



Minutes

Anson City Council Meeting

The Anson City Council met on the 10th day of February 2025 at 6:00pm at 1301 Commercial Avenue, Anson, TX 79501. Members of the council in attendance Misti Seay, Gilbert Baladez, Robert Patterson, Linda Powell, April Buchanan, and Mayor Richard Abila. Also in attendance Cody Burleson, City Attorney Chad Cowan, City Manager Sonny Campbell, and Police Chief Danial Graziose.

Mayor Richard Abila called the meeting to order at 6:07pm and Robert Patterson provided the second.

A. Presentation from Citizens. No formal action may be taken. (Limit 5 minutes per spokesperson).
None.

B. Discuss and take action on the January 27, 2025 City Council meeting minutes.
Linda Powell motioned to approve the minutes and Robert Patterson seconded. All approved.

C. Discuss, consider, and take action to award the construction contract for the Water Treatment Plant Disinfection Improvements Re-Bid project.
Emma Meek, representing Jacob and Martin, provided an overview of the project and the necessity that the city completes the project by August 2025 to meet TCEQ and WCTMWD regulations. Emma explained DOWTECH Specialty Contractor were the lowest bidder at the latest bid opening with \$355,564.00. She expressed confidence in the contractor's ability to complete the work on time and within budget. Misti Seay motioned to award the Water Treatment Plant Disinfection Improvement Project to Dowtech Specialty Contractors, INC., 4703 CR 527, Baird, TX 79504 for \$355,564.00. Gilbert Baladez seconded. All approved.

D. Discuss and take action on a proclamation declaring March 2025 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.
Julie St John was in attendance of the meeting and explained that a grant is in place to provide free colorectal cancer screening for eligible individuals in rural communities. Misti Seay motioned to declare March 2025 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and Gilbert Baladez seconded. All approved.

E. Discuss & take action on Ordinance #956 ordering the General Election on May 3rd, 2025, for the purpose of filling the positions of Alderman Place IV & V. (Second Reading)
Linda Powell motioned to approve Ordinance #956 ordering the May 3rd, 2025 General Election and Gilbert Baladez seconded. All approved.

F. Police Report for the month of January 2025.
Police Chief Daniel Graziose provided the council with a report of police activity for the month of January.



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G. Discuss and take action on a proposal to purchase new police patrol units.

Chief Daniel Graziose gave a presentation explaining the mechanical failures occurring on current units and why purchasing two Police Pursuit Vehicles (PPV) is key to the department's success. City Manager Sonny Campbell explained that two PPVs can be purchased with trading-in the failing units for \$60,000. After council discussion, Misti Seay motioned to approve the purchase of two new Police Pursuit Vehicles and that Sonny Campbell is authorized to negotiate financing and sign contracts for the purchase. Robert Patterson seconded. All approved.

H. Discuss and take action on the creation of a Theft of Service fee in regard to city utilities.

(Mayor Abila called agenda items H & I simultaneously.)

Sonny Campbell expressed his concern over individuals breaking the city's locks on meters disconnected for nonpayment, and the need for a tampering fee to be imposed before water service can be restored. The council discussed possible solutions to reduce tampering of water meters for accounts disconnected for nonpayment. No action taken.

I. Discuss and take action on Ordinance #957 amending the City of Anson Water, Sewer, and Garbage Utility rates. (RV PARKS) (First Reading.)

Sonny Campbell provided the council with Ordinance 957 proposing residential and business rate increases of water, sewer, garbage, and bulk water rates. His estimated overall increase will be \$15.00 per account, and would add a different rate schedule for RV Parks. First reading, no action taken.

J. Discuss and take action on entering into a contract for Emergency Medical Services with MetroCare Services-Abilene, L.P. or other potential providers. (The council may adjourn into executive session as allowed in Texas Gov't Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney.)

The council adjourned into executive session at 7:44pm for consultation with attorney and reconvened in open session at 8:03pm. No action taken.

K. Discuss and take action on the 2009 Chevrolet Ambulance VIN# 1GBJC84649E128268, regarding taking bids for the sale of the unit or converting the unit for other uses.

Sonny Campbell stated that he believes the Ambulance can best be utilized as a water leak repair vehicle and can be converted for a low cost. Misti Seay motioned to approved converting the 2009 Chevrolet Ambulance to a water leak repair vehicle, and Gilbert Baladez seconded. All approved.

L. Discuss and take action on appointing the City Manager as the Authorized Representative of the City of Anson concerning the Christopher Levens VS. The City of Anson Lawsuit. (The Council may adjourn into executive session as allowed in Texas Gov't Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney.)

The council adjourned into executive session at 8:09pm for consultation with attorney and reconvened in open session at 8:21pm. April Buchanan motioned to appoint City Manager Sonny Campbell the Authorized Representative of the City of Anson and that he can make decisions for the City during any mediation hearing regarding the Christopher Levens VS City of Anson Lawsuit. Misti Seay seconded. Mayor Abila asked each member of the council to cast a vote of yay or nay; Misti Seay-Yay, Gilbert



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Baladez-Yay, Robert Patterson-Yay, Linda Powell-Yay, April Buchanan-Yay. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

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

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

N. Discuss and take action on the accounts payable.

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

O. Adjourn.

Gilbert Baladez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm and April Buchanan seconded. All approved.