

REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2106  
6:30 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Anahuac City Council was held in the Council Chambers of Anahuac City Hall located at 501 Miller Street, Anahuac, Texas on Monday, April 11, 2016 at the above noted time.

There were present:

Cheryl Sanders	Mayor
Janice Jircik	Mayor Pro Tem
Danny Thompson	Alderman
Deidre Crews	Alderwoman
Charlie Henry	Alderman
Richard Ferguson	City Attorney
Richard Baker	City Attorney
Ken Bays	City Administrator
Julie Harvill	City Secretary

Those not present:

Miguel Anderson	Alderman
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Guests:

Jeff Scogin	LJA Engineering
Kathy Chambliss	Citizen
Tim Nash	Citizen
Sue Hawthorne	The Progress & ABC
Luis & Noemi Valencia	Citizen

**Regular Meeting**

Mayor Sanders called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Alderman Henry led the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Jircik led the pledges.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 18 consideration and possible action on department reports. Item G – Constable Don Langford discussed crime report that was presented to Council and also asked Council to consider all the inhabit structures around town that need to be demolished and stated he would assistant and help in any way he could.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 16 consideration and possible action to convene into closed session

- a. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code – Deliberation regarding real property.

A motion to go into closed session was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried. Council convened into closed session at 6:38 p.m.

Mayor Sanders move to item 17 reconvene into open session, and take action, if necessary on closes session items. A motion to reconvene into open session was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henry, all were in favor and the motion carried. No action was taken.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 1 Comments from the audience. City Secretary Harvill informed Mayor Sanders that Mrs. Sue Hawthorne had signed up to speak before Council. Mrs. Hawthorne spoke to Council regarding the upcoming bond for the school. She stated how important the bond was for the school district and encouraged everyone to consider voting for the bond.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 2 consideration and possible action on City Water Plant Project, City Sewer Projects, and related engineering matters, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Pay Request # 8 for Contract A in the amount of \$34,981.40
- b. Pay Request # 9 for Contract B in the amount of \$13,701.02

A motion to approve item A was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried. A motion to approve item b was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 3 consideration and possible action on citizen's agenda request:

- a. James Larry Baker – Not receiving his check payment for his March 15<sup>th</sup> bill
- b. Anahuac ISD – James Hopper – borrowing a dozen City trash cans for track meet Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Baker spoke to Council regarding his payment not making to the City after he mailed it via USPS. He stated there were major problems with the post office and he hoped this didn't happen again. He informed Council he had spoken with the post master at the main post office in Houston. No action was taken.

A motion to allow Anahuac ISD to use the dozen City trash cans was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders move to item 4 consideration and possible action to settle violation against City by Railroad Commission of Texas. A motion to have Mayor Sanders sign the agreement and pay the fine of \$1,200.00 was made by

Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 5 consideration and possible action on City property located on Missouri Street. Council asked that the City Administrator and staff to declare the property as surplus and we set it up to sell as surplus items and accept bids for the property. No action was taken.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 6 consideration and possible to approve agreements for Financial Consultation and Bond/Debt Counsel for loan/debt process. A motion to approve both agreements was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 7 consideration and possible action to increase water rates for users located outside the City limits. City Administrator Bays informed Council that the RV park located outside the City limits on Bolivar Street would prefer to be annexed; however that process takes about 6 months to do. Citizen Tim Nash at 1108 N Ross Sterling signed up to speak to Council regarding the increase for users located outside the City limits as it would affect him, he stated if the City chose to increase the fees that he would just switch over to Trinity Bay Conservation District cause it would only cost him \$1000.00 for a new water tap with them. Mayor Sanders stated to him that at least he options and let him know that another option would be to be annexed like the RV park as decided to do. Mr. Nash stated he would have talk with his wife regarding the annexation. Council took no action on this item said they needed more time to think about it.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 8 consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2016-03-01 – **IMPLEMENTING A SURCHAGE FOR USERS OF CITY SEWER SERVICE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.** Council stated they needed more time. No action was taken on this item.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 9 consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 2016-04-01 - **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY ANAHUAC, TEXAS: SUPPORTING STORM SURGE SUPPERSSION ALTERNATIVE #1 (CR #1)** A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 10 consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 2016-04-01 – **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANAHUAC, TEXAS: OPPOSING THE CONCEPT AND ANY ACTION TO PURSUE STORM SURGE SUPPERSSION.** A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 11 consideration and possible action on appointing a new director to the AMDD. A motion to appoint Brandi Brown was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 12 consideration and possible action on stop light/caution light by the post office on S. Main. Council asked City Administrator Mr. Bays to gather more information. No action was taken.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 13 consideration and possible action on approval of City Portal Use Agreement with Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS). City Secretary Harvill informed Council this was a new system offered by TMRS to allow the auditors to get information needed for our audit but also would provide beneficial information for us as well. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 14 consideration and possible action on approving the following requisitions

- a. New hydromatic non-clog pump for the Texas Lift Station
- b. Panasonic toughbook
- c. Aerator pond motors for the sewer plant
- d. Gorman Rupp pump repair (pump #3)
- e. 10 HP KRT pump repair
- f. Gorman Rupp pump repair (spare pump)

No action was taken on any of the items above, Council asked that it be placed back on the agenda for our special meeting scheduled on April 18, 2016.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 15 consent agenda items:

- a. Bookkeeper's Report for March 2016,
- b. Accounts Payable,
- c. Minutes from March 14, 2016 meeting
- d. Ordinance No. 2016-04-03 – Ordinance No. 2016-04-03 – **AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE RATES PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP.**

A motion to approve all consent agenda items was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 18 consideration and possible action on department reports. Reports were discussed, no action was taken.

With no further business needed to be brought before Council, Mayor Sanders moved to item 19 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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**Cheryl Sanders, Mayor  
City of Anahuac**

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**Julie Harvill, City Secretary  
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