

SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, October 02, 2017
6:00 p.m.

A Special 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, October 02, 2017 at the above noted time.

There were present:

Cheryl Sanders	Mayor
Charlie Henry	Mayor Pro Tem, Position 1
Sean Perry	Alderman Position 3
Deidre Crews	Alderdwoman Position 4
Danny Thompson	Alderman Position 5
Richard Baker	City Attorney
Julie Harvill	City Secretary
Stephen Bivin	Public Works Director

Those not present:

Richard Ferguson	City Attorney
Janice Jircik	Alderdwoman Position 2

Guests:

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Mayor Sanders called the public hearing to order at 6:02 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Henry led the invocation and Alderman Thompson led the pledges.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 1 consideration and possible action on purchasing a building the sewer plant office. A motion to purchase the building for sale in the amount of \$14,000 or best offer was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderdwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 2 consideration and possible action on approval of new desk for office staff. Alderman Perry said he had researched the cost of desk and he felt the City would get good quality desk for less than the quotes Council had received at this meeting. Council wants staff to review cost of furniture more and bring it back to Council.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 3 consideration and possible action on reinstating account with Neff Rental by submitting new credit application. City Attorney Richard Baker stated he had no issues with the credit application, he only suggested Mayor Sanders not put her personal information on the application cause the credit application is not for her but for the City. A

motion to reinstate the credit application 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 5 consideration and possible action on filling the General Maintenance Position. Mayor Sanders informed Council that the City had received some applications for the position and one application we received was from a past employee Code DeBarge, Mayor expressed to Council that Mr. DeBarge left the City on good terms and that he was a good hard worker and was eligible for rehire. A motion approving the rehire of Cody DeBarge 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 6 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 the Public Works Director Stephen Bivin.
- b. 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 the City Secretary Julie Harvill.

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 6:19 p.m.

Council reconvened into open session at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 4 consideration and possible action compensation for employees who worked during Hurricane Harvey. Council wants the time split for employees showing how many hours each employee worked each week during the pay period to determine what employees will receive compensatory time. The item will be placed on the next Council agenda.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 7 reconvene into open session and take action, if necessary, on closed session items.

Mayor Sanders asked council if there was any action to be taken on the following closed session items.

- 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 the Public Works Director Stephen Bivin. A motion was made by Alderman Perry that a resolution declaring the lack of confidence of Public Works Director Stephen Bivin. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson. There was two-thirds of the elected aldermen/alderwomen voting in favor of a resolution declaring the lack of confidence for Mr. Bivin. Mr. Bivin asked exactly what that meant to which Mayor Sanders explained that City Council didn't have confidence that he was capable of performing the duties of Public Works Director and unfortunately he would no longer be employed with the City of Anahuac.

- b. 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 the City Secretary Julie Harvill. A motion was made Alderman Perry approving Mrs. Harvill to start her training with Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program to receive her certification. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried.

With no further business needed to be brought before the council Mayor Sanders moved to item 8 and the special meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Cheryl Sanders, Mayor
City of Anahuac

Julie Harvill, City Secretary
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