

PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016
5:30 p.m.

A Public Hearing & 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 Tuesday, September 27, 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
Danny Thompson	Alderman
Richard Baker	City Attorney
Julie Harvill	City Secretary

Those not present:

Ken Bays	City Administrator
Richard Ferguson	City Attorney

Guests:

Alvin Welch	Citizen
Stephanie Welch	Citizen

Public Hearing

Mayor Sanders called the public hearing to order at 5:35 p.m. and announce the presence of quorum. There were no questions or comments. The public hearing ended at 5:37 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Sanders moved to the regular meeting at 5:37 p.m. Alderman Henry led the invocation and Alderman Thompson 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 to select an engineering firm to provide professional engineering services for the City of Anahuac's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and Clean Water State Revolving Fund Programs. A motion selecting LJA Engineering, Inc. was made

by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henry, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 3 consideration and possible action to select a financial advisor firm to provide financial services for the City of Anahuac Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and Clean Water Revolving Fund Programs. A motion to select U. S. Capital Advisors, LLC was made by Alderman Anderson. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crews, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 4 consideration and possible action to select a bond counsel to provide legal service for the City of Anahuac's Drinking Water State Revolving and Clean Water State Revolving Fund Programs. A motion to select Andrews Kurth was made by Alderman Henry. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

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

- a. **Stephanie Welch** – Request to stay in RV while construction is taking place at existing home. Request to purchase liens placed on abandoned properties. Request to purchase or give offer on army trucks that have been declared surplus by City Council. A motion approving the Welch's to stay in the RV while the construction is taken place or until March 2017 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Crews. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson, all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Baker advised the Welch's that just by purchasing the liens from the City would not legal ownership of the properties, he advised they check with the County regarding tax sales and foreclosures. No action was taken by Council. A motion accepting an offer of \$500 each on the army vehicles 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 6 vote on and adopt the budget for fiscal year 2016-2017, Ordinance No. 2016-09-01- **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY FO ANAHUAC, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 2017; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY FOR SUCH YEAR AS RELECTED IN SAID BUDGET; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS INCLUDING COMPIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW AND PROVIDING SEVERABILTIY.** A motion approving and adopting the budget and Ordinance No. 2016-2017 was made by Alderson Anderson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henry, 5 members were favor, 1 member abstained, with majority for the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item vote on and adopt the proposed tax rate of \$0.688058 for fiscal year 2016-2017, Ordinance No. 2016-09-02, **AN**

ORDINANCE LEVING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF ANAHUAC, TEXAS FOR THE YEAR 2016; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND, PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID. A motion approving, adopting the tax rate and ordinance was made by Alderman Thompson. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 8 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 Mayor Pro Tem Crews. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried. Council convened into closed session at 6:09 p.m.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 9 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 6:21, and there was no action taken.

With no further business needed to be brought before Mayor Sanders moved to item 136 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

**Cheryl Sanders, Mayor
City of Anahuac**

**Julie Harvill, City Secretary
City of Anahuac**