



CITY OF ANSON

1301 Commercial Ave
Anson, Texas 79501

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Minutes

Special Called City Council Meeting

Budget Workshop

The Anson City Council held a budget workshop meeting on the 19th day of March 2026 at 6:30pm at the Anson City Hall, 1301 Commercial Avenue Anson, TX 79501. Members of the council in attendance Robert Patterson, Gilbert Baladez, April Buchanan, Misti Seay, and Mayor Pro-tem Linda Powell. Also in attendance Cody Burleson, City Secretary LeeAnn Blankenship, Interim City Manager Eddie Hernandez Jr. Members of the public in attendance Larry Langerhans and Susan Holloway.

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

Larry Langerhans asked the council why taxes were increasing. Susan Holloway addressed the council with concerns about raising taxes, roll-back elections, special inventory tax, senior citizen tax freezes, people being treated fairly, and that she has many years of experience in the taxing field. The council thanked her for being in attendance and assured her that they wanted what is best for the City of Anson.

B. Budget workshop regarding the Proposed 2026-2027 City of Anson Budget

The City Secretary, LeeAnn Blankenship, presented a comprehensive financial overview covering water/sewer budgets, EMS contributions, garbage fund performance, and proposed department wages. The Interim City Manager Eddie Hernandez Jr reported an expected significant reduction in wastewater treatment costs, citing the acquisition of discounted chemicals and a strategic shift in plant maintenance operations. To improve retention, the Council discussed making wages more competitive across all departments, with a specific focus on water distribution. The council discussed Interim City Manager pay and agreed to provide a temporary stipend of one thousand dollars monthly for employees Eddie Hernandez Jr., Cody Burleson, and LeeAnn Blankenship, of whom have had to assume additional responsibilities during the interim period, and would be effectively retroactive to the former City Manager’s final date of employment. The session concluded with a review of the Street Maintenance Tax Fund and a discussion regarding priority street paving and repairs.

C. Adjourn.

Robert Patterson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm and Misti Seay provided the second. All approved.

City Secretary

Mayor Pro-tem