



CITY OF ANSON

1301 Commercial Ave
Anson, Texas 79501

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Minutes

Special Called City Council Meeting

The Anson City Council met on the 2nd day of May 2025 at 12:00pm at the Anson City Hall, 1301 Commercial Avenue, Anson, TX 79501. Members of the council in attendance Robert Patterson, Gilbert Baladez, and Mayor Pro-tem Linda Powell. Also in attendance (City Manager Sonny Campbell, Police Chief Daniel Graziouse joined via telephone) Cody Burleson, and City Attorney Chad Cowan.

Mayor Pro-tem Linda Powell called the meeting to order at 12:00pm and Chad Cowan provided the opening prayer.

- A. Presentation from Citizens. No formal action may be taken. (Limit 5 minutes per spokesperson).**
None.
- B. Discuss and take action on a Resolution closing 2nd Street from Avenue C to the eastern boundary line of the Jones County Law Enforcement Center Tract.**
(Mayor Pro-tem Linda Powell called agenda items B, C, and D simultaneously.)
City Attorney Chad Cowan informed the council that he did not receive clear guidance from TML regarding the regulations regarding public protests and asked the council to seek an attorney that specializes in Civil Rights issues. Mr. Cowan also expressed that he did not agree with Chief Graziouse's interpretation of the law and does not believe the city can limit access to the Public Forum. Police Chief Daniel Graziouse explained his belief that if no control of the area is established that it will increase the likelihood of a negative incident, and asked the council to approve agenda items B and C.
Robert Patterson motioned to approve the Resolution to close 2nd street from Avenue C to the eastern boundary line of the Jones County Law Enforcement Center Tract beginning at 12:01am the night of the 5th to 11:59pm the 5th, and Gilbert Baladez seconded. All approved.
- C. Discuss and take action on a Resolution declaring the MTC Blue Bonnet Detention Center a Critical Infrastructure Facility.**
Robert Patterson motioned to approve the Resolution declaring the MTC Blue Bonnet Detention Center a Critical Infrastructure Facility with the wording presented. Gilbert Baladez seconded. All approved.
- D. Discuss and take action on a resolution designating the softball field and parking lot at the southeast corner of Avenue G and 2nd Street as a Free Speech/Protest area."**
With lack of a motion, the agenda item died.
- E. Adjourn.**
Gilbert Baladez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:45pm and Robert Patterson seconded. All approved.