

City of Andersonville

City Council Minutes

October 6, 2025

The Andersonville City Council met on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the City Conference Room at the Depot. The following council members were present: Mayor Brandon Gross, Mayor Pro Tem Velma Coley, Chris Hobbs, Penny Williams, Scottie Barnes and Chris Wooden. Also present were City Clerk Teresa Owens, Public Works Supervisor Mark Hall, Utility Clerk Jeff Smith, Deputy Brandon Glover, Nikki Thompson, Stephanie Wooden, Kay Preston, and Cassandra Cody.

Mayor Brandon Gross opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Chris Wooden gave the invocation.

September 2025 Minutes

A motion to accept the September 2025 minutes was made by Chris Hobbs and seconded by Chris Wooden. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Financial Reports

A motion to accept the September 2025 financial statements was made by Velma Coley and seconded by Chris Wooden. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Generator Bids

- Only one bid was received from NextEdge and the bid was for \$104,013
- It was discussed and decided to extend the bid acceptance window for an additional month.

Guest Speaker

None

SPCC Report

Nikki Thompson

- Times for Bingo will change with the time change
- Trunk or Treat – Any helpers are welcome, please show up at 4:30 PM
- The small shed has been delivered.
- Someone is looking at the large shed to determine if they can move it.
- There have been a couple of people interested in renting the SPCC

Stephanie Wooden

- Scoops will not be at Trunk or Treat
- Clean-Up Day was a success.
- Plan to work on garden beds soon for fall planting.

Items Voted on by Council

- Getting a dumpster out back of the Depot for citizens to dispose of large household trash was discussed. Chris Wooden made a motion try a dumpster for at least 1 month, if its free, and Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Where to put the OneSumter Sign. Chris Wooden made a motion to put the OneSumter Sign on 271 where the current sign is located and Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was approved with one opposed vote.**

Items Discussed without Vote

- City Clerk Report
 - The Master Meter for the city drinking water well has been installed.
 - Insurance claim on the tree damage at the basketball court. Teresa has talked to the claims manager, he now has the claim and we are waiting on a decision.
 - Garbage contract with GFL. The city attorney agrees that GFL is in breach of contract by not providing curbside pickups for brown and white goods.
 - Uniform contract cancellation. Still waiting to hear.
 - Kay Preston will be having surgery soon and there is an offer to fill in for her from Mack and Melinda Page who have stayed at the RV park before. This is fine, they just will not be put in a prime camping spot. Teresa asked if they wanted her to write up an agreement re duties, responsibilities and/or procedure for receiving payments from guests. Mayor and council unanimously agreed that an agreement wasn't needed.
 - Teresa proposed hiring someone part-time for now and then transition the City Clerk position. This would allow Jeff to train them on utility billing and accounts receivable, and their training with Teresa on the city clerk responsibilities would also be a good opportunity to help Teresa catch up on everything. She also noted it would allow both sides to assess fit for the role and hopefully ensure a smooth transition. Mayor Gross stated he would prefer to wait and hire someone full-time approximately six months before Teresa's departure.
- Public Works Report
 - They are getting ready to do a gas line for the generator.
 - The Husqvarna mower threw a rod and Mark is looking for a replacement motor. He will report costs back to the council when he finds one.
 - Chris Wooden discussed 2 potholes with Mark. The ones at Winder and Freeman may require a permit to fix.
 - Mayor Brandon Gross stated that the Public Works Department needs to do inventory this winter.
- New Business
 - Amerigreen Proposal
 - Currently paying GFL \$18.30
 - Amerigreen would be \$19.00 for household and \$4.00 for curbside. Total \$23.00

- Mayor Brandon Gross asked if everyone was agreeable to purchasing the pH/DO meter that he had recently shared with them via text message. Our Wastewater Operator, Jeff Harrison had suggested it. Teresa said that it was the same meter that we currently use so while the probes that come with it are not for wastewater, our current probes should work with it.

- Old Business
 - OneSumter Sign – discussion on putting the sign on 271 and voted on. See Items Voted on by the Council.
 - City Logo – Mayor Brandon Gross will try to contact Kim for a status.
 - Animal control – Chris Wooden discussed 2 large dogs that are running loose and Velma Coley brought up all the cats around the Housing Authority properties. Chris Wooden offered Mark the use of his live traps to trapping and relocating the cats.
 - Relocation of meters currently located outside the City ROW/Utility Easement – Mayor Brandon Gross asked Mark Hall to make a plan for this relocation.

Other Business

- Velma Coley noted that the tree that fell on Prison Walk is still there and needs to be cleaned up out of the ditch and stream.
- Scottie Barnes noted that limbs need to be cut back around some of the streets and questioned why some of the grass at the shop is not getting cut. Mark will make sure the grass gets cut.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.