA and discussed the potential of a county wide hospital/EMS service.

Robert Patterson motioned to approve an advance to PBA of \$59,500.00. Starting in July 2021, the City will pay \$1,888.88 to PBA each month until March 2022, followed by a prorated amount of the \$8,500 original monthly payment for April 1 to April 18, 2022. Leticia Hernandez seconded. All approved.

Linda Powell motioned to adjourn at 12:43pm and Misti Seay seconded. All approved.