

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 16, 2021

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, August 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Bickerstaff, Councilmembers Brett Franks, Michelle Howarth, Frank Millsap, Chance Lindsey, and Cullen King. City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; IT Manager, Mike Pastor; IT Staff, James Burns; Strategic Services Director, Lauren Rose; CIP and Public Works Director, Corey Nesbit; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Assistant Director of Finance, David Baldwin; Development Services Director, Matt Robinson; Assistant to the City Manager, Amanda Chi; Assistant to the City Manager-Economic Development, Jerod Potts; Fire Chief, Marty Wade; Deputy Fire Chief, Lee Richardson; and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester.

Mayor Felix opened the workshop meeting at 6:33 p.m.

MASTER FEE SCHEDULE: Discuss amending the Master Fee Schedule by amending fire services, ambulance services, development services, wastewater rates and solid waste charges.

Mrs. Savage presented proposed changes to the Master Fee Schedule which included fire services and inspections, ambulance services, development services zoning request fees, and refuse and wastewater rates. The proposed changes would be brought back for approval at the September 7 City Council meeting, and would be effective October 1.

Councilman King asked if the ambulance fees were still for non-residents only and if food trucks within an HOA would have to register. Chief Wade confirmed that the ambulance fees are for non-residents only, and that any food truck within the City would register.

Councilman Lindsey asked if the food trucks would have to register for each event. Chief Wade noted that their registration is good for six months. Therefore, would not need to register for each event.

Councilman Millsap asked about the critical care fees.

Mayor Pro Tem Bickerstaff asked if the zoning fees were in line with other cities. Mr. Robinson confirmed.

BUDGET FY 2021-2022: Discuss the City Manager's proposed budget for programs and services for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Mrs. Savage presented a review of the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. She noted an amendment to the financial policies, which will add an approval level to expenditures for Managers or Assistant Directors of departments. She also presented an overview of the General

Fund, Debt Service Fund, Utility Fund, Truth in Taxation date, departmental summaries, Vehicle/Equipment Replacement Fund (VERF), and the Capital budget. She noted no other changes were made since the budget workshop.

No comments or questions were made.

Mayor Felix adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Felix opened the regular meeting at 7:16 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND STATE FLAGS:

Councilman King offered the invocation and Councilman Millsap led the pledges.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilman King encouraged residents to adopt an animal from the shelter and use the Safe Trade Zone provided by the Police Department outside the Public Safety building.

Councilman Franks stated the Parks and Recreation Guide to Fun fall edition is now available.

Mayor Felix thanked the area Mayors from the cities of Rowlett, Wylie, and Murphy for sharing their State of the City presentations, as well as the Chamber of Commerce for hosting. A special thanks was given to Amanda for assisting the Chamber and putting the event together.

CITIZEN INPUT:

No comments were made.

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 City Councilmember or citizen so requests.

- 1. Approve moving the first regular City Council meeting in September to Tuesday, September 7, 2021.**
- 2. Approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021, combined meeting.**
- 3. Accept the 2021 certified tax rolls as approved by the Dallas and Collin Appraisal Districts.**
- 4. Accept the Public Safety Quarantine Policy in accordance with Chapter 180.008 of the Local Government Code regarding paid quarantine leave for Public Safety personnel.**
- 5. Accept the Mental Health Leave Policy in accordance with Chapter 614, Subchapter A-1 of the Local Government Code regarding mental health leave for Peace Officers.**

Councilman Millsap requested to pull item 4.

Mayor Pro Tem Bickerstaff made a motion to approve consent agenda items 1, 2, 3 and 5. Councilman Millsap seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Millsap asked in regards to item 4 if there was a way to extend the policy to all employees not just Public Safety. He requested making the motion contingent upon bringing back for further discussion. Mrs. Nash replied she would look into and bring back to the City Council for consideration.

Councilman King made a motion to approve consent agenda item 4 contingent on bringing policy back for all employees. Councilman Millsap seconded that motion. Motion fails with a 6-1 vote. Councilman Millsap voting in favor.

Councilman King made a motion to approve consent agenda item 4 as presented. Councilwoman Howarth seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Millsap requested staff to bring back the policy for all employees at the next meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Consider receipt of the City Manager's Proposed Budget for programs and services for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Councilman King made a motion to receive the City Manager's Proposed Budget for programs and services for the 2021-2022 fiscal year as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consider placing a proposal to adopt a tax rate of \$0.700734 per \$100 of assessed property values for the 2021-2022 fiscal year as an action item on the September 7, 2021, City Council meeting agenda.

Mrs. Savage stated the proposed tax rate is lower than the No-New-Revenue rate of \$0.700735 and Voter-Approval rate of \$0.787231. Therefore, no public hearing is required. However, at the public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate to be held on September 7, citizens will have the opportunity to express their support or opposition to the proposed rate. Mrs. Savage noted that the City will be decreasing the rate by almost two cents.

Councilman Lindsey made a motion to approve placing a proposal to adopt a tax rate of \$0.700734 per \$100 of assessed property values for the 2021-2022 fiscal year as an action item on the September 7, 2021, City Council meeting agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consider an ordinance ordering a Bond Election to be held on November 2, 2021 for various street and road projects, and a municipal animal shelter.

Mayor Felix opened the floor for any public comments.

Matthew Holboke, 5511 Oakridge Circle, expressed his frustration for the proposed bond package including the amounts attached to each, and the lack of consideration by the City Council and staff to take into the input and recommendation set forth by the Bond Committee.

Councilman Franks made a motion to approve an ordinance ordering a Bond Election to be held on November 2, 2021 for various street and road projects, and a municipal animal shelter with discussion. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bickerstaff.

Councilman Franks requested staff to bring back the screening walls for further discussion by the Council since it is not included within the bond package.

Councilman Millsap stated he was not in favor of the bond package as presented. He raised questions regarding the speed humps on Bailey Road, the upkeep of retaining walls, and the amount attached to build an Animal Shelter.

Motion passed with a 6-1 vote. Councilman Millsap voting in opposition.

Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Vector Concepts, Inc. in an amount not to exceed one hundred sixteen thousand, five hundred and twenty-eight dollars and zero cents (\$116,528.00) to purchase and install damaged flooring at City Hall and the Sachse Public Library.

Mr. Whitworth stated City Hall and the Library experienced flooring damaged caused by the winter storm in February. As a result, staff received monies from the Texas Municipal League for insurance reimbursement plus will be able to use CARES Act funds for the purchase and installation of the new flooring. Staff is recommending to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Vector Concepts, Inc.

Councilman Lindsey asked if the public safety building (EOC room) was included. Mr. Whitworth indicated it was not.

Mayor Pro Tem Bickerstaff asked when they would be able to start and the duration of the installation. Jason Saltana with Vector Concepts stated it would take a few weeks to receive the flooring, but anticipating starting in October and taking an additional two to three weeks to complete with a total production time of six to ten weeks.

Councilman Franks made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Vector Concepts, Inc. in an amount not to exceed one hundred sixteen thousand, five hundred and twenty-eight dollars and zero cents (\$116,528.00) to purchase and install damaged flooring at City

Hall and the Sachse Public Library. Councilman Millsap seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section §551.087 Economic Development Deliberations: To deliberate the offer or other financial incentive to a business prospect generally located along 5th Street.

At 8:02 p.m., the City Council recessed into Executive Session.

At 8:38 p.m., the City Council reconvened into the regular meeting.

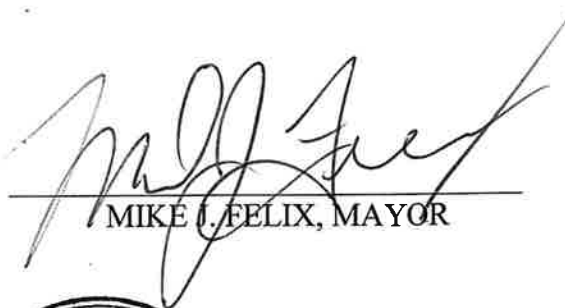
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary


MIKE I. FELIX, MAYOR

