

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 14, 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, July 14, 2014 at the above noted time.

There were present:

Cheryl Sanders	Mayor
Hall Whitley	Alderman
Miguel Anderson	Alderman
Danny Thompson	Mayor Pro Tem
Janice Jircik	Alderwoman
Richard Baker	City Attorney
Richard Ferguson	City Attorney
Deck Shaver	City Administrator
Julie Harvill	City Secretary
Dan Irby	Public Works Director

Those not present:

Amanda Hornsby-Abshier	Alderwoman
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Guests:

Dayna Haynes	The Progress
Jeff Leavins	Engineering, Carroll & Blackman
Janice Jircik	Citizen/Appointed Alderwoman
Chris Jircik	Citizen
Diane Garza	Citizen
Danny Thomason	Citizen

Regular Meeting

Mayor Sanders called the regular meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Alderman Whitley led the invocation and Alderman Anderson led the pledges.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 1 comments from the audience, two people signed up to speak before Council. First citizen to sign up was Janice Jircik Ms. Jircik was asking to be considered for the position # 2 due to Alderwoman Linda Palmer resigning. The second person to sign up was Danny Thomason, Mayor Sanders informed Mr. Thomason that he was actually on the agenda and Council could discuss his concerns at that time.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 2 discussion and possible action on appointing a new Alderman/Alderwoman. A motion to appoint Janice Jircik was made by

Alderman Hall. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 3 administer Oath of Office for newly appointed Alderman/Alderwoman. City Secretary Julie Harvill administered Oath of Office to Mrs. Janice Jircik and Mrs. Jircik took her seat.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 15 and informed Citizens that at this time Council would convene into closed session. A motion to convene into closed session at 6:50 p.m. was made by Alderman Whitley. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 16 and Council reconvened into open session at 7:18 p.m. and asked if there was any action to be taken. A motion to do mediation and to pay the mediator \$2,000.00 was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley, all were in favor and the motion carried. A motion for Mayor Pro Tem Danny Thompson to be present at mediation with City Attorney Richard Baker was made by Alderman Whitley. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried. A motion to offer a settlement in the amount not to exceed \$10,000 was made by Alderman Whitley. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 4 discussion and possible action on citizen's agenda request:

- a. **James Hopper, AISD Superintendent** – Requesting for late fees and \$20.00 fee to be waived on all accounts due to their bank account being compromised and their ability to not be able to process checks during the transition period. The credit would be for \$468.48. A motion to give the credit was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- b. **James Hopper, AISD Superintendent** –Requesting an adjustment to account 11080 due to a water leak that was detected on February 21 2014 and not repaired until May 10, 2014. A motion for an adjustment to be given and for City Administrator Shaver and Mr. Hopper to work together to come up with an agreeable adjustment was made by Alderman Whitley. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- c. **Paul Quinn/Danny Thomason** - Requesting the ability to subdivide property into a restricted neighborhood. Council informed Mr. Thomason that there were no ordinances that would keep them from doing what they wanted. Council also informed Mr. Thomason that he needed to check with the county due to the City having an agreement

with them for road repair. Mayor Sanders informed Mr. Thomason that once they had their plat developed they would need to bring that before Council for approval.

- d. **Kedrick Williams** – Requesting something be done about his ditches. Mr. Williams was not present at the meeting. City Administrator Shaver informed Council that City Maintenance Crews had been out to location and placed dirty in the driveway. Mr. Shaver also informed Council that Public Works Director Dan Irby had tried to reach Mr. Williams and was unable to reach him by phone or in person but was able to speak with Mrs. Williams who said the dirty in the drive way was acceptable by her. City attorney Richard Baker suggested that the City look at the study by Engineers Schaumberg & Polk Inc. and that into consideration their suggested action to fill in this area to match the ditch downstream flow line of the third drive north of Belton. No action was taken
- e. **Mike Kubik** – Requesting review of senior discount process. City Secretary Harvill informed Council that Mr. Kubik did not renew for his discount and did not receive for about four months, however once Mr. Kubik came in and completed the form he started receiving his discount. Mrs. Harvill also informed Council that reminder notes were being placed on the bills each month when space on the bill was available. Mr. Kubik was not present at the meeting therefore there was no action taken.
- f. **Francisco Ayala** - Requesting to speak about his water bills. Water bill is very high and they have no leaks. Mr. Ayala was not present at the meeting therefore there was no action taken.
- g. **Paulette Carn for Rob Clapper** – Requesting reimbursement for \$100.00 labor bill from B & B Plumbing. Ms. Carn contacted the City on July 8, 2014 to report a possible leak, City staff went out and checked location and informed Ms. Carn the leak was on their side therefore their responsibility. After B & B Plumbing came out it was discovered by the company and City staff that the leak was indeed not on the property of Mr. Clapper. A motion to reimburse \$100.00 to Mr. Clapper for the labor bill was made by Alderman Whitley. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, the motion carried with 3 for and Alderman Anderson against.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 5 discussion and possible action on engineering matters including Carroll and Blackman Engineers, Inc. report status of proposed Water Plant and related utility system Capital Improvements. Mr. Jeff Leavins with Carroll and Blackman informed Mayor and Council that the 100% submittal had been submit to the GLO on June 20, 2014, there were 1 to 2 comments that had of concerns and that those concerns had been taken care of. There was no action taken on this item it was informational only.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 6 discussion and possible action on removing Alderwoman Linda Palmer from all bank accounts and bank access and possibly adding another signature. A motion to remove Linda Palmer and add Mayor Pro Tem Danny Thompson was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 7 discussion on the City's Consumer Confidence Report for 2013. City Administrator Shaver presented the report to Council. Informational purposes only no action taken.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 8 discussion and possible action on bid for tax resale property, Chambers County Cause No. 25201, Parcel No. 1879. A motion to accept the bid with the City getting approximately \$1,318.41 was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 9 discussion and possible action newly elected/appointed officials attending workshop for newly elected officials. All members would like to attend and requested pricing be brought back. No action taken.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 10 discussion on Centerpoint Energy new rate schedule. This was informational only no action taken.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 11 discussion and possible action bookkeeper's report for June 2014. A motion to approve the bookkeeper reports was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 12 discussion and possible action on hiring a temporary part time employee for administration. City Administrator Shaver explained that we would need someone a temporary basis while the Utility Clerk is out on maternity leave. A motion approving a temporary part time employee and placing an ad in the newspaper was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 13 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 Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 14 discussion and possible action on approval of minutes from June 9, 2014. A motion to approve the minutes was made by

Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 17 discussion and possible action on department reports. City Administrator discussed the need for budget workshop, Council chose Friday August 1, 2014 @ 5:00.

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 Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley, all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Cheryl Sanders, Mayor
City of Anahuac

Julie Harvill, City Secretary
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