

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 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, March 14, 2016 at the above noted time.

There were present:

Cheryl Sanders	Mayor
Janice Jircik	Mayor Pro Tem
Danny Thompson	Alderman
Deidre Crews	Alderdwoman
Charlie Henry	Alderman
Miguel Anderson	Alderman (6:54)
Richard Ferguson	City Attorney
Richard Baker	City Attorney
Ken Bays	City Administrator
Julie Harvill	City Secretary

Those not present:

Guests:

Toby Davis	LJA Engineering
Kathy Chambliss	Citizen

Regular Meeting

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

Mayor Sanders moved to item 1 comments from the audience, City Secretary Harvill informed the Mayor no one had signed up to speak.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 3 consideration and possible action on Texas Open Carry sign for City Hall. City Attorney Richard Baker informed Council and Mayor that if the City chose to post a sign it would make it illegal for anyone to have a handgun during an open meeting. A motion approving the placement of the sign was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderdwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Baker will review the verbiage of the signs and let me know which sign to order.

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:

Toby Davis with LJA Engineering (formally Carroll & Blackman) gave an update on the progress of both projects. Mr. Davis also presented Council with updated agreements/contracts due to the name change of the firm.

- a. Pay Request #7 for Contract A in the amount of \$251,003.39
- b. Pay Request #5 for Contract B in the amount of \$74,827.62
- c. Consideration and possible action to approve the Assignment and Consent Agreement to assign the contract entitled Agreement between owner and engineer for professional services dated July 8, 2013 between the City of Anahuac and Carroll and Blackman, Inc. to LJA Engineering, Inc.
- d. Consideration and possible action to approve a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Anahuac and LJA Engineering, Inc. to serve as a contracting vehicle for various as needed engineering services.
- e. Consideration and possible action to approve a proposal to the City of Anahuac by LJA Engineering, Inc. for improvements to the facilities at the City's ground storage tank, pursuant to the Professional Services Agreement previously approved.

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

A motion to approve item b was made by Alderwoman Crews. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

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

A motion to approve item e 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 4 consideration and possible action to appoint Council members to Ad Hoc Committee on City Infrastructure needs and findings. A motion to appoint Alderman Henry and Alderman Thompson was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders move to item 5 consideration and possible action to establish special Council meeting to discuss City infrastructure needs and findings. A

motion to have the special meeting on April 18th at 6:00 p.m. was made by Alderwoman Crews. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 6 consideration and possible action to increase water rates for users located outside the City limits. Council requested that the City Administrator and staff gather more information. No action was taken

Mayor Sanders moved to item 7 consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2016-02-01 – **IMPLEMENTING A SURCHARGE FOR USERS OF CITY SEWER SERVICE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.**

Council requested that City Administrator and staff gather more information. No action was taken

Mayor Sanders moved to item 8 consideration and possible action on accepting the resignation of Tammy Hal with the AMDD. A motion to accept the resignation was made by Alderwoman Crews. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 9 consideration and possible action on appointing a new director to the AMDD. No action was taken at this time

Mayor Sanders moved to item 10 consideration and possible action on Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County on the Floodplain Ordinance. A motion to approve the amendment to the Floodplain Ordinance was made by Alderman Henry. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, with a vote of 4 to 1 the motion carried, Alderman Thompson abstaining from voting.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 11 consideration and possible action on sponsoring Anahuac Project Graduation. No action was taken

Mayor Sanders moved to item 12 consideration and possible action on Certification of Unopposed Candidates for 2016. A motion to approve the certification 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 13 consideration and possible action on budget amendment for utility fund. A motion to approve the budget amendment 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 consent agenda items:

- a. Bookkeeper's Report for February 2016,
- b. Accounts Payable,
- c. Minutes from February 8, 2016 meeting

A motion to approve all consent agenda items 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 15 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 16. A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

**Cheryl Sanders, Mayor
City of Anahuac**

**Julie Harvill, City Secretary
City of Anahuac**