PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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, September 08, 2014 at the above noted time.

There were present:

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| Danny Thompson | Mayor Pro Tem |
| Hall Whitley | Alderman |
| Miguel Anderson | Alderman |
| Amanda Hornsby-Abshier | Alderwoman |
| Janice Jircik | Alderwoman |
| Richard Ferguson | City Attorney |
| Deck Shaver | City Administrator |
| Julie Harvill | City Secretary |

Those not present:

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| Cheryl Sanders | Mayor |
| Dan Irby | Public Works Director |
| Richard Baker | City Attorney |

Guests:

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| Dayna Haynes | The Progress |
| Jeff Leavins | Engineer, Carroll & Blackman |
| Keith Zotzky | Engineer, Carroll & Blackman |
| Jeff Scogin | Engineer, Carroll & Blackman |
| Gilbert Phillips | Chambers County Sheriff's Office |
| Randy Meche | Computer Solutions |
| Tim White | Wells Survey Company |
| Darla Carney | Anahuac Volunteer Fire Department |
| Suzanne Pennington | Citizen |
| Wesley King | Gatorfest |
| Sarah Cerrone | Gatorfest |
| Bubba Lancon | Gatorfest |

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m., asked if there were any comments from the audience or Council members. With there being no comments a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley, all were in favor and the motion carried. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:31 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 20 convene into closed session on the following:

a. 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 Public Works Director Dan Irby.

A motion to convene into closed session was made by Alderman Whitley. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried. Council convened into closed session at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item reconvene into open session and take action, if necessary, on closed session item. Council reconvened into open session at 7:19 p.m. there was no action taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 4 discussion and possible action on traffic plan for Gatorfest 2014. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson expressed the concern of shutting down streets and access to streets. Officer Gilbert Phillips with the Chambers County Sheriff's Department informed Mayor Pro Tem and Council that there were indications no intentions of shutting down any streets or denying access to any streets. A motion to approve the traffic plan was made by Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 8 discussion and possible action on Computer Solutions being our IT person to oversee our e-mails. A motion for Computer Solutions to control and oversee our e-mails and be the only one with the password to gain access was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 9 discussion and possible action on an agreement with Computer Solutions of Liberty Texas to furnish internet service in the City of Anahuac and installing an antenna on one of our water towers. Randy Meche with Computer Solutions informed Council that he could provide internet services to the City at a faster speed than what was being offered at this time. Mr. Meche informed Council that in order to provide this service to the City he would need to place a repeater on one of our towers, at which time he also informed Council he could not pay the City was they were received from Verizon but what could offer is free internet service to the City. It was discussed that more information would be gather and an agreement developed to bring back to Council at the next meeting. No action was taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 1 comments from the audience, there were no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 2 discussion and possible action on citizen's agenda request:

a. **Suzanne Pennington** – Requesting an adjustment to her sewer portion of her bill due to someone turning outside faucets on while they were away at work. A motion to approve the credit of $41.56 was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier. All were in favor and the motion carried.
b. **Wells Land Survey, LLC/Tim White and Trinity Bay Investments/Paul Quinn** –Submitting a preliminary plat map for a proposed subdivision called "Oakwood Garden". A motion to approve the plat map was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley. All were in favor and the motion carried.
c. **Sterling Funeral Home -** Requesting an adjustment to the sewer portion of their bill due to a water leak. A motion to approve the credit of $202.46 was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 3 discussion and possible action engineering matters including Placo Construction Pay Request No. 2 for the 2014 Waterline Replacement Project and Carroll and Blackman Engineers, Inc., report of status of proposed Water Plant and related utility system Capital Improvements. Mr. Jeff Leavins with Carroll and Blackman informed Council that as of August 25, 2014 the contactor Placo Construction was 57% complete with all pipe being installed. Mr. Leavins also informed Council that the wrong size pipe that was placed in the ground by mistake he mentioned at the August 2014 meeting would be replaced with the right size pipe. A motion to approve the pay request for Placo Construction in the amount of $182,607.38 was made by Alderman Whitley. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 5 discussion and possible action on Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County Probation Office. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Alderman Whitley. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 6 discussion and possible action on agreement with Anahuac Volunteer Fire Department for FY 2014-2015. A motion pending corrections to be made by City Attorney Richard Baker and Council approval was made by Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 7 discussion and possible action on Anahuac Emergency Corps for FY 2014-2015. A motion to approve the

agreement was made by Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 10 vote on and adopt the budget for fiscal year 2014-2015, Ordinance No. 2014-09-01 – **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ANAHUAC, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY FOR SUCH YEAR AS RELECTED IN SAID BUDGET; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS INCLUDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERATBILITY.** A motion to approve the budget and Ordinance No. 2014-09-01 was made by Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried. Alderman Hall, Alderman Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Alderwoman Jircick, and Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier voted yay. Mayor Sanders was absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 11 vote on and adopt the proposed tax rate of $0.62425 for fiscal year 2014-2015, Ordinance No. 2014-09-02 – **AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF ANAHUAC, TEXAS FOR THE YEAR 2014; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND, PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.** A motion to approve the tax rate and Ordinance No. 2014-09-02 was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all ere in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 12 discussion and possible action on health insurance for FY 2014-2015. City Secretary Harvill informed Council that we had received quotes from Benefits Concepts and that all rates were higher than what we were currently paying and suggested we stay with all our current provides. A motion to stay with our current providers was made by Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 13 discussion and possible action on placing an ad in the school yearbook. A motion to place a 1/8 page ad at $50.00 in the year book was made by Alderman Whitley. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 14 discussion and possible action on Municipal Fiber Attachment Agreement. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 15 discussion and possible action on bookkeeper's report for August 2014. A motion to approve the bookkeeper's report was made by Alderman Whitley. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 16 discussion and possible action on accounts payable. A motion to approve the accounts payable was made by Alderman Whitley. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 17 discussion and possible action on approval of minutes from August 1, 2014 budget workshop, and August 11, 2014 regular meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Alderman Whitley. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 18 discussion and possible action on City policy for light duty work. City Administrator Shaver informed Council that it was his understanding in the past Council had not allowed light duty for injured employees; he recommended Council continue that practice. A motion to continue with no light duty was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 19 discussion and possible action on audit services for 2014-2015. A motion to stay with Start and Busch for at least one more year was made by Alderman Whitley. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 22 discussion and possible action on department reports. Reports were discussed, no action was taken.

With no further business needed to be brought before council, Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to item 23 and asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Hornsby-Abshier, all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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**Danny Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem**
**City of Anahuac**

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**Julie Harvill, City Secretary**
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