

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2106
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, January 11, 2016 at the above noted time.

There were present:

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

Those not present:

Miguel Anderson	Alderman
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Guests:

Jeff Scogin	Carroll & Blackman
Dayna Haynes	The Progress
Robert Kit Jones	Potential New Hire
Scott Wible	Citizen
Robbie King	Chamber of Commerce
Lisa Pence	Seabreeze Beacon

Regular Meeting

Mayor Sanders called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Henry led the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Jircik led the pledges.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 1 comments from the audience, City Secretary Harvill informed the Mayor no one had signed up to speak.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 2 consideration and possible action on City Water Plant Project, City Sewer Projects, and related engineering matters, including but not limited to the following:

Jeff Scogin's with Carroll & Blackman gave an update on the progress of both projects. Mr. Scogin's state that the pond project was still ahead of time, and that the cones for the water plant would not be in until April.

- a. Pay Request #4 for Contract A in the amount of \$1,920.64

b. Pay Request #5 for Contract B in the amount of \$267,057.13

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

Mayor Sanders moved to item 3 consideration and possible action to approve update to 2003 Comprehensive Plan

- a. Noticication of approval proposal update to 2003 Comprehensive Plan
- b. Authorization to approve proposal of Public Management, Dated October 28, 2015
- c. Authorization for City Administrator to sign proposal and act as Liaison for City in Comp Plan Update Project

A motion to approve all of the above was made by Alderman Henry. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 4 consent agenda items:

- a. Bookkeeper's Report for December 2015,
- b. Accounts Payable,
- c. Minutes from December 14, 2015 meeting

A motion to approve all consent agenda items was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 5 Consideration and possible action on Ordinance No. 2016-01-01 – **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ANAHUAC, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER ENTERGY SERVICE ARE CITIES IN MATTERS CONCERNING ENTERGY TEXAS, INC.** A motion to approve the Ordinance 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 on Interlocal Agreement with Chambers County for health inspections. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik. 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 comp time policy. The Mayor explained that the City use to have oncall pay, but did away with and now has the comp policy, and that at this time if an employee is called out after hours no matter how long they work they have been getting an automatic 2 hour call out. A motion to keep the 2 hour minimum was made by

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

Mayor Sanders moved to item 8 Consideration and possible action on revising the employee organization chart. The Mayor informed Council that the organization chart was changed and approved by Council in 2014 at the same time as the budget. The Mayor explained to Council that she felt as if the City needed to revise the organization chart and add back the Public Works Director position. A motion to approve the revised Organization Chart with the Public Works Director and some other position's titles being changed was made by Alderman Thompson. 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 surplus agreement with Public Surplus. City Attorney Richard Baker acknowledged he had no issues with the agreement, he did state that under the Agency online sales terms and conditions he would do the no description warranty. A motion to approve the agreement with the attorney's recommendations was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 10 Consideration and possible action on the developed cat ordinance # 2016-01-02 or developing a cat ordinance for the City. Mayor Sanders informed Council that the a public hearing was held to discuss the development of a cat ordinance back in 2013, and to date the cat ordinance hasn't been developed. The Mayor expressed the need for an ordinance to do the abundance of cats in the city. Citizen Scott Wible signed up to speak on this item, and he stated that his next door neighbor had 35 cats and that the cats were coming over into his yard messing up his yard and trying to get his chickens. Mr. Wible also stated the current ordinance addresses all animal expect cats. The Mayor asked Council to bring back ideas and the possibly of developing an ordinance or adding cats to our current ordinance. No action taken

Mayor Sanders moved to item 11 convene into closed session on the following:

- a. Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code – Personnel Matters Discuss and Possible action on the appointment or employment of Kit Jones for Public Works Supervisor Position.
- b. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultations with Attorney; regarding pending/possible litigation.

A motion to convene into closed session was made by Alderwoman Crews. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and Council convened into closed session at 6:54 p.m.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 12 reconvene into open session and take action, if necessary, on closed session items. Council reconvened into open session at 7:38 p.m. The following action was taken on item A:

A motion to hire Kit Jones for Public Works at \$35.00 an hour with a \$300 monthly expense and to reinstate all ordinance that include Public Works Director was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 13 consideration and possible action on department reports. Reports were discussed, no action was taken.

With no further business needed to be brought before Council, Mayor Sanders moved to item 13; A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

**Cheryl Sanders, Mayor
City of Anahuac**

**Julie Harvill, City Secretary
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