City of Andersonville
City Council Minutes
September 14, 2026

The Andersonville City Council met on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the City Conference Room at the Depot. The following council members were present: Mayor Brandon Gross, Chris Hobbs, Penny Williams, Velma Coley, Chris Wooden and Scottie Barnes. Also present were City Clerk Teresa Owens, Public Works Supervisor Mark Hall, Utility Clerk Jeff Smith, Deputy Brandon Glover, Cynthia Stormcaller, Lisa Smith, William Davenport and Allison Drinnon from Congressman Sanford Bishop's Office.

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

Chris Wooden gave the invocation.

August 2026 Minutes

A motion to accept the August 2026 minutes was made by Scottie Barnes and seconded by Chris Wooden. **The motion was unanimously approved**.

Financial Reports

A motion to accept the August 2026 financial statement was made by Chris Wooden and seconded by Scottie Barnes. **The motion was unanimously approved**.

Guest Speaker

Allison Drinnon presented plaque to Teresa Owens for her years of service to the City of Andersonville. The plaque was from the office of Congressman Sanford Bishop.

Items Voted on by Council

- Chris Wooden made a motion to continue with the same contract for the RV Park and Scottie Barnes seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Chris Wooden made a motion to update the city's signature cards at Synovus and Citizens Bank on or immediately after Teresa Owen's last day. As the incoming city clerk, Karen Sanford will become one of the four authorized signees, along with Mayor Brandon Gross, Mayor Pro-Tem Velma Coley and City Councilmember Chris Hobbs; Teresa Owens will be removed and no longer be authorized to sign after September 30, 2026. Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Chris Hobbs made a motion to approve the best bid for the electrical work after the scope of work is confirmed and Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Chris Wooden made the motion to allow a customer to pay half of the balance due now and pay the remainder with a payment plan of up to 12 months. Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Discussion Items

- RV Park Report
    - Cynthia asked about the RV Park contract with The Guild.
    - Cynthia stated we need better signage for the park and the cleanliness of the park needs work too
    - It would be good to have a survey as a part of the self-payment envelopes and paperwork
    - Cynthia read 2 recent reviews of the park and both were bad reviews.
    - Need the Drummer Boy phone number on the RV park sign
    - Mayor Brandon Gross stated we still want to get a camp host for the park.
    - Cynthia also reported that there will be a band at the encampment this year on Saturday, Saturday Night and Sunday.

- SPCC Report
    - There will be bingo next Tuesday
    - The organization that used the SPCC a few days ago gave a $100 donation to the SPCC

- City Clerk Report
    - The Baldwin Agency rolled the bond over to Karen so we didn't have to have 2 bonds.
    - Reported that someone had attempted to forge a SPLOST check
    - Need to do new signature cards for the bank for Karen
    - Town Hall expenses can be reimbursed with SPLOST money. City pays now and when the SPLOST money is available the city can be reimbursed.
    - Town hall quotes were presented for minimum electrical work required and for the roof replacement.
        - Will have the city attorney check the language to make sure the roof work will qualify for SPLOST reimbursement.
        - Electrical work from the best bid was voted on.

- Public Works Report
    - Mark reported they had had a very big tree limb down at the RV Park but luckily no camper was in the space.
        - We should have the trees in the park inspected to see if any proactive trimming needs to be done. Scottie will take a look at the trees in the park.
        - AWR is leaving in October and we need a replacement.
            - Chris Wooden has check with 2 different firms but neither is taking on new clients at this time.
            - Chris found 1 guy that will take a look (Art) but he will need to see our permit (Chris Wooden will line up the visit)

New Business

- Town Hall – get more roof and interior work quotes.

Old Business

- FYE June 30, 2027 Budget
    - Reminder of the work session on September 17th at 5:30 PM.
- Comprehensive Plan Update
    - Next meeting is the 22nd of September at 6:00 PM at the same location as the last meeting
        - Need more participation to go review the items Penny picked as possible projects at the last meeting
- Auditor
    - 2025 should be finished by the end of next week
    - Gene reached out about starting 2026
        - Council wants to get some more quotes first
    - There is a 2 year window to go back and make changes during an audit
- Nuisance Code Enforcement Board
    - No discussion today.
- City Logo
    - Karen's suggested stamp will be presented for approval at the next meeting
    - Evan will put door decals on the trucks for free

Other Business

- Penny Williams brought up the Grants for Blight
    - Was stated that you can apply for some of them if you expect to be caught up on audits before the grant would be awarded
        - Mayor Brandon Gross will check on
- Jeff Smith brought up a customer that has gotten behind and defaulted on the last payment plan.
    - Council voted to allow them to pay half the amount due and then go up to 12 months on a payment plan for the remainder of the balance.

Being no further business, the monthly meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.