

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, September 5, 2023, at 6 30 p m at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road Councilmembers present were Mayor Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor Pro Tem Brett Franks, Councilmembers Michelle Howarth, Frank Millsap, Chance Lindsey, Lindsay Buhler, and Matt Prestenberg

MEETING OPENING

1 Call to Order

Mayor Bickerstaff called the meeting to order at 6 30 p m

2 Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Franks offered the invocation and Councilmember Howarth led the pledges

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES

1 Present a proclamation to the North Texas Food Bank recognizing September as Hunger Action Month and the City's participation in the Peanut Butter Drive

Mayor Bickerstaff announced that the City of Sachse is proud to be partnering with North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) to help fight hunger He presented a proclamation to John Jenkins with NTFB

2 Recognize Sachse Fire-Rescue for receiving the 2023 Dick Ferneau Career EMS Service of the Year Award

Susan Bailey, MSEM, NAEMT President and EMS Director for the State of Louisiana, presented the Sachse Fire-Rescue team the 2023 Dick Ferneau Career EMS Service of the Year Award This is only the second fire-based EMS service to receive this prestigious national award Mayor Bickerstaff praised the department for all of their hard work and accomplishments

3 Mayor and City Council announcements regarding special events, current activities, and local achievements

Mayor Pro Tem Franks invited all to attend the annual Pumpkin Prowl on October 21 at Salmon Park at sunset/6 p m Councilmember Lindsey commented that the Wylie Rodeo is coming up and encouraged people to go enjoy the fun

Ms Nash's announcements

- Welcome Amanda King to the City of Sachse as a Librarian II
- Congratulations to Jesse Edwards for earning his TCFP Intermediate Structure Firefighter Certification
- Officer Long Nguyen has earned his Advanced TCOLE Peace Officer Certification, a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, and became bilingual certified She commended his accomplishments
- Bilingual certification helps the City to better serve the community Thank you to the following individuals for taking the time to become certified
 - Spanish Norma Galvan, Police Dispatch, Gloria Huerta, Police Dispatch, and Alfredo Alejandro Rios, Water Maintenance Tech II
 - Vietnamese Long Nguyen, Police Officer
- Congratulations on the promotion of Brendon Swanson to Firefighter/Paramedic from Firefighter/EMT
- Katelyn Garcia has been promoted to Police Officer from Police Recruit Congratulations on her graduation from the police academy and promotion
- Staff has installed a new drive-up utility payment drop box in a more prominent and convenient location on the City Hall campus, closer to the front of City Hall The former utility payment drop box will be retired on October 1 Information has been provided on the City's Utility Billing website (including the payment portal site), on last month's bill, and on the former drop box

Mayor Bickerstaff's announcements

- The first Budget Town Hall was held on August 29 Thank you to all that attended and offered questions via Facebook Live The presentation, questions, and answers are available on the City's website if you would like to check them out
- The deadline for Boards and Commission applications was extended through September 8 Please check the City website for details or contact Leah Granger with any questions
- Water restrictions are in affect every effort helps conserve water Even numbered homes may water on Thursday and/or Sunday Odd numbered homes may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday Watering is prohibited between 10 am and 6 pm Please check the City website for more details
- The X-treme Green recycling and bulk trash collection event for residents will be hosted at the City Hall parking lot from 8am-1pm on Saturday, September 9 Check the City website for details

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1 Approve the August 21, 2023, regular meeting minutes**
- 2 Cancel the following City Council meetings due to scheduling conflicts October 2, November 20, December 18, 2023, and January 2, 2024**
- 3 Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending July 31, 2023**
- 4 Accept the Quarterly Budget and Investment Reports for the quarter ending June 30, 2023**

- 5 Approve and adopt a resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule adopted by Resolution 4071 by amending engineering, health and sanitation, municipal court fines/fees, building permits and Development Services fees, refuse services fees, water rate schedule, water service connection fees, and wastewater rate schedule and providing an effective date
- 6 Approve a resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp, Mid-Tex Division ("Company") regarding the Company's 2023 Rate Review Mechanism filings, declaring existing rates to be unreasonable, adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement, finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest, approving an attachment establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits, requiring the company to reimburse ACSC's reasonable ratemaking expenses, determining that this Resolution was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act, adopting a savings clause, declaring an effective date, and requiring delivery of this Resolution to the Company and the ACSC's Legal Counsel
- 7 Approve an Interlocal Agreement renewing the Food Establishment Inspection and Environmental Health Services between Dallas County, on behalf of Dallas County Health and Human Services, and the City of Sachse

Councilmember Buhler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented Councilmember Howarth seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1 Conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 fiscal year budget

Finance Director David Baldwin reviewed the timeline of the budget and public hearing, including the resident survey requesting additional services to be provided from the City. He summarized that the cost to accommodate the requests totaled roughly \$2.6 million. Mr. Baldwin explained the tax rate percentage over the last few years, noting the approved rate has been at or below the no-new-revenue rate since FY 2020-2021. For the upcoming FY 2023-2024, staff is recommending no change in the tax rate in order to provide the newly requested services. He noted that, excluding improvements to a home, there should be no impact on homeowners over 65 or disabled. The City of Sachse Code of Ordinances includes a \$50,000 exemption and property tax freeze for these populations. The proposal will not increase property taxes paid for these two groups, excluding improvements. Mr. Baldwin summarized that the proposed budget includes a minimal base budget growth, funds program enhancements requested by residents, and increases property tax revenue by \$1.98 million to fund \$2.6 million in programming.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:02 p.m.

- Mayor Bickerstaff read an email from resident Dara Jones into record regarding the tax rate
- Sachse resident, Matthew Holboke, addressed the Council regarding the survey in relation to the budget

The Public Hearing was closed at 7 06 p m

Councilmember Prestenberg made a motion to set the date for adoption of the budget and tax rate for the September 18 City Council Meeting Councilmember Howarth seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

2 Discuss and provide feedback on a potential contract renewal with Community Waste Disposal, the City's solid waste and recycling provider

Assistant City Manager Lauren Rose provided an overview of the current contract terms and history with Community Waste Disposal (CWD) She reviewed the highlights of their future proposal to include the following

- Increasing extension terms to either five- or seven-year terms
- Keeping the original cost adjustment to a once-a-year event instead of rate adjustments throughout the year
- Updating the cost adjustment model to reflect compressed natural gas (CNG) trucks
- Converting the Sachse truck fleet to include “3rd Eye” video and safety technology to allow for quicker response times
- Adding exclusive franchise of commercial frontload, industrial, and construction roll-off services
- If commercial services are added, CWD would be able to expand the bulk waste load from six to ten cubic yards per month and reduce the residential rate by \$2 26 per home, per month

Councilmembers asked questions to clarify the proposal and expressed their preferences Mayor Pro Tem Franks, and Councilmembers Howarth, Buhler, and Prestenberg supported the five-year extension plan Mayor Bickerstaff and Councilmembers Millsap and Lindsey preferred the seven-year extension All Councilmembers liked the commercial contract and reduced monthly rates for residents There was discussion about the bulk size increasing versus adding an additional bulk pick up Jason Roemer, Vice President of CWD, clarified that residents currently are able to call CWD for an off-schedule pick up A service member will come out to review the amount that needs to be picked up and provide an estimate to the owner Ms Rose agreed that the possibility of a second pick up could be explored and brought back to Council for consideration

Matthew Holboke, Sachse resident, addressed Council about a lack of on-demand bulk pick up

Ms Rose and Mr Roemer clarified that CWD currently accepts calls for on-demand bulk pick up for a single charge to the owner They are not equipped for the city to only be on-demand as this could result in their vehicles constantly running the city each day and it would result in trash sitting out continuously due to differing collection timelines It would require additional vehicles and personnel resulting in unaffordable costs Ms Rose included that the current model allows for those that need the additional charge to initiate it She confirmed that Council wishes CWD to continue being the city's provider and concluded that staff will incorporate Council's direction

3. Receive a legislative update regarding approved Senate and House bills from the 88th regular and special sessions.

Ms. Rose reviewed significant bills passed by the 88th Legislature that impacted municipal operations. This record setting session included several local preemption bills, most notably HB 2127 the “Death Star” bill. The magnitude of the impact is not yet known. However, this bill has been ruled unconstitutional and is currently being challenged in the courts. Ms. Rose summarized noteworthy bills affecting land use, finance, economic development, public safety, personnel, open government, and elections. Staff will be working with the City Attorney and professional organizations to determine the impacts of the session on City operations.

4. Adjournment.

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.



Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:



Leah K Granger, City Secretary

