

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road, Sachse, Texas. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Watkins, Council Members Brett Franks, Charlie Ross, Bill Adams, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff. City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; Human Resources Director, Melinda Walter; Public Works and Engineering Director, Greg Peters; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Accountant, Karen Ramirez; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Community Development Director, Dusty McAfee; Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester, and Fire Chief, Marty Wade.

Mayor Felix opened the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND STATE FLAG: The invocation was offered by Councilman Bickerstaff and the pledges by Councilman Franks.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be acted on by one motion, with no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or citizen so requests.

17-3958 - Approve the minutes of the August 21, 2017 workshop meeting.

17-3959 - Approve the minutes of the August 21, 2017 regular meeting.

17-3950 – Approve renewing an Interlocal Agreement between Dallas County and the City of Sachse for Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Services for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

17-3960 – Accept the Quarterly Budget and Investment Reports for the quarter ended July 31, 2017.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve items the consent agenda items as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilman King thanked the Mayor for organizing and calling together the Pastor's group to set up the gift card drive for those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Councilman Ross stated Library events coming up include on September 12 at 6:00 p.m. an introduction to digital photography class and on September 19 at 6:00 p.m., talk like a pirate day celebration program. Councilman Ross stated that September is National Library Card Sign Up

month and encouraged everyone to sign up and receive a Library card. And for a limited time, the Library will be waiving fines if items are donated for Hurricane Harvey victims.

Mayor Felix announced on September 16 will be Public Safety Day; October 3 is National Night Out; October 21 Pumpkin Prowl at Salmon Park; October 28 is Fall Fest hosted by the Sachse Chamber of Commerce; November 23 the Turkey Trot; and on December 6 the City's first Christmas Extravaganza that will include a night parade at 6 p.m. following by the tree lighting at 7 p.m. with many other fun activities.

Mayor Felix provided an update on the Sachse Pastors Emergency Team gift card donation drive. The Sachse churches in less than a week's time collected over \$8,000 in gift cards. Gift cards will be collected through Monday, September 11 at the local churches or may be brought to the Sachse Police Department. Mayor Felix stated that he is proud to be in Sachse and overwhelmed with the response received with their donations.

Recognition to Sachse CERT.

Eva Hummel with Atmos Energy recognized Sachse CERT by donating \$5,000 to the organization. Ms. Hummel stated that their presence and service in the community and even during disasters outside of the community is amazing. They have given over 1800 hours of volunteer time this year alone. Atmos Energy wanted to recognize those efforts and the importance of their involvement in the community.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Jeron Williamson, 3730 Frost Street, is a member of Sachse CERT. He thanked Council for providing funding to CERT, which has allowed them to purchase new items including hard hats, vests, and back packs.

Jack Hawkins, 4305 Oak Bluff Lane, expressed his disappointment in Council for the denial of the 7-11 SUP. He thought it was a good use and idea for that area. He encouraged Council to be flexible in their Master Plans.

Kathy Cobb, 3820 Sixth Street, reiterated the sentiment of Mr. Hawkins regarding the 7-11 SUP. Ms. Cobb also encouraged Council to put a right turn lane on 190.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

17-3963 Presentation regarding the 2017 National Night Out.

Chief Sylvester presented Council with an update on this year's National Night Out, which is being held on Tuesday, October 3. Chief Sylvester stated it provides an opportunity for neighbors to meet each other, increase interaction and communication among citizens, police, and city leaders, as well as, encourage citizens to become involved in the prevention of crime in their community. This year Council can expect attendance at block parties, police motorcycle/ squad car visits, a

canned food drive, Public Safety Day on September 16 and the Senior Center Safety event on September 20. Chief Sylvester highlighted some details of the Public Safety Day and Senior Center Safety Day events, how residents can register for their block party, and not to forget to turn their front porch light on October 3.

No other comments were made.

17-3949 Conduct the second public hearing on the proposed Tax Rate for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

Mrs. Savage stated the next two items will overlap, therefore, the presentation will cover both items. She presented Council with an overview of information regarding the proposed tax rate and budget, which included the budget calendar, the certified rolls summary of the property taxes, effective and rollback tax rates, revenue comparisons, General Fund summary and recommended supplementals, the Vehicle Equipment Replacement Fund (VERF), fund balance analysis, capital projects, and the Utility Fund summary and recommended supplementals.

Mayor Felix opened the public hearing.

Jack Hawkins, 4305 Oak Bluff Drive, asked Council to consider reducing the tax rate substantially. He feels that the City is placing the tax burden on the taxpayers, which is not acceptable.

Kathy Cobb, 3820 Sixth Street, asked Council to consider a shade structure for the animal control vehicles, shaded area when they do clinics, and if the MDD is approved by voters in November, could some rehabilitation projects be done first instead.

Mike Kellam, 5619 Pinnacle Circle, stated that he was initially on the fence for the recreation center, but after realizing that the City is retiring debt and can replace that debt to fund other things, he would rather see it taken to the voters and be more bond specific.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Franks seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman King asked Mrs. Savage to explain the effective tax rate versus the rollback rate and how they are different.

17-3948 Conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget.

Mayor Felix opened the public hearing.

Jack Hawkins, 4305 Oak Bluff Drive, stated he doesn't understand how the City can continue at this rate and that 12% is too high. Mr. Hawkins urged Council to reconsider.

Mike Kellam, 5619 Pinnacle Circle, stated that Council is doing the right thing on the budget. He was encouraged to see partnership with CERT and asked for Council to continue.

Kathy Cobb, 3820 Sixth Street, would like to see continued support for the Senior Center.

Wilson Samuel, 6114 Lake Crest Drive, stated that with the tax increase they cannot afford to live in Sachse and urged Council to reconsider.

Jose Miranda, 6012 Crest Ridge, stated with the raising of taxes, it is becoming too expensive to live here. He asked Council to reconsider and to take into consideration the tax rate as the residents are feeling the burden.

Barbara Lecubet, 3412 Sweetgum Lane, stated with these values, she cannot afford to live here. She would like to keep everything where we are currently.

Alisa Martin, 7702 Meadowglen Drive, is concerned with the increasing property taxes. They are not a feasible rate.

Councilman Adams made a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

17-3961 Review and discuss draft ordinances for a Stormwater Utility and for updates to stormwater policies in the City of Sachse.

Mr. Peters presented an overview on the stormwater utility, which included the existing maintenance ordinance, a draft maintenance ordinance, current development requirements, draft development ordinance, and next steps. Mr. Peters stated that he is currently working with the Utility Billing Department on implementation. Staff is seeking feedback on the proposed language for the maintenance ordinance and the proposed requirements to include in the development ordinance. Final ordinances will be prepared and presented to Council at their October 2 meeting. If approved, staff will work with the consultant and the finance department to implement the utility billing processes.

Mayor Pro Tem Watkins stated that he has no issue with the maintenance ordinance. In regards to the development ordinance, Mayor Pro Tem Watkins asked for an example of structure and cost. Mr. Peters provided an example of how Wal-Mart is using filter fabric gas baskets which is a low cost solution and easy to maintain by their organization.

Jack Hawkins, 4305 Oak Bluff asked if this was funded out of sales tax and what is the responsibility of the homeowner. Mrs. Nash replied that it is not funded out of sales tax. It would be a separate fee on their utility bill. The ordinance as it stands today does not allow the City to go on private property. The proposed ordinances would allow the City the ability to do so. The City would still obtain consent before entering their property.

Frank Millsap, 3904 Miles Road, stated that he is not in favor of the proposed. He feels the City is double taxing. Mr. Millsap also questioned some wording within the ordinances and asked for more clarification on the cost between residential and commercial. Mrs. Nash responded that residential would have a flat rate of \$1.66 and non-residential with more than 4300 square foot would be a percentage. Mr. Peters explained that for non-residential, they take the total impervious surface area and divide by 4300 sq. ft. multiplied by 1.66. For a multi-family complex, this total amount would go to company who owns the complex. Mr. Peters added that the City formed a six member committee who met several times, ranked projects, and looked at compiling the fee structure.

Kathy Cobb, 3820 Sixth Street, asked what we paid the consultant, were they open meetings, and who determined the rate.

Mike Kellam, 5919 Pinnacle Circle, stated that the City needs to do something about this issue, therefore, is in favor.

17-3964 Consider approval of a purchase sale agreement between Children's Medical Center Foundation as seller and City of Sachse, Texas as Purchaser for approximately 2.0 acres tract of land.

Mr. Peters presented a brief history of this item. Mr. Peters stated the City's ten year CIP includes a construction of a new water tower in the Southeast corner of the City and the Water Master Plan identified the proposed location to be near Merritt Road and Pleasant Valley Road. Mr. Peters outlined the water system status, TCEQ requirements, future improvements, the property negotiations, and next steps. The design is complete except for the detailed geotechnical investigation and finalizing the structural design. Staff is recommending approval of an agreement to purchase the two acres from Children's Medical Foundation for \$525,000. If approved, staff will bid the project at the end of 2017, with construction to begin the first quarter of 2018.

Councilman Franks made a motion to approve a purchase sale agreement between Children's Medical Center Foundation as seller and City of Sachse, Texas as Purchaser for approximately 2.0 acres tract of land. Councilman Adams seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.074: Personnel regarding the yearly review of the City Secretary.

At 9:24 p.m. the City Council recessed into Executive Session.

At 11:26 p.m. the City Council reconvened back into regular session.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to increase the City Secretary salary to \$90,000 and to set the maximum accrual vacation hours to 240. Mayor Pro Tem Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 11:27 p.m.

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary


MIKE J FELIX, MAYOR

