

SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011  
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 Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at the above noted time.

There were present:

Sue Hawthorne  
Linda Palmer  
Dana Evans  
Cheryl Sanders  
Danny Thompson  
Hall Whitley  
Sharon Brown  
Lance Nauman  
Kimberly Upston  
Richard Baker  
Richard Ferguson

Mayor  
Councilwoman  
Councilwoman  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Councilman  
Council Elect  
Council Elect  
City Administrator  
City Secretary  
City Attorney  
City Attorney

Those not present:

None

Guests:

Dayna Haynes  
Scott Evans  
Bobby Snider  
Vernon Dean  
David Carcara  
Michael Turner

The Progress  
Citizen  
Sons of Texas Motorcycle Club  
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Guardian C O C Tx  
Los Malos C O C

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Hawthorne called the special meeting to order. She led the invocation and Councilwoman Evans led the pledges to the American and Texas Flags.

The Mayor then moved to item six on the agenda. She announced that she was issuing a proclamation to name May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. There were members present from three different motorcycle clubs to accept the proclamation. Two of the members spoke about how important it is to be safe on the roads. Mayor Hawthorne presented the proclamation to the members.

Discussion then moved to item number three the Anahuac ditch. Councilwoman Evans said the only way that the ditch could be cleared is by hand and she would like City employees to use the summer workers to clear the ditch this summer. She said she would hate to have another event come and FEMA not pay for the ditch to be cleaned out because the City had failed to maintain it.

Lance Nauman said during the past week an employee had used the tractor to get in the ditch and start clearing things out. He said they had pulled out a crosswalk that was unused and catching debris. He said the debris was wet and there was an old hackberry tree that was to be taken down. He said the tractor got to the Y of the ditch but, couldn't continue because of the dampness.

Mr. Nauman also said he is going to take out a bridge that was built over the ditch. He said he was going to talk to the County to see if they would be willing to help with their equipment because their equipment is able to reach further

than ours. Councilwoman Sanders asked if the ditch needs to be dug out. Mr. Nauman said he doesn't believe so but, there is still debris left in the ditch and there are trees that have grown since the last time it was cleaned out.

Councilwoman Sanders also asked if the City had easements for the ditch. Mr. Nauman said it was something that could be looked into but, he believed that there was already an easement from Davis Street to the end.

Councilman Thompson brought to Mr. Nauman's attention a ditch that the City owes that runs from Light to Belton. He said that between Light and Tinkler there are many trees and water stays there and it can get pretty deep. He also said the south side ditch was looking good and he thanked Mr. Nauman for his efforts.

Mayor Hawthorne said that the AISD maintenance director had said Thank You for clearing the ditch by the elementary school.

Mayor Hawthorne then moved discussion to item number one that was comments from the audience. She called on Councilwoman Evans to speak. She spoke about her experience being on Council.

Kimberly Upston, City Secretary, then swore in the following:

- Councilman Hall Whitley, Position 1
- Councilwoman Linda Palmer, Position 2
- Councilwoman Sharon Brown, Position 3
- Councilman Danny Thompson, Position 5


Discussion moved to the Munro's Contract. Richard Baker said the only question he saw was whether or not the City wants to pay to keep Mark's clothing. Council discussed if Mark would like to keep his clothing. Councilwoman Sanders made a motion to pay to keep the uniforms for Mark Hainley if Mr. Hainley would like to do so; if he doesn't then employees are to return the items to Munro's. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

The travel request of Bret Hernandez to attend a Basic Wastewater Operations class in Baytown, Texas held on June 28th thru June 30th was discussed. Mayor Hawthorne said Dan Irby had been out for the past couple of days and was not able to attend the meeting. She asked if Bret was pursuing his license. Kimberly Upston said he was. Councilwoman Sanders made a motion to approve the travel request. Councilwoman Palmer seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

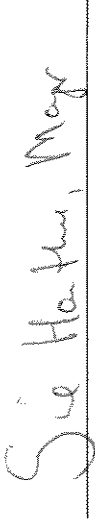
Council discussed the minutes from the Public Hearing/Regular Meeting held on April 11, 2011 next. The corrections noted were to add the word bids to page five and to change the word contact to contract on page seven. Councilwoman Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Councilwoman Brown seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Bookkeepers Report for April 2011. It was noted that there was an expense paid that was not authorized by Council. Council discussed with the Mayor the circumstances of the expense and the reasons it was paid without authorization. There was discussion about if the Council should approve the report because of the charge. Mayor Hawthorne said that the Council was just approving that the report is correct and not the charges themselves. After more discussion, Councilwoman Sanders made a motion to approve the Bookkeepers Report for April 2011. Councilwoman Palmer seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Councilwoman Sanders made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Brown seconded the motion. At 6:35 p.m. the Special Meeting of the City of Anahuac City Council was adjourned.



**Kimberly Upston, City Secretary**  
City of Anahuac



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**Sue Hawthorne, Mayor**  
City of Anahuac