

Regular Meeting
MONDAY, November 14, 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, November 14, 2011 at the above noted time.

There were present:

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| 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:

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| Richard Baker | City Attorney |
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Guest:
None

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At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Hawthorne called to order the Regular Meeting.

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

There were not any comments from the audience.

Mrs. Tammy Hale requested the council to consider blocking the roads for the Christmas Day parade on December 1, 2011. She included in her request the parade will start on Wilcox left on Texas Avenue, left on Miller, left on Washington and finally ending at the Court House. Council reviewed the information and Councilwoman Palmer made motion and Councilman Hall seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried to block the above roads for the Christmas Day parade on December 1, 2011.

Council discussed the option of appointing a temporary Municipal Judge. Councilman Thompson nominated Mrs. Bergeron to be appointed as the temporary Municipal Judge. Council discussed the pay for the temporary Municipal Judge at \$250.00 per court session. Councilman Thompson made the motion and Councilman Anderson seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Council reviewed the written resignation of the Fire Marshall, Bruce Corner, on October 20, 2011. The council noted that the resignation that was given was actually for when Mr. Bruce Corner was the Mayor of Anahuac not as Fire Marshall; the date was changed and an original signature was placed on the letter of resignation. City Administrator, Mr. Nauman, noted that Mr. Bruce Corner gave his verbal resignation over the phone on October 20, 2011 in addition walked into the last council meeting to surrender the Fire Marshall's badge to Mr. Nauman. Councilman Whitley motioned and Councilman Thompson seconded the motion to accept Mr. Bruce Corner resignation as Fire Marshall. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Council reviewed the proposed holiday schedule for 2012. Councilman Whitley made a motion and Councilman Thompson seconded; all were in favor and the motioned carried.

Discussion moved forward to leasing of space for advertisement on the water tower or on other city property. Mr. Baker mentioned that we should do a license rather than a lease to still maintain the ownership over the space that will be used for advertisement. Mr. Baker will do more research on this matter and get back with the Council before a discussion is made. Council wants the licensing person or business to be responsible for all cost of the advertisement.

Council discussed the option of possibly selling the property the city owns on Hamilton and Lone Star. Council would like to know how we acquired the property and what restrictions we might have on selling the property and what type of sale it would have to be.

Councilman Anderson wanted to bring council aware that many citizens are inquiring about a possible call out system to notify them of the city's projects such as low water pressure, water outages, boil notices and etc. Mr. Nauman informed council that we are looking into a call out system. The city has spoken with one company already about a call out system and is considering bringing it to council's attention in one of the upcoming meetings.

Mr. Nauman gave the council an update on the HGAC funding. The city is receiving \$1,047,000. The city is going to try and get the money that was sent back to Chambers County from other cities.

Councilman Whitley inquired about a update on Rain for Rent. Mr. Nauman explained that the chemist has come to adjust the chemicals for the system and that TCEQ would like to be here when we get our water plant ready to start up.

A discussion was held about possibly assigning workshop topics for January 2012. Council did not want to assign any topics at this time.

When Mrs. Harvill returns she will send council a copy of the months accounts payable.

The new meters will be read by handheld and also manually. It will be 2 weeks after complete installation before we will be on our own. The accounting software we are considering is nice and includes utility billing.

The City is will be doing budget true-ups soon. The city does not anticipate any trailing invoices.

Council reviewed the Bookkeepers Report for September 2011. Councilman Anderson made a motion to approve and Councilman Thompson seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Council read the minutes from the Workshop/Special Meeting held on October 20, 2011. Councilman Whitley made a motion to approve the minutes and Councilwoman Palmer seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Nauman updated council on the ongoing projects throughout the city. Belton Lane and South Main will be shut down, there will be barricades set up and traffic will be detoured at Beaumont and Tinkler. The city is aware that we will have to allow traffic through for the businesses. There will be no through traffic though.

Council is asking for each department to give a written report to them each month.

Mayor Hawthorne wanted to invite the Council to Mr. Ricks 100th birthday party at his church at 5:00 pm the coming Sunday.

Councilman Whitley made a motion to be adjourned and Councilman Thompson seconded. All were agreed and Council was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**Sue Hawthorne, Mayor
City of Anahuac**

**Heather N. Hawkins, City Secretary
City of Anahuac**