

REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017  
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, June 12, 2017 at the above noted time.

There were present:

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

Those not present:

Richard Baker	City Attorney
Sean Perry	Alderman

Guests:

Robbie King	Anahuac Area Chamber of Commerce
Tammy Hale	Citizen
Steve Barrington	Gator Car Wash
Monroe Kreuzer Jr	Property Owner
Katie Hale	Citizen
Albert Garcia	Start, Garcia, & Stanley, LLC
Chris Jircik	Citizen
Sue Hawthorne	The Progress

### **Regular Meeting**

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

Mayor Sanders moved to item introduce the new Public Works Director. City Administrator Ken Bays introduced Stephen Bivin as the new Public Works Director for the City.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 2 comments from the Audience. No one signed up to speak before Council.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 3 consideration and possible action on City Water Plant Project, City Sewer Projects, CDBG Project No. 7216009, TWDB

Projects and related engineering matters, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Engineer status report on Contract A – water treatment plant rehabilitation
- b. Engineer status report on Contract B – raw water pond and transmission line
- c. Updated on the CDBG Project
- d. Award bid for contractor for the CDBG Project
- e. Update on the TWDB Project

City Engineer Toby Davis gave an update on the

A motion to approve the pay request was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crews all were in favor and the motion carried.

City Engineer Toby Davis also gave an update at TWDB project

Mayor Sanders move to item 5 consideration and possible action on citizen's agenda request.

- a. **Tammy McDaniel** – Request an adjustment on the sewer portion of their bill due to water leak. If approved the credit would be for \$20.47. A motion to approve the credit was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- b. **Tammy Hale** – Request to keep RV at their location on S. Main Street for her husband's office for six months. A motion approving a one month extension for Mrs. Hale until July and also to bring the RV Ordinance back to Council in July to review was made by Alderman Henry. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- c. **John C Willey** – Request an adjustment on the sewer portion of their bill due to a water leak. If approve the credit would be for \$19.84. A motion approving the credit if a receipt is provided was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- d. **Irvin Cox** – Discuss returning water deposit paid to City when service was started in 1970. A motion approving the deposit being returned if Mr. Cox can provide a receipt was made by Alderwoman Crews. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- e. **Patients Emergency Room** – Invite Mayor, Council members, and Department Heads to the grand opening of their extended facility. Information only no action taken.

- f. **Steve Barrington/Gator Wash** – Speak about water rates. Mr. Barrington said last month that the City said they used information from different city to determine their rates and also that if we would have stayed with Trinity Bay Conservation District (TBCD). Mayor and Council explained to Mr. Barrington that if the City had continued to purchase water from TBCD this loan would still be needed and the rate increase still would have been needed because regardless of where the water the water is coming from the lines still need to be replaced. Mr. Barrington was also told he could stop by City Hall and fill out an open records request and get a copy of the some of the information that was used to determine the rates.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 6 consideration and possible action on customers being charged the additional \$100.00 due to be being nontax. A motion to discontinue the \$100 charge on each bill and to credit the charge for the past 2 months (May and June) was made by Mayor Pro Tem Henry. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 7 consideration and possible action on removing Miguel A. Anderson from all bank accounts with Post Oak Bank. A motion to have Mr. Anderson removed from all bank accounts was made by Alderwoman Crews. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 8 consideration and possible action on updating/adding names to the signature cards with Post Oak Bank. A motion to update and add Sean Perry, Charlie Henry, and Deidre Crews to the signature cards 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 9 consideration and possible action on auto repair shops/garage needing to build a fence around property. A motion to develop an ordinance and bring back to City Council was made by Alderwoman Crews. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 10 consideration and possible action on requesting assist from the AMDD to hire summer help. A motion approving the City to submit an application to the AMDD for assistance to hire summer help was made by Alderman Thompson, although he said the AMDD done away with that program. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 11 consideration and possible action on hiring summer part time help and part time help to assist with Code Enforcement. A motion to check with our insurance company regarding the age a person

needed to be to drive City vehicles and approving hiring the part time help was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 12 consideration and possible action on festival ordinance. Mayor Sanders informed Council she would like to form a committee of two council members to meet with the Gatorfest committee to discuss and work on the ordinance. Alderwoman Crews, and Mayor Pro Tem Henry were appointed to the committee.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 13 consideration and possible action on the closed bridge on Oak Street. Mayor Sanders informed Council she would like to form a committee of two council members to meet with Commissioner Larry George and Texas Department of Transportation to discuss the repair of the bridge. Alderwoman Jircik, and Alderman Thompson were appointed to the committee.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 14 consideration and possible action on the contract with Chambers-Liberty County Navigation District (CLCND). Mayor Sanders informed Council she would like to form a committee of two council members to meet with CLCND, City Attorney Richard Baker, City Administrator Ken Bays, herself to discuss the contract CLCND presented to the City in November of 2016. Alderman Thompson, and Alderman Perry were appointed to the committee.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 15 consent agenda items:

- a. Accounts Payable
- b. Bookkeeper's Reports from June 2017
- c. Approval of minutes from May, 2017 regular meeting, May 16, 2017 workshop/special meeting.
- d. List of properties for letters to be sent in regards to structures needing to be torn down or repaired.
- e. Ordinance No. 2017-06-01 – **ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RATES PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES FILING MADE WITH THE CITY ON MARCH 20, 2017; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT.**

A motion to approve items a, b, c, and e of consent agenda item with the changes to the minutes was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Item d was pulled from the consent items. A motion to have City Administrator Bays contact Bureau Vertis to see if they could assist us with inspections of these locations and to bring the ordinance back to Council next month to determine we are following the ordinance was made by Alderwoman Crews.

The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 16 consideration and possible action on department reports. Mayor Sanders informed Council her and Mr. Bays had met with Jim Smith to review the new rates that was put into place to see if he thought we would be ok. No action taken.

With no further business needed to be brought before Mayor Sanders moved to item 17 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58p.m.

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**Cheryl Sanders, Mayor  
City of Anahuac**

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**Julie Harvill, City Secretary  
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