

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015
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, July 13, 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
Hall Whitley	Alderman
Richard Ferguson	City Attorney
Richard Baker	City Attorney
Ken Bays	City Administrator
Julie Harvill	City Secretary

Those not present:

Amanda Hornsby-Abshier	Alderwoman
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Guests:

Dayna Haynes	The Progress
Raymond Franks	Waste Management
Linda Tarver	Citizen
Deidre Crews	Citizen
Chris Jircik	Citizen

Regular Meeting

Mayor Sanders called the regular meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Alderman Whitley led the invocation and Alderman Thompson led the pledges.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 1 comments from the audience, one person signed up to speak. Ms. Linda Haskins/Mr. Tarver was inquiring about the requirements of moving a mobile home within the City. Ms. Haskins wanted to know why she could not move her mobile home in on her property. Council asked Ms. Haskins and Mr. Tarver if he could meet with City Administrator Mr. Bays to ask any questions or concerns they may have.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 2 citizen agenda request:

- a. **Linda Campbell** – Requesting an adjustment off her sewer portion of her bill due to water leak. A motion to approve the credit of \$382.79 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 3 consent agenda items: Bookkeeper's Report for June 2015, Accounts Payable, Minutes from April 27, 2015, minutes from May 11, 2015, minutes from June 8, 2015 and July 2, 2015 meetings, and Ordinance No. 2015-07-01 – **AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL NINETY (90) DAYS PROPOSED BY ENTERGY**. A motion to approve all consent agenda items was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 4 agreement with Waste Management for trash service. Raymond Franks spoke to Council regarding the issues the City has been having with the trash service since January 2015. He informed Mayor and Council that the service being provided to the City was unacceptable and he would speak with the supervisors. Mr. Franks gave City Secretary Harvill a contact list with a new e-mail address to send locations of missed trash and asked that the City contact him with other issues. Mr. Franks was also going to look at the agreement with the City regarding bulk trash pickup for the City,

Mayor Sanders moved to item 5 discussion and possible action on engineering matters, including updates, report of status of proposed Water Plant and related utility system Capital Improvements. City Administrator Ken Bays informed Council that the engineers had sent an update via e-mail and Mr. Bays stated that both projects were due to start the week of the 20th. Contract A – WTP Rehab is scheduled to start on or about July 22nd. Contract B – Raw Water Pond – scheduled to start on about July 20th. No action taken on this item it was information only.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 4 discussion and possible action to appoint new Mayor Pro Tem. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson to appoint Alderwoman Janice Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 6 discussion and possible action on accepting resignation of Amanda Hornsby-Abshier. A motion to accept Mrs. Hornsby-Abshier's resignation was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 7 discussion and possible action on appointing new Alderperson for position 4. A motion to appoint Deidre Crews to position 4 was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mrs. Crews took Oath, took her seat and joined the meeting.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 8 discussion and possible action on closing bank accounts and combining bank accounts. Mr. Bays informed Council that after reviewing the audit and suggestions from the Auditor, we are requesting to close bank accounts 20891 and 21113 and will use bank account 21741 for debt service. The monies from accounts 20891 and 21113 should be deposited into account 21741. Account Number 21741 should be renamed Water/Sewer – Debt Service. Account Number 20875 should be renamed Interest & Sinking Fund (Debt Service). A motion to close bank accounts 20891 and 21113 and transfer monies from both accounts to account 21741, to rename account 21741 and also to rename account 20875 was made by Alderman Whitley. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 9 discussion and possible action to reduce Meter Deposit Fund and allocate proceeds to the Utility Fund. A motion to approve the transfer of \$45,422.62 from the Meter Deposit Fund (account 020180) to the Utility Fund (account 020230) 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 10 discussion and possible action on water meters. Council requested a list of issues with the meters be sent to City Attorney Richard Baker. No action was taken on this item, information purposes only.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 11 discussion and possible action on possible funding from AMDD for water plant rehab or related utility system Capital Improvements. City Attorney Baker informed Mayor and Council that he was 95% sure that the AMDD could not loan the money to the City but could give the money to the City if the projects were for a Water Development Project, Water Conservation or would provide jobs for the City. Mr. Baker is going to research funding for the Utilities and will let Mayor and Council his findings on funding for Utilities. A motion to send a request to AMDD requesting funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 was made by Alderman Whitley. The motion was seconded Alderwoman Jircik. Alderman Thompson abstained from voting, all others were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 12 discussion and possible action on possibly appointing new members to the AMDD Board. A list of current members was provided verbally to the Council. Discussion on how many Council members could be on the board was discussed as well. Information purposes only, no action taken.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 13 discussion and possible action on possibly ordering uniforms (t-shirts) for employees. City Secretary informed Council that staff had contact Good Promotions and received a quote for t-shirts and polo shirts with the City Logo on them of \$11.00 each for the t-shirts, \$17.98 for the polo shirts and that ordering 5 t-shirts for each employee plus 4 polo shirts each for office staff would be \$583.84. A motion to approve staff to order the shirts was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders move to item 14 discussion and possible action on department reports. Alderman Anderson about hiring of employees and expressed his concerns regarding unkempt properties and the need for mowing to be done within the City. No action was taken informational purposes only.

With no further business needed to be brought before Council, Mayor Sanders moved to item 15 and asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whitley, all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Cheryl Sanders, Mayor
City of Anahuac

Julie Harvill, City Secretary
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