



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 11th day of August 2025, at 6:00pm at the Anson City Hall, 1301 Commercial Avenue, Anson, TX 79501. Members of the council in attendance Robert Patterson, Misti Seay, and Mayor Richard Abila. (Gilbert Baladez and April Buchanan arriving at 6:09pm.) Also in attendance Cody Burleson, Police Chief Daniel Graziouse, City Attorney Chad Cowan, and City Manager Sonny Campbell.

Mayor Richard Abila called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and 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 the July 14, 2025 City Council meeting minutes.**
April Buchanan motioned to approve the minutes and Misti Seay seconded. All approved.
- C. Discuss and take action on a quote from Airtite Products for the installation of windows at the Anson City Hall.**
The council discussed funds being used to improve the City Hall building and questioned why more funds are not being used to improve the city streets. City Manager Sonny Campbell assured the council that street maintenance is being done, and more street work is planned. Misti Seay motioned to approve the installation of new windows for the North side of City Hall from Airtite Products for \$11,300.00, and Gilbert Baladez seconded. All approved.
- D. Presentation from Anson Police Chief Daniel Graziouse recognizing a citizen(s).**
Police Chief Daniel Graziouse presented a Citizen Appreciation Award to Haley Barrera. Chief Graziouse explained that on July 14, 2025, Haley Barrera displayed exceptional courage when, upon hearing a woman screaming in her neighborhood, responded by driving to the area to investigate and found an elderly woman lying on the ground in the fetal position being viciously attacked by two large pit bulls while attempting to protect her small dog. Mrs. Barrera then exited her vehicle and began shouting and clapping to run the dogs off and brought the woman and her little dog into her car until emergency services arrived. Chief Graziouse expressed his belief that the bravery that Ms. Barrera showed that day saved the woman's life. The council thanked Haley Barrera for her heroic deeds.
- E. Police Report for the month of July 2025.**
Police Chief Graziouse provided the council with a report of police activity for the month of July.



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F. Discuss and take action on setting a preliminary tax rate for 2025-2026

City Attorney Chad Cowan explained that the council can approve a proposed tax rate of \$1.021900 per \$100.00 of evaluation without voter approval. Robert Patterson motioned to approve setting the proposed City of Anson Tax Rate at \$1.021900 per \$100.00 of evaluation and Gilbert Baladez seconded. Mayor Richard Abila asked each member of the council to cast a vote of Aye or Nay; Misti Seay- Aye, Gilbert Baladez-Aye, Robert Patterson-Aye, April Buchanan-Aye, and Linda Powell-Absent. The motion passed with 4 votes of Aye, 1 Absent.

G. Discuss and take action on Ordinance No. 959; AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CITY OF ANSON'S TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM BENEFITS ADOPTING A CHANGE IN THE CITY'S MATCHING RATIO. (First Reading)

City manager Sonny Campbell informed the council that this was the same Ordinance previously approved, but the effective date must reflect January 1, 2026. April Buchanan motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 959, and Robert Patterson seconded. All approved.

H. Discuss and take action on Q2 2025 Quarterly Investment Report.

City Manager Sonny Campbell provided the council with the Q2 Quarterly Investment Report. Sonny stated that he and the City Secretary would like to also give a financial report and for the council to inform them what they'd be interested in having on the report. The council asked that Mr. Campbell provide a collective report of larger or unexpected expenditures with an explanation to help the council be more informed and increase transparency. No action taken.

I. Discuss and take action on establishing an annual City of Anson Employee Family Kickball Tournament in October.

Alderman Misti Seay expressed that an employee and family kickball tournament would be fun and could be held in mid-October. The council discussed the event and if insurance coverage would need to be added. The item was Tabled.

J. Discuss and take action on creating a policy of reimbursing employees for medical expenses if injured on the job.

City Manager Sonny Campbell explained that he does not believe that Worker Compensation benefits were sufficient in ensuring an employee was fully healed but only provided enough care for them to return to work. Mr. Campbell would like a policy in which the city would cover some expenses if Workers Compensation failed to provide adequate care for an employee. The council discussed the idea and City Attorney Chad Cowan explained that many details were left to be decided. The council asked that Mr. Campbell and Mr. Cowan proceed with creating a policy. The item was tabled.

K. Discuss and take action on the Anson Hardware Accounts payable.

April Buchanan motioned to approve the Anson Hardware Accounts payable, and Gilbert Baladez seconded. All approved.



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L. Discuss and take action on the accounts payable.

City Manager Sonny Campbell informed the council that he has been working overtime to repair lawnmowers and various equipment and that he would be adding this labor to payroll. April Buchanan motioned to approve the accounts payable, and Misti Seay seconded. All approved.

M. Adjourn.

April Buchanan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm and Robert Patterson seconded. All approved.