

REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2014  
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, August 11, 2014 at the above noted time.

There were present:

Cheryl Sanders	Mayor
Hall Whitley	Alderman
Miguel Anderson	Alderman
Danny Thompson	Mayor Pro Tem
Amanda Hornsby-Abshier	Alderwoman
Janice Jircik	Alderwoman
Richard Baker	City Attorney
Deck Shaver	City Administrator
Julie Harvill	City Secretary

Those not present:

Dan Irby	Public Works Director
Richard Ferguson	City Attorney

Guests:

Dayna Haynes	The Progress
Jeff Leavins	Engineering, Carroll & Blackman
Keith Zotzky	Engineering, Carroll & Blackman
Don Langford	Constable # 2

**Regular Meeting**

Mayor Sanders called the regular meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson led the invocation and Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier led the pledges.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 4 discussion and possible action on traffic plan for GatorFest 2014. Mayor and Council reviewed the mass permit application submitted by Gatorfest and also the traffic plan received. Mayor Sanders had concerns of pedestrians walking to and from the festival on Main Street. Mr. Don Langford, County Constable # 2 was present and informed Mayor and Council that he would contact the DPS and County Chief Deputy and bring it back before Council.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 3 discussion and possible action on pay request for Placo for the water line replacement project, engineering matters including

Carroll and Blackmon Engineers, Inc., report of status of proposed Water plant and related utility system Capital Improvements. A motion to approve the pay request was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley, all were in favor and the motion carried. Jeff Leavins with Carroll & Blackman gave Council an update on the water plant/water line replacement projects. Mr. Leavins informed Council they had not heard anything about the Environmental but stated they had found some old documents from 2009 that they had scanned and sent in hopes they could be used. Mr. Leavins informed Council that the contractor replacing the water line was ahead of schedule, he also informed Council that the contractor had placed 6 ft of pipe instead of 8 ft of pipe in the ground and it was Council discuss on whether they wanted to leave the pipe there and the contractor would give a reimbursement.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 15 convene into closed session on the following:

- a. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Section 551. 074 of the Texas Government Code – for deliberation regarding personnel matters to discuss the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Public Works Director Dan Irby.

A motion to convene into closed session was made by Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson. Council convened into closed session at 7:11 p.m.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 16 reconvene into open session and take action, if necessary, on closed session. Council reconvened into open session at 7:29 there was no action to take due to no closed session being held. Council did not hold closed session due to Public Works Director Dan Irby not being present.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 1 comments from the audience, there were no comments.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 2 discussion and possible action on citizen's agenda request:

- a. **Lena Williams** – Requesting an adjustment on her water bill due to a hot water heater leaking. The credit would be for \$68.10. A motion to give the credit was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- b. **Sheri Edmonds** –Requesting the credit on accounts 11042 and 11080 be reimbursed to them if there is any credit left on either account as of August 25, 2014 due to their budget ending August 31, 2014. A motion to give the reimbursement was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson. The

motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- c. **William Peveto** - Requesting an adjustment on his June and July water bill due to him filling a swimming pool. Mr. Peveto was not present and no action was taken.
- d. **Kedrick Williams** – Requesting his ditch be filled with dirt. Mr. Williams was not present. City Administrator Deck Shaver

Mayor Sanders moved to item 5 discussion and possible action preliminary proposed FY 2105 budget. City Administrator Shaver presented Council with the budget of which he had made some changes since the workshop meeting on August 1, 2014. Mr. Shaver informed Council that the budget was still unbalanced and suggested two positions being cut in order for the budget to be balanced. Mr. Shaver stated his plan was to reorganize the City and workers would cross trained to work in all areas, pay decreases were mentioned, developing new job descriptions was mentioned and Mayor Sanders stated maybe having people reapply for jobs once the new job descriptions and salaries were developed. No action was taken.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 6 discussion and possible action on the proposed tax rate. A motion to approve the proposed tax rate was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 7 discussion and possible action on setting public hearing dates for tax rate. The first public hearing was set for August 25, 2014 along with a workshop for the proposed 2014-2015 budget. The second public hearing was set for September 8, 2014.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 8 discussion and possible action on Waste Management rate adjustment due to the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). A motion to approve the rate adjustment for the CPI was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 9 discussion and possible action Mayor and Council Members attending the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference and Exhibition September 30-October 3, 2014. Mayor and Council members stated due to the budget if they attended they would pay for instead of the City paying. No action was taken.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 10 discussion and possible action on health insurance for FY 2014-2015. City Secretary Harvill informed Council that she had received new quotes for the insurance premiums for the new year, however there were still some companies quotes still missing and hopefully we would

have them by the September meeting. Also Josh with Benefits Concepts would be present at the September meeting to answer any questions. No action taken

Mayor Sanders moved to item 11 discussion and possible action bookkeeper's report for July 2014. A motion to approve the bookkeeper reports was made by Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 12 discussion and possible action on accounts payable. A motion to approve the accounts payable was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 13 discussion and possible action on approval of the minutes from July 14, 2014. City attorney Richard Baker informed City Secretary Harvill of a correction to the minutes. Item 16 the minutes should state "a motion to offer a settlement in the amount not to exceed \$10,000". A motion to approve the minutes with the correction was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 14 discussion and possible action on Resolution No. 2014-08-01, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ANAHUAC, TEXAS FULLY SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS MADE TO SECURE OUR STATE'S SOVEREIGN BORDER THAT IS BEING CONDUCTED BY GOVERNOR RICK PERRY AND OUR STATE AND LOCAL LEADERSHIP.** A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 17 discussion 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 18 and asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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**Cheryl Sanders, Mayor**  
**City of Anahuac**

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**Julie Harvill, City Secretary**  
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