



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 23rd day of March 2026 at 6:00pm at the Anson City Hall, 1301 Commercial Avenue, Anson, TX 79501. Members of the council in attendance Robert Patterson, Misti Seay, April Buchanan, and Mayor Pro-tem Linda Powell. Also in attendance Cody Burleson, City Secretary LeeAnn Blankenship, Interim City Manager Eddie Hernandez Jr., and City Attorney Chad Cowan.

Mayor Pro-tem Linda Powell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and Cody Burleson provided the opening prayer.

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

Cody Ellis, representing County Waste Service, introduced himself to the council and thanked them for working with CWS.

B. Discuss and take action on the March 4, 2026 Special Called City Council meeting minutes.

Misti Seay motioned to approve the March 4, 2026, Special Called City Council meeting minutes, and April Buchanan provided the second. All approved.

C. Discuss and take action on March 9, 2026 City Council meeting minutes.

Robert Patterson motioned to approve the March 9, 2026, City Council meeting minutes, and April Buchanan provided the second. All approved.

D. Discuss and take action on the City of Anson obtaining the qualifications to host an American Red Cross Certified Lifeguard Instructor.

Micki Black attended the meeting and explained that the current lifeguard certification provider has retired and will no longer be available to certify lifeguards. Ms. Black stated that she can attend training to obtain her American Red Cross Certified Lifeguard Instructor certification; however, she will need the City to provide insurance coverage for her to conduct lifeguard training.

Cody Burleson informed the council that the City's TML insurance policy can issue a certificate of coverage to Micki Black. Misti Seay motioned to approve allowing Micki Black to use the City's TML insurance policy to provide lifeguard training for the Anson City Pool and surrounding communities. April Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Discuss and take action on entering into an Emergency Medical Services contract between the City of Anson; Jones County; Anson Hospital District; and MetroCare Services-Abilene, L.P. (The council may adjourn into executive session as allowed in Texas Gov't Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney.)"

Cody Burleson informed the council that after meeting with the Anson Hospital District and Jones County that a consensus was made on contribution amounts from each entity.



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City of Anson- \$120,776.00 Jones County- \$110,775.00 Anson Hospital District- \$110,775.00

Misti Seay motioned to approve entering a contract between the City of Anson; Jones County; Anson Hospital District; and MetroCare Services-Abilene, L.P. April Buchanan provided the second. All approved.

F. Discuss and take action on entering into a lease agreement with Caterpillar finance regarding a Caterpillar 420-07 Backhoe.

Cody Burlison explained the current lease expires March 31, 2026, but the city can enter a new 5-year lease for a new Caterpillar 420-07 Backhoe for an annual payment of \$12,650.95. Misti Seay motioned to enter into a new lease agreement for a new Caterpillar 420-07, and Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved.

G. Discuss and take action entering into a lease agreement regarding a Manitou ML733.

Interim City Manager Eddie Hernandez Jr. explained the various uses of the machine and that the new larger machine will increase the city's capability to perform various jobs. Misti Seay motioned to enter a 60month lease agreement for an annual payment of \$36,309.89 with Bobcat of Abilene for a Manitou ML733. April Buchanan provided the second. All approved.

H. Discuss and take action on removing Ervin "Sonny" Campbell from the First National Bank of Anson signature card.

Misti Seay motioned to remove Ervin "Sonny" Campbell from the First National Bank of Anson signature card. Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved.

I. Discuss and take action on adding Eddie Hernandez Jr. and Kristi Rodriguez to the First National Bank of Anson signature card.

Robert Patterson motioned to add Eddie Hernandez Jr. and Kristi Rodriguez to the First National Bank of Anson signature card. Misti Seay provided the second. All approved.

J. Discussion on inventory of public works equipment.

Misti Seay explained that she wanted to have a better understanding of what equipment the City owns and had asked that an inventory be created. The council reviewed and discussed the inventory list.

K. Discuss and take action on creating a policy allowing for the communication between City of Anson supervisors and office staff with City Council members.

City Attorney Chad Cowan explained the current policy in place. The council discussed employees speaking to the city council, the importance of supervisors being able to communicate with the Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem, and following the chain of command. No action taken.



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L. Discuss and take action on publishing/posting notice for applications for the position of city manager and setting an application period.

Mayor Pro-tem Linda Powell called agenda items L and M simultaneously. The council discussed creating a job description, starting salary, setting a deadline of May 29, 2026 for application submissions, advertising the position, and the skills needed to perform the job. Misti Seay motioned that Mayor Pro-tem Linda Powell and City Attorney Chad Cowan work together on creating a City Manager Job Description. Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved.

M. Discuss and take action on appointing a selection review committee for the position of city manager.

Mayor Pro-tem Linda Powell informed the council that she spoke with several individuals and believes they will be beneficial in interviewing potential city manager candidates. After council discussion, April Buchanan motioned to appoint Dale Spurgin, Mike Wilson, Troy Hines, Tommy Spraberry, LeeAnn Blankenship, Eddie Hernandez Jr., Cody Burleson, Beatrice Hernandez, Eddie Hernandez Sr., Leonard Lozano, and Linda Powell to the selection review committee. Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved.

N. Discuss and take action on the accounts payable.

Misti Seay motioned to approve the accounts payable, and April Buchanan provided the second. All approved.

O. Discuss and take action on the 2026-2027 City of Anson Budget.

After council review and discussion, April Buchanan motioned to approve the 2026-2027 City of Anson Budget and Robert Patterson provided the second. Each Member of the council was asked to cast a vote of aye or nay: April Buchanan-Aye, Robert Patterson-Aye, Linda Powell-Aye, Gilbert Baladez-Absent, Misti Seay Abstained from the discussion and vote. The motion was approved with 3 votes of Aye, 1 absent, and 1 abstained.

P. Adjourn.

April Buchanan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm and Misti Seay provided the second. All approved.