

WORKSHOP
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017
12:00 p.m.

A Workshop 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 13, 2017 at the above noted time.

There were present:

Cheryl Sanders	Mayor
Janice Jircik	Aldерwoman
Deidre Crews	Mayor Pro Tem
Charlie Henry	Alderman
Danny Thompson	Alderman
Ken Bays	City Administrator
Julie Harvill	City Secretary
Scott Wible	Public Works Director

Those not present:

Richard Baker	City Attorney
Richard Ferguson	City Attorney
Miguel Anderson	Alderman

Guests:

Toby Davis	LJA Engineers
Chester Linares	Citizen
Sue Hawthorne	The Progress
Leonard Wilson	Superman's

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Mayor Sanders called the workshop to order at 12:00 p.m. Alderman Henry led the invocation.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 1 the purpose of the workshop is to discuss the water/sewer project, review the rate study, and discuss the rate needed to fund the drinking water/clean water debt.

City Administrator Bays informed Council that delaying the rate increase and not accepting the projects or changing the projects could either cause us to lose one or both projects or that the interest rate could change.

Toby Davis with LJA Engineering presented Council with a breakdown of what the project could include, Alderman Henry asked Mr. Davis to explain the hydro-excavate process and cost of having the water lines again to determine what lines needed to be replaced and water lines didn't need to be replaced.

Alderwoman Crews also received a quote for having the water lines hydro-excavated from the company she works for.

Council discussed raising the rate to the \$30.00 or more per correction and placing in the ordinance to have the rate increase go up at 5% or 10% each year or each other year to keep the City's revenue up.

City Administrator said that other communities the size of Anahuac it is not un-normal for water and sewer rates to be \$100.00.

Mayor Sanders to presented Council with a print out from TML that compares water rates or surrounding cities.

Council discussed raising the user fees by \$30.00, (\$15.00 for water and \$15.00 for sewer), and increase the cost per gallon by a \$1.00 for each tier.

Alderman Danny Thompson said he would rather nothing be increased, however he said the sewer did need to be done. He feels that the water doesn't need to be done or at least everything that is listed in the plan. He said things could be cut out of the sewer side to make it easier on the old people and that the water side was not necessary right now they were wants not needs.

Mr. Thompson also said the only issue the County had with the City was the time when they had to haul water to the jail and courthouse due to the water towers being drained. Alderman Henry said the water system shows that the water loss is at 20% so the system is showing we are losing water.

Mayor Pro Tem Crews said she would like to see the City moved forward with both projects for the City, but she would like to see the City look at the projects to make sure we are spending the money that needs to be spent. She said move forward with the sewer and relook at the water. She says it needs to be done and she wants to see it be done.

Public Works Director Scott Wible, and Mayor Sanders said that the reason some of the lines are being replaced is because there is too many houses on one line therefore the lines need to be replaced with new lines to increase the pressure for the citizens.

With no further business needed to be brought before the council Mayor Sanders moved to item 2 and the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

**Cheryl Sanders, Mayor
City of Anahuac**

**Julie Harvill, City Secretary
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