



# CITY OF ANSON

1301 Commercial Ave  
Anson, Texas 79501

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## Minutes Anson City Council Meeting

The Anson City Council held a meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023, at 6:00pm at the Anson City Hall 1301 Commercial Avenue, Anson, TX 79501. Members of the council in attendance Linda Powell, Misti Seay, Gilbert Baladez, Robert Patterson (arriving at 7:01pm), and Mayor Sara Alfaro (arriving at agenda item B). Also in attendance Police Chief Daniel Graziose, City Attorney Chad Cowan, and City Manager Sonny Campbell.

Linda Powell called the meeting to at 6:00pm and Gilbert Baladez provided the opening prayer.

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

Chad Cowan informed the council that the Jones County Court House was temporarily closed until a foreign white substance could be identified.

**B. Discuss and take action on the March 27, 2023 Public Hearing minutes.**

Misti Seay motioned to approve minutes, and Gilbert Baladez seconded. All approved.

**C. Discuss and take action on the March 27, 2023 City Council meeting minutes.**

Gilbert Baladez motioned to approve the minutes, and Misti Seay seconded. All approved.

**D. Discuss and take action on approving or denying the application for a tax abatement by Fierce Eagles Choice Properties 1 LLC for the real property known as, Lot 3-4, PT of 5, Block 187, in the Buie Hanna Morrow Addition to the Town of Anson with an address of 1704 Commercial.**

Simon Martinez provided a detailed explanation of his plans for the property and his financial investment. Chad Cowan informed the council that Mr. Martinez's property met the guidelines to be eligible for a tax abatement.

Linda Powell motioned that a 10-year tax abatement be approved subject to a written agreement being created and approved by the City Council. Misti Seay seconded. All approved.

**E. Police Report for the month of March 2023.**

Chief Graziose provided the council with a report of police activity for March 2023.

**F. Discuss and take action on a funding for Anson Police Department Equipment.**

Chief Graziose explained the condition of the current equipment and the need to upgrade/replaced it. City Manager Sonny Campbell informed the council that the PD could get new Motorola radios, dash cams, in car radios, and all necessary attachments for \$132,000.00.

Linda Powell motioned to approve obtaining a 5-year note for \$132,000.00 from First National Bank of Anson. Robert Patterson seconded. All approve.



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## **G. City Manager Report.**

### **a. Update on the status on EMS.**

City Manager Campbell informed the council that EMS services have been acquired through the end of the month, but no long-term solution has been found. Robert Patterson informed the council that the school board tabled the EMS item.

## **H. Discuss and action on awarding the Quarterly Merit Award. (The council may adjourn into executive session as allowed in Texas Gov't Code 551.074 Personnel Matters.)**

The council adjourned into executive session at 7:42pm to deliberate personnel matters and reconvened in open session at 7:49pm. Linda Powell motioned that Sonny award the Quarterly Merit Award, and Gilbert Baladez seconded. All approved.

## **I. Discuss and take action on the Anson Hardware accounts payable.**

Gilbert Baladez motioned to approve the Anson Hardware account payable, and Misti Seay seconded. All approved. (Linda Powell, having signed an affidavit of conflict of interest, did not participate in the discussion nor the vote.)

## **J. Discuss and take action on the accounts payable.**

Linda Powell motioned to approve the accounts payable, and Misti Seay seconded. All approved.

## **K. Adjourn.**

Linda Powell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm, and Misti Seay seconded. All approved.