

REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, October 9, 2018  
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 Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at the above noted time.

There were present:

Cheryl Sanders	Mayor
Charlie Henry	Mayor Pro Tem, Position 1
Janice Jircik	Alderwoman Position 2
Sean Perry	Alderman Position 3
Deidre Crews	Alderwoman Position 4
Danny Thompson	Alderman Position 5
Richard Baker	City Attorney
William Grigsby	City Administrator
Kaitlin Sanders	Assistant City Secretary

Those not present:

Richard Ferguson	City Attorney
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Guests:

Hannah McGraw	Sea Breeze Beacon
Gary Ferguson	Ferguson Automotive
Paul Thomas	Citizen
Melissa Prentice	Bay Area Turning Point
Sybil Winhis Little	Bay Area Turning Point
Emma Love	Citizen
Maggie Stephenson	Citizen
Dennis Wagner	AISD
Lymma Stephenson	AISD
Wilson Leonard	AISD
Paula Harmon	AISD Middle School
Rusty Dominy	Citizen
Bobbie Russell	Citizen
Ella Moore	Citizen
Ira Echols	Citizen
Stacey Brown	Citizen
James Gaston	Citizen
Beth Till	Bay Turning Point
Kye Till	AISD Middle School
Elizabeth Gibson	Citizen
Chris Jircik	Citizen

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Mayor Sanders moved to item 1 proclamations to be presented by Mayor Sanders.

- a. Proclamation recognizing August 25, 2018 as Ella Moore Day
- b. Proclamation recognizing October 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- c. Proclamation recognizing the City of Anahuac as a violence prevention community

City Administrator Grigsby read the proclamation and Mayor Sanders presented each with the Proclamation.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 2 comments from the audience – speakers must sign in with the City Secretary to speak. There is a 2 minute time limit. At this time, any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to Council. No formal action can be taken on these as this meeting. Hannah McGraw, Paul Thomas and Gary Ferguson signed up to speak. Ms. McGraw spoke first regarding domestic violence she thanked the Council for presenting the proclamation and making Anahuac a violence prevention community. Paul Thomas gave his 3 minutes to Gary Ferguson. Gary Ferguson spoke before Council about the City trying to get him arrested on 6 different occasions, he stated the City was trying to have him locked up in federal prison. He also commented on the master meter the Mayor has and stated it saves her \$2,700 per month when the apartments just recently had to put in new meters. Mr. Ferguson also mentioned the City having his sewer capped off when he didn't owe a sewer bill, others in town have bills where they pay water only or sewer only. He spoke on the ordinance regarding 30 days for rubbish and said the City was considering him a garage and he was not a garage he was an auto repair shop. He also mentioned the 10K bonus that was given to the City Secretary in the absent of the City Administrator, the portable restroom ordinance. Lastly Mr. Ferguson stated that the mayor saves \$32,000 a year on her water bill while the rest struggle to pay their, he mentioned that he didn't understand why we were a City because to be a City you needed at least 100,000 people first.

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

- a. Engineer status report on Contract A – water treatment plant rehabilitation. Toby gave an update
- b. Engineer status report on Contract B – raw water pond and transmission line. Toby gave an update
- c. Engineer status report on DWSRF Water System Improvement Project with TWDB. Toby gave an update

- d. Engineer status report on CWSRF Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Project with TWDB. Toby provided and gave an update
- e. Engineer status report on City hall rehabilitation project – Toby provided and gave an update
- f. Engineer discussion on EDA grant for sewer plant – Toby informed Council that he was in the process of applying for the EDA grant for the sewer plant he thought the City had a really good chance of getting awarding the grant and if the City did it would free up some of the loan money from TWDB.

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

- a. **Amos Gresham** – Requesting an adjustment to his sewer portion of his water bill due to a water leak. If approved the credit would be for \$114.00. A motion approving the credit of \$14.27 was made by Alderwoman Crews. The motion was seconded by Alderman Perry, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- b. **Viona Razer** – Requesting a payment arrangement due to a high water bill from an outside water faucet being broken. A motion approving a payment plan was made by Alderman Perry. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- c. **Tammy Hale** – Request closing roads for the Chambers County Veteran's Day Parade and Anahuac Christmas Parade. A motion to approve the roads closures was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Perry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 5 consideration and possible action on the following interlocal agreements/proposals:

- a. Proposal with Cave Consulting for website design – A motion approving the proposal was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- b. Proposal with iWorkQ for program for Code Enforcement and Public Works Maintenance – A motion approving the proposal was made by Alderwoman Crews. The motion was seconded Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- c. Interlocal agreement with Chambers County Environmental Health Department Food Inspections. – Wants this to be brought back – no action taken
- d. Engagement letter with Start, Garcia, & Stanley, LLC – A motion approving the engagement letter was made by Alderman Perry. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 6 consideration and possible action on awarding the application for Administrator services for the CDBG Project to Public Management. A motion awarding the application was made by Alderman Perry. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 7 consideration and possible action on solid waste rates. A motion to lower the solid waste rates on the utility bill by \$2.00 for residential and commercial customers was made by Alderwoman Crews. The motion was seconded by Alderman Perry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 8 consideration and possible action on selling the old trash carts. A motion to approve the selling of the old trash carts was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Perry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 9 consideration and possible action on streets lights in the City. Council delegated William to look into this.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 10 consideration and possible action on the building at the corner of Washington and Miller. Suggestions made were put no trespassing signs up, see if there are structural issues, paint it purple, and put up temporary fencing. Council wants it brought back next month.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 11 consideration and possible action on sidewalks in the City especially along Miller Street. No action was taken on this item.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 12 convene into executive session:

- a. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultations with attorney; regarding pending/possible litigation.
- b. 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 City Code Enforcement Officer, Noemi Valencia.
- c. 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 City Administrator, William Grigsby.

A motion to convene into executive session was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried. Council convened into executive session at 7:42 pm.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 13 reconvene into open session, and take any action, if necessary, on executive session items.

No action taken on item a, no action taken on item b, a motion to bring City Administrator William Grigsby up to budgeted salary was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Perry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 14 consent agenda

- a. Accounts payables
- b. Bookkeepers Report for August 2018
- c. Approval of minutes from September 10, 2018
- d. Ordinance No. 2018-10-01 – **AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF ANAHUAC, TEXAS APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT FILED IN ENTERGY TEXAS, INC.’S RATE PROCEEDING INITIATED ON MAY 15, 2018**
- e. Resolution No. 2018-10-01 – **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANAHUAC, TEXAS, EDSIGNATING THE PROGRESS AS THE PRIMARY OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF ANAHUAC.**
- f. Approving membership for city Administrator William Grigsby with the Texas City Management Association (TCMA)

A motion to approve the consent items was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Perry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 15 consideration and possible action on department reports.

With no further business needed to be brought before the council Mayor Sanders moved to item 16 and regular meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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

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**Kaitlin Sanders, Assistant City Secretary**  
**City of Anahuac**