

Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
MONDAY, December 12, 2011  
6:00 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, December 12, 2011 at the above noted time.

There were present:

Sue Hawthorne	Mayor
Cheryl Sanders	Mayor Pro Tem
Danny Thompson	Councilman
Hall Whitley	Councilman
Miguel Anderson	Councilman
Linda Palmer	Councilwoman
Richard Ferguson	City Attorney
Lance Nauman	City Administrator
Heather N. Waller Spann	City Secretary

Those not present:

Richard Baker	City Attorney
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Guests:

Dayna Haynes	The Progress
A. Lynette Parsons	Citizen
Dan Syphrett	Entergy

### **Public Hearing**

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Hawthorne.

Mr. Nauman and Mr. Ferguson spoke about a Resolution to Tax Goods in Transit. They elaborated to say that this Tax is on items such as warehouses, gas lines, etc.

Mr. Ferguson noted that Legislature passed a law that is now in effect that in order to collect tax on such goods there has to be a yearly resolution before prior to the beginning of the next year.

### **Regular Meeting**

Mayor Hawthorne called to order the Regular Meeting.

Councilman Anderson gave the invocation; Councilman Sanders led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

There were not any comments from the audience.

Councilwoman Sanders made a motion to approve the Resolution 2011-12-12 to Tax Goods in Transit; Councilman Anderson seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

Council discussed the change order for the box culverts and water line valve project. The City is going to install shut off valves on each side of the culverts in order to have the ability to repair lines. There is no additional cost to the city; there is money allocated in the grant budget for utility line relocate. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the changes; Councilman Whitley seconded the motion. Council was all in favor and the motion carried.

Councilwoman Sanders made a motion to approve the City Secretary's last name change from Waller Spann to Hawkins; Councilman Thompson seconded and all were in favor and the motion carried.

Council held a discussion on the Ordinance authorizing the suspension the effective date on the rate increases from Entergy. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Syphrett both spoke to council on the matter. Councilman Thompson made the motion authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts; authorizing the City's participation to the full extent permitted law at the Public Utility Commission of Texas, requiring reimbursement of municipal rate case expenses. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sanders; Council was all in favor and the motion was carried.

Council discussed the possibility of CLCND increasing its water rates and the impact that it will have on the City's rate structure. Council discussed further about what a new proposed rate structure should be and it was agreed on that all could easily understand and explain. It was expressed that the current rate structure is extremely hard to understand.

Council took no action on the discussion and possible action for selecting the Engineering firm for the pipe burst and would like to add this item to next month's agenda.

Council discussed the accounts payables. TCEQ water system payment is a annual fee the City must pay and the payment for \$550.00 is for the fine; the City has one more payment left on the fine; the City has been paying it for the last 18 months. Councilwoman Sanders had a question on a reimbursement check for \$701.20; Mr. Nauman stated that it was to a water customer because the city has the customer billed twice for the same account and that customer has been paying both bill all along. The City has identified all payments for the past fiscal year; soon the city should be able to conduct its audit.

Council reviewed the bookkeepers report for October 2011 and the income statement Mr. Nauman creates to break down the bookkeepers report.

The council reviewed the minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 14, 2011; Public Hearing on November 28, 2011; Special Meeting on November 30, 2011. Council made an addition to the November 28, 2011; Council added that Patrick Wiltshire is with Public Management, Inc. Councilwoman Sanders made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilman Anderson seconded; all were in favor and the motion carries.

Mr. Irby gave a verbal report for Mr. Hainley on Code Enforcement and Animal Control.

Mr. Nauman noted he was unable to get in touch with the Constable to get a written report from him this month.

Mr. Irby gave a verbal report to Council for the Public Works Department.

Mrs. Harvill included a written report for Utility Billing and Municipal Court.

Mr. Nauman addressed the Belton Lane Project; he stated during the construction James Construction, Inc. hit a six (6) inch water line at Belton and Washington. The break caused a loss of 554,000 gallons water. James Construction will be invoiced \$8007.00; this includes the water bill in addition to having to open two fire hydrants along with hourly pay rates for our staff that responded.

Mr. Nauman received an email about the proposed contract from Mueller regarding the meters just before the meeting. Mr. Nauman will be responding

back to them in the morning. The city has narrowed down to one a new software bookkeeping but at the last minute, the office team became aware of another company. It is going to review the other potential company and bring a proposal to the next Council meeting.

Councilwoman Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilwoman Palmer made a second and the motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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**Sue Hawthorne, Mayor**  
**City of Anahuac**

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**Heather N. Hawkins, City Secretary**  
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