

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016
6:30 p.m.

A Public Hearing and 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 12, 2016 at the above noted time.

There were present:

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

Those not present:

Danny Thompson	Alderman
Richard Ferguson	City Attorney

Guests:

Scott Wible	Employee
Jeff Scogin	LJA Engineering
Bill Stults	Citizen
Art Salazar	Citizen
Chris Jircik	Citizen
Cadice Franklin	Citizen
Sue Hawthorne	The Progress

Public Hearing

Mayor Sanders called the public hearing to order at 6:40 p.m. and announce the presence of quorum. City Administrator Bays explained to Council that only 2 adds had been added to the budget from the last meeting, the tractor payment, and custodial services for City Hall. The budget is larger this year due to the loan from Texas Water Development Board. Mr. Bays also explained that the tax rate would stay the same as last year. The public hearing ended at

Regular Meeting

Mayor Sanders moved to the regular meeting at 6:31 p.m. Alderman Henry led the invocation and Alderman Anderson led the pledges.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 1 comments from the Audience. There were no comments from the audience.

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:

- a. Pay Request # 13 for Contract A in the amount of \$45,355.32.

A motion to approve item A was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders move to item 3 consideration and possible action on citizen's agenda request.

- a. **Stephanie Anderson** – Request an adjustment on sewer portion of bill due to water leak. If approved the adjustment would be \$17.63. A motion to approve the adjustment was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henry, 4 members with in favor, with Alderman Anderson abstaining, motion carried.
- b. **Trinity Bay RV Park** – Request an adjustment on sewer portion of bill due to water leak. If approved the adjustment would be \$245.25. A motion to approve the credit pending the receipt being brought to City Hall was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- c. **Art Salazar** – Request reimbursement for sewage cleaning and disposal of black water floors contaminated. A motion approving staff to file a claim with it's insurance company was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- d. **Sam Hill** – Request for the Legion Hall to be allowed to set up a table to sell fish dinners and raffle tickets in front of City Hall. A motion allowing the set up to sell dinners and raffle tickets was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 4 consideration and possible action on the effective tax rate for 2016-2017. Discussion purposes only, no action taken.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 5 consideration and possible action on the 2016-2017 proposed budget. Discussion purposes only, no action taken.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 6 consideration and possible action on development of cat ordinance. Discussion only, no action taken, City Attorney Baker informed Council he had done some research but had not found anything that he was comfortable with purposing at this time. Mayor Sanders suggested maybe when the ordinance is developed that there be a limit on the number of cats you can have as well as changing the dog ordinance to read the same.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 7 consideration and possible action on awarding RFP for engineering services. A motion approving the RFP's was made by Alderman Henry. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 8 consideration and possible action on renewal of a 2 year term with the AMDD for the following members:

- a. Bill Stults
- b. Janice Jircik
- c. Brandi Brown

A motion to approve the 2 year renewal was made Alderman Henry. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 9 consideration and possible action new contract between the Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District and the City. No action was taken; the item was tabled waiting on approval of City Attorney.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 10 consideration and possible action on declaring dirt at the new City reservoir pond on Belton as surplus. A motion was made by Alderman Anderson to place the dirt for bids. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 11 consideration and possible action on writing off bad debt. A motion was made by Alderman Jircik to deem the money

uncollectable and for the accounts that have a balance and we have current information on the citizen file in Justice of the Peace Court. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 12 consent agenda items:

- a. Bookkeeper's Report for August 2016
- b. Accounts Payable,
- c. Minutes from July 19, 2016 meeting and August 8, 2016 meeting

A motion to approve the consent agenda items was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 13 convene into closed session on the following:

- a. Pursuant to Open Meeting 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 Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried. Convened into closed session at 7:24.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 14 reconvene into open session and take action, if necessary, on closed session items.

- a. Pursuant to Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultations with Attorney; regarding pending/possible Litigation.

Council reconvened into open session at 7:52, and there was no action taken.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 15 consideration and possible action on department reports. A motion to approve the department reports was made by Alderwoman Jircik. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

With no further business needed to be brought before Mayor Sanders moved to item 16 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

**Cheryl Sanders, Mayor
City of Anahuac**

**Julie Harvill, City Secretary
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