

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 2, 2021

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, August 2, 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; Recreation Manager, Cynthia Wiseman; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Assistant Director of Finance, David Baldwin; 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 6:01 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section §551.071(2) to consult with the City Attorney regarding legal matters related to Vicksburg Drive drainage easements.

At 6:31 p.m., the City Council recessed into Executive Session.

At 7:09 p.m., the City Council reconvened into the regular meeting.

BOND 2021 PROJECTS: Discuss potential Bond 2021 projects.

Mrs. Rose reviewed the recommendation of the Bond Committee for the City Council to call an election to consider the issuance of general obligation bonds for projects. Three scenarios were provided at \$72 million, \$55 million, and \$43 million and how those amounts affect the estimated tax rate. Staff is seeking feedback on which package the Council would like to move forward with if they choose to call an election.

Mayor Pro Tem Bickerstaff stated he is in favor of the \$55 million package. He is in favor of the Animal Shelter at \$5 million, removing the Blackburn/Ingram Road project, and the bridge off of the Sachse Road project from the November Bond ballot. Councilwoman Howarth agreed, but preferred the road projects were bundled differently.

Councilman King is in favor of the \$55 million package as it is proposed.

Councilman Millsap stated he is in favor of the \$55 million package, but would like to see the projects identified in the \$5 million neighborhood residential streets package. He noted that he would also like to see the language 'not to exceed' on each proposition and stand-alone propositions for each project versus projects bundled together.

Mrs. Nash commented that debt would only be issued up to each proposed amount and the City would only issue debt based on the project amount, giving a check point for the City Council to review the costs associated with each project before selling any debt.

Mayor Felix commented on the neighborhood streets package bond proposition for \$5 million and if additional information is needed within the proposition language.

Jason Hughes noted that the City has the ability to educate and provide factual information to the residents regarding the bond propositions.

Mayor Felix opened comments to the public.

Lola Smith, 6205 Big Valley, would like the city to focus on the streets and flooding issues.

Lindsay Buhler, 7119 Cottonwood Circle, stated she would like the City Council to consider the four-lane road expansion on Blackburn/Ingram as part of the bond election due to no sidewalks, traffic, and safety issues.

Tim Shivers, 7005 Wilhelmina Drive, stated he would like the signaling with turn lane on Blackburn/Ingram come back to the City Council at a future date. He also encouraged the City to share plans of projects so that citizens are aware, especially the Blackburn/Ingram Road project, and provided additional background information of how the Bond Committee came to their charge issued to the City Council.

Matthew Holboke, 5511 Oakridge Circle, questioned the costs associated with the Bailey Road project and where the road would end on the Sachse Road project without the bridge.

Councilman Franks addressed the cost associated with the Animal Shelter and the bridge on Sachse Road and where the road would be tapered down. He stated that he supports the Sachse Road project and not placing Blackburn/Ingram on the ballot. He does not support the \$72 million bond package based on what it would do to the tax rate.

Councilman Millsap commented that he would like to make bonds available to the public.

Mayor Felix questioned if the speed humps would be placed back on Bailey Road and if the stop signs meet City ordinance requirements. Mr. Nesbit indicated that speed humps are not allowed by ordinance on collector streets, but the stop signs meet current standards. He stated that a full traffic study would be done with the design of the project.

Mayor Felix stated he is in favor of the \$55 million bond package.

Mrs. Nash noted staff will bring ballot language for each proposition for consideration at the next meeting for the \$55 million bond package in order to call the election.

Mayor Felix adjourned the workshop meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Mayor Felix opened the regular meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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

Councilman Franks offered the invocation and Councilwoman Howarth led the pledges.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

No comments were made.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Tim Shivers, 7005 Wilhelmina, asked when the agenda item regarding the implementation of a traffic signal at Blackburn Ingram would be coming to Council. He would like to comment, but would wait until the item is presented.

Mrs. Nash replied that the item is coming back to the City Council. However, no date has been established at this time, but she would contact Mr. Shivers to notify him so that he could attend.

Lola Smith, 6205 Big Valley Lane, commented on the Blackburn/Ingram road by suggesting that the City Council place stop signs at Hilltop, Big Valley, and Ingram to slow down the traffic.

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 26, 2021, combined meeting.

2. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending June 30, 2021.

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Take any action as a result of Executive Session.

No action was taken.

Discuss and consider adopting the goals and objectives set forth and approved by the Sachse Economic Development Corporation on July 15, 2021.

Trent Petty with Petty and Associates provided an overview of the steps taken by the City Council and EDC up to this point. He presented the business attraction goals, objectives, and priority action items that were approved by the EDC.

Councilman Franks asked if there was the ability to change some of the wording on some of the business attractions. Mr. Petty commented that the City Council has the ability to change them as they would like.

Mrs. Nash outlined a work plan based on the fifteen priority action items to be accomplished by mid to late 2022 with a progress report to be given to the City Council in early 2022. Staff requests adopting and approving the goals and objectives set forth by the EDC.

Mayor Pro Tem Bickerstaff made a motion to approve the goals and objectives set forth and approved by the Sachse Economic Development Corporation. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Receive an update from Community Waste Disposal on changes to the City's Master Fee Schedule.

Greg Roemer, President of CWD, provided an update that included how COVID-19 affected their staff along with an increased volume of trash and bulk items. Mr. Roemer indicated the inclement weather that took place in February also impacted them due to not being able to have service collected for a week. Due to the increase in call and material volumes, CWD purchased additional trucks and hired additional staff to alleviate some of the impact incurred. Mr. Roemer indicated the annual rate adjustment this year includes the CPI, fuel, and landfill fees. The rate adjustment from 2020 to 2021 will increase by \$1.05 per resident each month.

The City Council discussed the increase in volume and how that has affected pick up for residents, bulk trash pickup, and diesel versus compressed natural gas fuel pricing. The City Council requested continued communication and education to the residents regarding bulk trash pickup and service delays.

Receive an overview of the completed Fire Department Master Plan 2021 from Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI).

Mr. Gilbert, Business Development Director with ESCI presented the City Council with overall observations based on their analysis of the Fire Department and noted critical issues and future challenges. The analysis included a review of many background areas including past research, local census and demographic data, community growth management plans, budgets, facilities and apparatus, incident records, GIS data, and a site visit. Mr. Gilbert also noted statistical data regarding service demand by incident type, time of day, geographical area, and response times. Staffing and personnel management and capital facilities and equipment findings were identified. Short, mid, and long-term recommendations were highlighted with several of them being accomplished. Mr. Gilbert concluded by outlining three different scenarios on how the department could deploy additional staffing and equipment along with estimated costs to do each of them.

The City Council discussed if there was any land designated for public safety within The Station development, and anticipated facilities within that area.

Receive an update and discuss the hours of operation for the Michael J. Felix Community Center.

Mrs. Wiseman presented an update on current summer hours and programs, with proposed annual hours of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and remaining closed on Sunday and Monday. Staff recommends establishing an annual schedule for residents, and could bring back the schedule at the Council's request or if any new trends are identified.

Councilman Franks stated he would like to see Monday hours added eventually.

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 the President George Bush Turnpike.

The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section §551.087 Economic Development Negotiations: discussion of Economic Development incentive for retail or commercial business projects seeking to locate within the City of Sachse.

At 10:11 p.m., the City Council recessed into Executive Session.

At 10:59 p.m., the City Council reconvened into the regular meeting.

Councilwoman Howarth made a motion to authorize the City Manager as the Executive Director of Sachse Economic Development Corporation to negotiate and execute an economic development agreement on behalf of the City Council with Avalon Sachse I LLC, and any amendments and instruments related thereto. Councilman Franks seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 11:01 p.m.

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

