



Minutes

Anson City Council Meeting

The Anson City Council held a meeting on the 28th day of September 2026 at 6:00 at the Anson City Hall, 1301 Commercial Avenue, Anson, TX 79501. Members of the council in attendance Robert Patterson, Misti Seay, Gilbert Baladez, and Mayor Pro-tem Linda Powell. Also in attendance Cody Burleson, City Secretary LeeAnn Blankenship, Police Chief Michael Wilson, and City Manager EJ Hernandez. Members of the public in attendance Lisa Smith, Jesse Ray Medford, Luis Cantu, Christopher Ramirez, Richard Seay, and Brian Weinberg.

Mayor Pro-tem Linda Powell called the meeting to order at 6:06pm and EJ Hernandez provided the opening prayer.

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

Jesse Ray Medford requested the council to approve his bid on property R19641.

Brian Weinberg addressed the Council regarding his water bill and former employment with the City. He also expressed concerns regarding aging infrastructure and the future of municipal water treatment.

B. Discuss and take action on September 14, 2026 Public Hearing minutes.

Robert Patterson made a motion to approve the September 14, 2026 Public Hearing minutes and Gilbert Baladez provided the second. All approved.

C. Discuss and take action on September 14, 2026 City Council meeting minutes.

Misti Seay made a motion to approve the September 14, 2026 minutes and Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved.

D. Discuss and take action on September 21, 2026 Special Called City Council meeting minutes.

Robert Patterson made a motion to approve the September 21, 2026 Special Called meeting minutes and Gilbert Baladez provided the second. All approved.

E. Discuss and take action on the sale of trust property known as; All of the South Half (S/2) of Lot Three (3), Block Thirty-Two (32), Original Town of Anson, Jones County, Texas, (R19641) 1231 Avenue I, Anson, TX 79501 for the amount of \$555.55 from Jesse Ray Medford, 1202 N Ave J, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Jesse Ray Medford informed the council that he was an honorably discharged Marine veteran, he is rehabilitating the property, his bid has been approved by the Jones County Commissioners Court and the Anson Hospital Board, and that he and his family will reside at the residence. Misti Seay made a motion to accept the bid from Jesse Ray Medford for \$555.55 regarding property R19641, 1231 Avenue I, Anson, TX 79501. Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved.



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- F. Discuss and take action on the sale of trust property known as; Being Lot 22, Block D, Westover Terrace Addition, Town of Anson, Jones County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a General Warranty Gift Deed recorded in Instrument #192872 in the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas., (R14068) 232 Avenue K, Anson, TX 79501 for the amount of \$15,500.00 from David Michael Botello, 1432 Ave N, Anson, TX 79501.**

Misti Seay made a motion to approve the bid from David Michael Botello for \$15,500 regarding property R14068 232 Avenue K, Anson, TX 79501. Robert Patterson provided the second. All approved.

- G. Discuss and take action on the purchase of Christmas Street Lamp Banners through MainStreet Designs, Inc. for the amount of \$1,694.38.**

Cody Burleson presented several banner design options and noted that 34 banners could be purchased for a total of \$1,694.38 to be split equally with the Chamber of Commerce. Robert Patterson made a motion to approve the purchase of Christmas banners (Design 17D845) for \$1,694.38, with costs split equally with the Chamber, modifying the text from "Happy Holidays" to "Merry Christmas" if possible. Gilbert Baladez provided the second. All approved.

- H. Discuss and take action on setting the City of Anson 2026 Tax Rate.**

City Attorney Chad Cowan explained the process of setting the tax rate and that specific language was needed when adopting the various portions of the tax rate.

Misti Seay made a motion "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a Debt Rate of \$0.155400 per \$100.00 valuation." Gilbert Baladez provided the second. Mayor Pro-tem Linda Powell asked that each member of the council cast a vote of aye or nay; Misti Seay-Aye, Gilbert Baladez-Aye, Robert Patterson-Aye, Linda Powell-Aye, April Buchanan- Absent. The motion carried with none opposed and one absent.

Misti Seay made a motion "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of an M&O tax rate of \$0.844559 per \$100.00 valuation." Gilbert Baladez provided the second. Mayor Pro-tem Linda Powell asked that each member of the council cast a vote of aye or nay; Misti Seay-Aye, Gilbert Baladez-Aye, Robert Patterson-Aye, Linda Powell-Aye, April Buchanan- Absent. The motion carried with none opposed and one absent.

Misti Seay made a motion "I move that the property tax rate be increase by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.999959, which is effectively a 4.15% percent increase in the tax rate and approve the resolution setting the tax rate for the City of Anson." Robert Patterson provided the second. Mayor Pro-tem Linda Powell asked that each member of the council cast a vote of aye or nay; Misti Seay-Aye, Gilbert Baladez-Aye, Robert Patterson-Aye, Linda Powell-Aye, April Buchanan- Absent. The motion carried with none opposed and one absent.

- I. Police Report for the Month of August.**

Police Chief Michael Wilson addressed the Council regarding increased traffic, population growth, and call volume. He noted potential financial support from data centers for additional personnel, reported on a prospective hire graduating from the police academy, and provided an update on the Animal Control Officer seeking a peace officer license.



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- J. Discuss and take action on the future use of the property located at 2363 HWY 277 South, Anson, TX 79501, Also known as A0279, 2.0 acres of land, more or less , out of Section 4, MEP&P Survey, Anson, Jones County, Texas, Parcel ID#52584.**

Chief Wilson noted that due to Anson's growth, the Police Department needs to expand and proposed utilizing the building as a new police facility, estimating conversion costs at approximately \$30,000. He also reported that a partnership with ICE has been established, which would provide conversion funding. Robert Patterson made a motion to move forward with converting the building and moving the police department to the new facility. Gilbert Baladez provided the second. All approved.

- K. Discuss and take action if any on CAUSE NO. 026421, Timothy Smith V. City of Anson, 259th District Court of Jones County, Texas. (The council may adjourn into executive session as allowed by Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with attorney).**

The council adjourned into executive session at 6:19pm for consultation with Attorney Jon Mark Hogg via telephone. The council reconvened in open session at 6:51pm with no action taken.

- L. Presentation of the August 2026 Financial Report.**

LeeAnn Blankenship presented the financial reports through August 2026, including revenue & expenditures reports and the balance sheet. She reported that overall spending aligns with the budget, except for street expenditures, which are projected to exceed budget due to anticipated expenditure of prior-year street sales tax funds in the current fiscal year. Mrs. Blankenship advised that work is underway on a Depository RFP and requested Council feedback regarding whether to gather information on utilizing investment pools for idle restricted funds.

- M. Discuss and take action on the accounts payable.**

Misti Seay made a motion to approve the accounts payable and Gilbert Baladez provided the second. All approved.

- N. Adjourn.**

Robert Patterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm and Gilbert Baladez provided the second. All approved.

City Secretary

Mayor