CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 2019

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a workshop and regular meeting on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 3815 Sachse Road, Sachse, Texas. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Adams, Councilmembers Brett Franks, Michelle Howarth, Paul Watkins, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff; City Attorney, Joe Gorfida; City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; Strategic Services Manager, Lauren Rose; Development Services Director, Matt Robinson; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; IT Manager, Danny Wheeler; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Human Resources Director; Melinda Walter; Fire Chief, Marty Wade, and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester.

Mayor Felix opened the workshop meeting at 6:32 p.m.

DALLAS COUNTY VOTE CENTERS: Receive a presentation regarding Dallas County Vote Centers.

Mrs. Lewis Sirianni provided an update regarding Dallas County pursuing Vote Centers. She reviewed timeline of actions taken by Dallas County and showed videos of the equipment that was purchased and will be used during elections. Mrs. Lewis Sirianni stated the Vote Centers will be effective for the November 5, 2019 election with Dallas County residents being able to vote at any designated Vote Center location during Early Voting and on Election Day. Collin County residents will see no change and will continue to vote at any designated Vote Center location within Collin County. The City will contract with both counties moving forward to conduct elections, whether it is during a May general election or during a November general election.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams requested the videos to be placed online and confirmed residents would vote at a Vote Center within the county they reside.

Councilwoman Howarth asked if Collin County residents would still be required to vote at two different locations for a City election. Mrs. Lewis Sirianni responded no. Collin County residents would be able to vote once at a Collin County Vote Center.

Councilman King asked if curbside voting would still be available. Mrs. Lewis Sirianni responded yes. We would not lose that capability.

Councilman Bickerstaff confirmed that on Election Day, Dallas County residents could vote anywhere within Dallas County. They would not necessarily have to come to City Hall. Mrs. Lewis Sirianni stated that is correct, as long as it was a designated voting location.

Mayor Felix asked if this would delay the timeframe of receiving results. Mrs. Lewis Sirianni replied it should not and, if anything, they anticipate to receive the results faster than the previous voting method permitted. The only delay may result in having to wait to receive results from both counties.

86th TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION: Receive a review of the 86th regular Texas legislative session.

Mr. Gorfida highlighted five bills that have significant impacts to cities that were passed during the legislative session. He reviewed HB 2439, regarding building materials (currently in effect); HB 3167, regarding the platting approval process; HB 2840, regarding public comments on agenda items; SB 944, regarding public information (effective September 1, 2019), and SB 2, known as the "Texas Property Tax Reform and Transparency Act" (effective January 1, 2020).

The City Council discussed each bill separately after the review.

HB 2439: The City Council discussed how this bill affects HOAs, development agreements, and if there are any possible exceptions. Mr. Gorfida stated it does not affect HOAs and there are several exceptions, however, most would not be applicable to Sachse.

HB 3167: Councilman Bickerstaff asked what would happen if a plat is denied. Mr. Gorfida indicated the applicant would have to go through the process again, including paying the fees to the City. Mrs. Nash added the staff has not had an issue and has been internally following the same 30-day process. The only new part would be having an explanation if denied and the 15-day decision period.

HB 2840: The City Council asked if this pertains to workshop items. Mr. Gorfida stated the bill only addresses action items and does not apply to non-action items discussed during the workshop.

SB 944: The City Council discussed how this bill applies to text messages and how to preserve under the Records Retention Act.

SB 2: No further discussion or comments made by the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Mayor Felix opened the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND STATE FLAG: Councilman King offered the invocation and Councilman Bickerstaff led the pledges.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilwoman Howarth announced upcoming Library events.

Councilman Franks invited everyone to "Meet the Mustangs" night at Sachse High School on Wednesday, August 7. They will have food trucks, games, etc.

Councilman King stated the Sachse Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers for Fallfest held in October, encouraged residents to donate school supplies at a local food pantry or 5 Loaves, located in Sachse, and to adopt from the Animal Shelter.

Mayor Felix wished Councilman Bickerstaff a happy 50th birthday.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Jerry Nichols, 2005 Portsmouth Drive, Richardson, representing Angie Chen Button's office invited everyone to the annual Senior Awareness Day at the Richardson Civic Center on Friday, August 9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

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 the minutes of the July 15, 2019, combined meeting.

2. Approve the minutes of the July 22, 2019, workshop meeting.

3. Approve moving the first regular City Council meeting in September to Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

4. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending June 30, 2019.

5. Accept the 2019 certified tax rolls as approved by the Dallas and Collin County Appraisal Districts.

6. Authorize the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Sachse and North Central Texas Emergency Communication District for Regional 911 service.

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Consider receipt of and discuss the City Manager's Proposed Budget for Programs and Services for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

Mrs. Savage stated copies of the proposed budget would be available on the City's website, the City Secretary's office, and the Library. Mrs. Savage presented the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Mrs. Savage reviewed the truth in taxation data, General Fund revenue and summaries, departmental summaries, Utility Fund revenue and summaries, debt service summary, the Vehicle/equipment replacement Fund (VERF), supplementals in the General and Utility funds, the capital budget, and proposed projects.

There was no discussion or comments made by the City Council.

Councilman Franks made a motion to accept receipt of the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consider placing a proposal to adopt a tax rate of $0.720000 per $100 of assessed property values for the 2019-2020 fiscal year as an action item on the September 16, 2019 regular City Council meeting and schedule two public hearings to be held August 19, 2019 and September 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Sachse City Hall.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to adopt a tax rate of $0.720000 per $100 of assessed property values for the 2019-2020 fiscal year as an action item on the September 16, 2019 regular City Council meeting and schedule two public hearings to be held August 19, 2019 and September 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Sachse City Hall. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Receive an update on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for parks and trails projects.

Mr. Whitworth presented an overview of the expansion projects for the parks and trails CIP. Park expansion projects include the Community Center (currently being built), a future splash pad and Heritage Park expansion projects. Trail expansion projects include Muddy Creek Trail and the 5th Street/Sachse Road Trail. Mr. Whitworth reviewed the rehabilitation projects that have been completed, as well as those that have not. Staff is seeking feedback on individual projects, which the City Council would like staff to provide more detail on, further analysis, or move up/down the priority list.

Ray Proctor, 6705 Valley View Lane, stated he is very happy to see a CIP on the parks and trails. Mr. Proctor then stated he is concerned with the trucks on Pleasant Valley Road. He commented that he thought the City of Garland was responsible for the upkeep of the road. Mrs. Nash replied that she would be happy to discuss this with him after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the regular meeting at 8:31 p.m.

MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Michelle Lewis Sirianni

Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

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