

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
APRIL 15, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:30 PM at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road. Those present were: Councilmember Frank Millsap, Councilmember Chance Lindsey, Mayor Jeff Bickerstaff, Councilmember Michelle Howarth, Councilmember Matt Prestenberg, Mayor Pro Tem Brett Franks.

Those absent were: Councilmember Lindsay Buhler.

A. Meeting Opening

1. Call to Order: The City Council of the City of Sachse will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following items of business:

Mayor Bickerstaff called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

2. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

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

B. Recognition

1. Present a proclamation to recognize Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week.

Mayor Bickerstaff presented a proclamation to Terri O'Neal to recognize Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week and the hard work of the shelter staff. Police Chief Bryan Sylvester also expressed appreciation for the often unnoticed work the Animal Shelter staff performs.

2. Present a proclamation recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Mayor Bickerstaff presented a proclamation to Dispatch Supervisor Sharlene Thompson to recognize National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. He noted that it is their steadiness and expertise that help so many people until officers can reach them. Chief Sylvester added that the dispatchers are the unsung heroes as the initial first responders to an emergency.

3. Recognize the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) volunteer organizations for their dedication to the City of Sachse.

Mayor Bickerstaff recognized Sachse's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) for their dedication to the community. He added that their service helps make the community better.

4. Recognize American Heart Association Heartsaver Heroes for providing life-saving actions during a sudden cardiac arrest event.

Mayor Bickerstaff recognized several members of the Sachse Fire-Rescue team for life-saving

actions during a sudden cardiac arrest event. Fire-Rescue Chief Marty Wade recognized James Wiggs' family for initiating CPR, which proved crucial for Mr. Wiggs' survival.

C. Public Comment

1. The public is invited to address Council regarding any topic not already on the regular agenda. Comments regarding the Consent Agenda may be addressed during Public Comment. The time limit is 3 minutes per speaker. A Public Comment Card should be presented to the City Secretary prior to the meeting. According to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Council is prohibited from discussing any item not posted on the agenda but will take comments under advisement.

Michael Jones, a Sachse resident, addressed the Council regarding the pavement condition of his alley.

D. Council/Staff Reports and Updates

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

Councilmember Prestenberg announced that the Animal Shelter will have a vaccination event on May 4. Councilmember Howarth reminded the public that the municipal election is on May 4 with early voting running from April 22 - 30. She encouraged all qualified voters to take advantage of that right, regardless of who they may be voting for.

Ms. Nash welcomed new employee Temoc Castaneda Bazaldua as the newest Parks Maintenance Technician I. She congratulated Vidal Contreras on his promotion to Streets Maintenance Technician III. Ms. Nash was also delighted to announce the upcoming Farmers Markets on the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the 5th Street District. The first market will be on May 11 and run through October.

Mayor Bickerstaff's announcements:

- Ballot by Mail applications must be received by the residing county office no later than April 23. Contact your county or Leah Granger (lgranger@cityofsachse.com) with questions.
- Registration for the fourth class of the Sachse Citizens Fire Academy closes Thursday, April 18. Check out the City website for details.
- The City has moved to a new agenda and meeting management platform, CivicClerk. To continue receiving agenda packet newsletters, please subscribe to the lists of interest on the new system. Check the City website for details or contact Leah Granger with any questions at lgranger@cityofsachse.com.

E. Consent Agenda - All items listed on the consent agenda will be considered by the City Council and will be enacted on by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests.

1. Approve the April 1, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

Councilmember Howarth made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Prestenberg seconded the motion, and it carried 6 - 0.

None voted against.

F. Regular Agenda Items

1. Consider and approve an ordinance adopting the 2024 Water Conservation and Water Resources and Emergency Management Plan.

Ms. Nash reminded everyone that Sachse purchases water from the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). As a customer city of that provider, the City is responsible for adopting a water resource and emergency management plan every five years. Director of Public Works and CIP Corey Nesbit noted that this is basically a conservation and drought contingency program. Staff has gone through training and classes with NTMWD to review the current plan and updates. The plan implements multiple methods and strategies to provide short-term and long-term plans to save water. Main elements of the conservation plan include reducing water loss and waste, improving efficiency, maximizing recycling and reuse, protecting and preserving environmental resources, extending the life of the current water supply, and raising public awareness. Sachse is already doing many of these things, including encouraging use of the [WaterMyYard.org](https://www.watermyyard.org) app and adopting a permanent outdoor watering schedule. Objectives for the water resource and emergency management plan are to save water during droughts, water shortages, or emergencies; to save water for domestic use, sanitation, and fire protection; and to protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety.

Councilmember Millsap encouraged education for residents and business owners on proper watering and care of lawns.

Councilmember Millsap made a motion to approve the ordinance and plans as presented. Councilmember Howarth seconded the motion, and it carried 6 - 0.

None voted against.

2. Adjournment.

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.


Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:


Leah K Granger, City Secretary

