

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015
6:30 p.m.

A Public Hearing & 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 14, 2015 at the above noted time.

There were present:

Cheryl Sanders	Mayor
Janice Jircik	Mayor Pro Tem
Danny Thompson	Alderman
Miguel Anderson	Alderman
Deidre Crews	Alderwoman
Charlie Henry	Alderman
Richard Ferguson	City Attorney
Ken Bays	City Administrator
Julie Harvill	City Secretary

Those not present:

Richard Baker	City Attorney
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Guests:

Dayna Haynes	The Progress
Scott Wible	Citizen
Kenneth Moore	Citizen
Bill Stults	Citizen
Doris H Stanton	Citizen
JoAnn Finnels	Citizen
Richard Lasater	AFVD
Tracie Lasater	AFVD
Tish Marhsall	AFVD

Regular Meeting

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

Mayor Sanders moved to item 4 consideration and possible action on City Water Plant Project, City Sewer Projects, and related engineering matters, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Pay Request #1 for Contract A in the amount of \$41,625.00
- b. Pay Request #2 for Contract B in the amount of \$191,745.00

A motion to approve both pay requests was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Public Hearing

Mayor Sanders moved back to the Public Hearing and called at 6:39 called the Public Hearing to order. Alderman Thompson said he was not happy with the budget mainly with the budgeted salaries for the General Fund because it seemed to show a 20% increase in the City Secretary salary from last year and a 14% increase in the Assistant City Secretary's salary from last year.

Alderman Thompson was also inquiring about the salary of the City Administrator, Mayor Sanders explained that the City Administrator was not getting a raise but that the pay was more than what was budgeted last year because when the City Administrator was hired in February Council agreed that the position would only be part time and raised the pay at that time. Alderman Thompson stated he didn't think it made the City look good when we were raising taxes and then giving employee raises. Mayor Sanders asked if anyone else had any comments or wanted to discuss. Mayor Sanders closed the Public Hearing at 6:58, and moved back into the regular scheduled meeting.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Sanders moved to item 1 comments from the audience, Richard Lasater with the Anahuac Volunteer Fire Department signed up to speak to Mayor and Council. Mr. Lasater informed Council that the AVFD was reaching their 1 year of no mark of an executive board making decisions instead of the Fire Chief. He also informed City Council that the white truck the department recently brought was paid for by the money the City gives each month. Mr. Lasater said the truck give them a higher level of service and it's a lighter truck for response.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 2 consideration and possible action citizen's agenda request:

- a. **Stephanie Welch** – Requesting a refund fro water & sewer user fees and also taxes for her final bill. Mrs. Welch was not present, Council took no action.
- b. **Kenneth Moore** – Requesting a waiver of the \$2950.00 lien the City has on property he recently purchased. City Attorney Ferguson, confirmed that the City could not waive the fee. No action was taken.
- c. **Doris Haskin-Stanton** – Requesting lenience on her late fees due to her forgetting to pay by the due date. Ms. Haskin-Stanton stated she normally pays her bills on time, but last month she forgot and was wondering if Council gave like one time lenience's. Mayor and Council explained we couldn't and several Council members even stated they have had to pay late fees in the past as well. No action was taken
- d. **Leonard Wilson**- Wants to discuss keeping trash pickup for Tuesday instead of Thursday. Mr. Wilson was not present, City Secretary Harvill

informed Council that Mr. Wilson stated when he turned in his request sheet that he was concerned with having the trash stay out after the weekend especially if people had parties. No action was taken.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 3 consideration and possible action on citizen hearings regarding City Code Violations.

- a. Ronald & Andra Kubala – 408 Bolivar – Property Maintenance Violations
- b. Shirley Desormeaux – 506 S Texas – Property Maintenance Violations
- c. Brandy Henicke – 1302 Cummings – Property Maintenance Violations

Council took no action on these items, City Administrator Bays will get with the City Constable Mr. Don Langford and discuss the possibility of Mr. Langford writing citations.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 5 consent agenda items: Bookkeeper's Report for August 2015, Accounts Payable, Minutes from August 10, August 24, August 31, and September 8, 2015 meeting. City Secretary asked Council to also consider and include in the Accounts Payable invoices totaling \$5,357.09 and also \$130.00 mileage reimbursement for Nicole Swearingen. A motion to approve all consent agenda items was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 6 consideration and possible action agreement with Anahuac Volunteer Fire Department for the FY 2015-2016. A motion to approve the agreement with Anahuac Volunteer Fire Department was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 7 consideration and possible action on agreement with Anahuac Volunteer Emergency Corps for FY 2015-2016. A motion to approve the agreement with changes pending City Attorney Baker's approval was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik. The motion was seconded Alderwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 8 consideration and possible action to approve policy regarding resolution of disputes on utility bills. A motion to approve the policy allowing the City Administrator or his designee to approve credits to sewer portion of bills when a citizen has a leak was made by Alderwoman Crews. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henry, Alderman Thompson was not in favor, all other Council members were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 9 consideration and possible action on City surplus items. A motion declaring the following items as surplus was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

2005 GM Truck	3GCEC14X16G161133
2005 Ford Ranger	1FTYR10D46PA36792
1986 Chevy Truck (army truck)	1GCGD3414GF394858
1986 Chevy Truck (army truck)	1GRHD34J7GF429465
1985 Chevy Blazer (army truck)	1G8ED18JXFF199331
Chevy Dump Truck	1GBM7H1C2XJ101344
Case Backhoe	JJG0305244

In addition, that Council authorize sale of miscellaneous, accumulated scrap iron

Mayor Sanders moved to item 10 consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 2015-09-01 – **A resolution of the City Council of the City of Anahuac, Texas, designating the annual city holidays.** A motion to approve the resolution was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried.

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Day	Third Monday in January
Presidents Day	Third Monday in February
Good Friday	Friday prior to Easter
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Columbus Day	Second Monday in October
Veteran's Day	Second Monday in November
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Day After Thanksgiving	Fourth Friday in November
Christmas Eve	December 24
Christmas Day	December 25
Personal Day	Employee Birthday

Mayor Sanders moved to item 11 vote on and adopt the budget for fiscal year 2015-2016, Ordinance No. 2015-09-01, **An ordinance adopting and approving a budget for the City of Anahuac, Texas, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016; making appropriations for the City for such year as reflected in said budget; making certain findings including compliance with the open meetings law and providing for severability.** Alderman Danny Thompson said he still did not like the budget and didn't think it was right and he couldn't vote for it. Mayor Sanders expressed that we had our workshop and there were issues no one said anything in the workshop. Mayor then asked if any other Council members had any comments, suggested changes. Mayor Sanders said she had reviewed the budget herself and it looked like a good tight budget, Alderman

Danny Thompson agreed that it was a good tight budget. Alderwoman Crews asked if an evaluation would be given to employees to base their raise on to which City Administrator Mr. Bays answered yes too.

Cheryl Sanders – Mayor	Aye
Janice Jircik – Mayor Pro Tem	Aye
Charlie Henry – Alderman	Aye
Miguel Anderson – Alderman	Aye
Deidre Crews – Alderwoman	Aye
Danny Thompson – Alderman	Nay

Mayor Sanders moved to item 12 vote on and adopt the proposed tax rate of \$0.688058 for fiscal year 2015-2016, Ordinance No. 2015-09-02 – **An ordinance levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Anahuac, Texas for the year 2015; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and, providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid.**

Cheryl Sanders – Mayor	Aye
Janice Jircik – Mayor Pro Tem	Aye
Charlie Henry – Alderman	Aye
Miguel Anderson – Alderman	Aye
Deidre Crews – Alderwoman	Aye
Danny Thompson – Alderman	Nay

Mayor Sanders moved to item 13 consideration and possible action on Ordinance No. 2015-09-03 – An Ordinance revising ordinance No. 2015-06-01 relating to building codes, permits, fees, and site plans. A motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-09-03 was made by Alderman Henry. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 14 consideration and possible action on accepting Dayna Haynes resignation from the AMDD. A motion to accept Mrs. Haynes resignation was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 15 consideration and possible action the appointment of a new member to the AMDD. A motion to appoint Bill Stults was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 16 consideration and possible action on changing the City of Anahuac Motto. Alderman Danny Thompson suggested “Cradle of Texas History” “Birth place of Texas Revolution” he said he had been

sent many more and he would contact some others and work on bringing something back to Council.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 17 consideration and possible action on department reports. Council wanted City Administrator Mr. Bays to get in contact with Officer Gilbert of Chambers County Sheriff's Department regarding possibly enforcing the Golf Cart Ordinance.

With no further business needed to be brought before Council, Mayor Sanders moved to item 18 and asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Cheryl Sanders, Mayor
City of Anahuac

Julie Harvill, City Secretary
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