

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017
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, May 8, 2017 at the above noted time.

There were present:

Cheryl Sanders	Mayor
Janice Jircik	Alderswoman (7:00 p.m.)
Deidre Crews	Mayor Pro Tem
Charlie Henry	Alderman
Danny Thompson	Alderman
Richard Baker	City Attorney
Ken Bays	City Administrator
Julie Harvill	City Secretary

Those not present:

Richard Ferguson	City Attorney
Miguel Anderson	Alderman

Guests:

Kathy Chambliss	Alligator Alley RV Park
Robbie King	Anahuac Area Chamber of Commerce
Tammy Hale	Citizen
Rosie Womack	Anahuac ISD
Steve & Linda Barrington	Gator Car Wash
Lillie Rivon	Citizen
Rhonna perry	Citizen
Sean Perry	Citizen
Ira Echols	Citizen
Monroe Kreuzer Jr	Property Owner

Regular Meeting

Mayor Sanders called the regular meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Alderman Henry led the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Crews led the pledges.

Proclamation – A proclamation recognizing April 2017 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Anahuac. Mayor Sanders read and presented the proclamation.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 1 comments from the Audience. Francis Rivon, Lillie Rivon, and Jeff Simpson signed up to speak before Council about the current water rate increase. Council heard from each of them, City Attorney Richard Baker spoke to the citizens and explained the Mayor nor any Council members could comment or take action on their concerns, but Mr. Baker

informed them that the City had followed the law regarding posting of the agendas for meeting.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 2 consideration and possible action on approval for authorization to go out for bids for the 2016 Sanitary Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project, CDBG Project No. 7216009, contingent upon approval of final plans by the Mayor, City Administrator, or Public Works Director. Toby Davis with LJA Engineers gave an update on the CDBG Project to council. Mr. Davis explained that they were going to be going out for bid starting next week.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 3 consideration and possible action on City Water Plant Project, City Sewer Projects, and related engineering matters, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Engineer status report on Contract A – water treatment plant rehabilitation
- b. Engineer status report on Contract B – raw water pond and transmission line
- c. Pay Request #19 for Contract A in the amount of \$56,592.89

A motion to approve the pay request was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crews all were in favor and the motion carried.

City Engineer Toby Davis also gave an update at TWDB project

Mayor Sanders move to item 5 consideration and possible action on citizen's agenda request.

- a. **Jeannie Lewellen** – Request to have water and sewer permit for property she has RV parked on. Ms. Lewellen was not present Council informed staff to handle like all other and follow ordinance.
- b. **Tammy Hale** – Request to keep RV at their location on S. Main Street for her husband's office. A motion approving a one month extension with Mrs. Hale coming back to Council in June with an update was made by Alderman Henry. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- c. **Georgia Smith** – Request an adjustment on the sewer portion of their bill due to a water leak. If approve the credit would be for \$1,399.89. A motion approving the credit was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- d. **James Larry Baker** – Request 3 minutes to talk with City Council. Mr. Baker was not present at the meeting. No action taken
- e. **Trinity Bay RV Park** – Request and adjustment on the sewer portion of their bill due to a water leak. If approved the credit would be for \$182.61. A motion approve the credit was made by Alderman

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

- f. **Steve Barrington/Gator Wash** – Talk about water rates. Mr. Barrington said his water bill increased 64%, and that if he was with TBCD his bill this month would be \$600.00 versus the \$1900.00 water bill he got from the City. Council expressed that they understood but that the rates were increased as best they could do in order to receive the loan and repair the City's infrastructure.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 5 consideration of memorandum of Understanding with AMDD regarding construction of boat ramp project. A motion to remove the following sentence "The City of Anahuac will own and maintain the boat ramp project once the project is completed." and approving the memorandum was made by Mayor Pro Tem Crews. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 6 consideration and possible action on having speed limits placed in Harvest Ridge Subdivision. Citizen Tami Thomas was present to speak on this item, she stated she had discussed with Mayor Sanders the need for speed bumps but then they realized there was no speed limit signs in the subdivision, Mr. Thomas stated that cars fly through the subdivision. It was discussed that the City would determine what needed to be done to have speed limit signs installed as a start. The City would get with Texas Department of Transportation and the County.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 7 consideration and possible action on customers being charged the additional \$100.00 due to be being nontax. Rosie Womack with Anahuac ISD, Steven Gularte with Anahuac EMS and Chambers Health, and Tish Marshall with Anahuac VFD was present to speak on the item. Ms. Womack expressed she understood that the water bills were going to go up and that the school district was willing to pay their portion but they felt the additional \$100.00 was over board. Mr. Gularte expressed the same concerns as Ms. Womack. Ms. Marshall expressed the same concerns but also added that the fire department might just have to disconnect their services. Council scheduled a workshop for May 15, 2017 to discuss the rates, no action was taken at this time.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 8 consideration and possible action on choosing date and time for a workshop to discuss and develop the Amusement Park Ordinance. A motion setting the workshop for May 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 9 consideration and possible action on purchasing two filter turbidimeters for the water plant in the amount of \$9,000.00 A motion approving the purchase of both turbidimeters was made by

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

Mayor Sanders moved to item 10 consideration and possible action on choosing a date and time for the canvass meeting, swearing in of the new council members, passing the ordinance. Council said this item would be included with the workshop scheduled for May 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 11 consideration and possible action on allowing citizen's an extension or payment plan twice a year on their accounts. Council took no action on this item.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 12 consideration and possible action on the double wide trailer located on Stowell across the street from Falcon's. City Attorney Richard Baker, said the City's ordinance listed the procedure to take in order to have the demolished or to be sold. Council stated staff needed to follow ordinance.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 13 consent agenda items:

- a. Accounts Payable
- b. Bookkeeper's Reports from May 2017
- c. Approval of minutes from March 6, 2017 workshop & special meeting, April 10, 2017 regular meeting
- d. Resolution No. 2017-05-01 – **A RESOLUTION WHERE THE CITY AGREES TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF THE COUNTY'S DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION FIRM AS AUTHORIZED UNDER TEXAS TAX CODE 6.30 AND UNDER THE AGREEMENT FOR ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION SERVICES BETWEEN CHAMBERS COUNTY AND CITY OF ANAHUAC.**
- e. Resolution No. 2017-05-03 – **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ANAHUAC, TEXAS, WISHES TO DEFRAY ITS COST OF COLLECTION, AS AUTHORIZED BY TEX. TAX CODE 33.11, THAT IT INCURS UNDER A CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES BETWEEN CHAMBERS COUNTY AND A PRIVATE LAW FIRM ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO TEX. TAX CODE 6.30.**
- f. Agreement for Assessment and collection services between Chambers County and City of Anahuac.
- g. Resolution No. 2015-05-02 – **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ANAHUAC, TEXAS IN SUPPORT OF A PROPOSAL BY ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF ENTERGY TEXAS INC. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT MONTGOMERY COUNTY POWER STATION IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY IN PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS DOCKET NO. 46416.**

Items d,e, and f were pulled from the consent items. City Administrator Bays expressed he felt like the City should have a say in which firm they use and just not rely on the County. He also stated he would like to see a copy of the agreements, contracts, etc.

A motion to approve items a, b, c, and g of consent agenda item was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Ron Fletcher of Entergy spoke before Council regarding item g.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 14 consideration and possible action on department reports. No action taken.

With no further business needed to be brought before Mayor Sanders moved to item 15 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57p.m.

Cheryl Sanders, Mayor
City of Anahuac

Julie Harvill, City Secretary
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