

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 26, 2021

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, July 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Bickerstaff, Councilmembers Brett Franks, 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; Development Services Director, Matt Robinson; Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Cynthia Wiseman; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Assistant Finance Director, David Baldwin; Library Manager, Daniel Laney; Building Maintenance Supervisor, Shawn Bridgeman; Assistant to the City Manager, Amanda Chi; Executive Assistant to the City Manager, Leah Granger; Fire Chief, Marty Wade; Deputy Fire Chief, Lee Richardson; and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester; Bond 2021 Committee members Charles Elk, Chair, Lindsey Buhler, Scott McMurdie, and Josh Ackles. Bond 2021 Committee members Tim Shivers and Brad Ford participated virtually. Councilmember Michelle Howarth and Bond 2021 Committee member John McKinney were absent.

Mayor Felix opened the workshop meeting at 6:05 p.m.

BOND 2021 RECOMMENDATION: Receive a recommendation from the Bond 2021 Committee.

Mrs. Rose presented a public engagement and committee overview regarding the proposed bond. A dedicated email and website page were set up, six ZOOM live Q&A sessions were held, and events were promoted on Facebook and shared in the online newsletter, the Sachse Scene. A survey for Bailey Road was also sent to residents who live on this road. Mrs. Rose recognized the members of the committee, noted they met four times including one being a tour of the potential projects. The Committee received information about specific capital projects and associated costs, as well as funding options. The Committee received several scenarios from the City's Financial Advisor in order to decide on a dollar amount they were comfortable with presenting.

Jason Hughes presented a summary of the tax rate impact based on three different dollar amounts. Mr. Hughes noted that the Attorney General typically will allow for the issuance of voted bond authority for a period of approximately ten years after a successful bond election. Voter authority gives the City Council the right to issue GO bonds, but not an obligation to issue GO bonds.

Charles Elk, Bond Committee Chair, presented the recommendation from the Committee to the City Council. The Committee recommends calling a bond election to consider the issuance of general obligation bonds for the following projects in the following groups: Sachse Road, phase II-IV; Bailey Road/Hooper Road, Williford Road, and West Creek Road; Blackburn/Ingram Road; Neighborhood residential streets package; and the Sachse Animal Shelter.

Mrs. Nash reminded the audience of the situation with Dallas County relative to Sachse Road, as well as recalled the Council's discussion on Blackburn/Ingram Road and its last meeting. She also noted concerns about the proposed dollar amount for the Animal Shelter. Mrs. Nash suggested removing the bridge from the Sachse Road project and using the fund balance for the signalization project on Blackburn/Ingram. Mrs. Nash explained concern that the proposed \$2.5 million will only allow a rehab of the Animal Shelter, and recommended an increase from \$2.5 million to \$5 million if a new constructed Animal Shelter was desired. The revised bond package with the information presented by Mrs. Nash would total \$55 million.

The City Council and Bond Committee members discussed the tax rate based on scenarios presented and the potential projects presented including Blackburn/Ingram Road, Sachse Road, and the Animal Shelter. Most notably the discussion focused on the importance of identifying regional partnership for the ultimate solution on Blackburn/Ingram Road project, and whether the proposed \$2.5 million for the Animal Shelter would be sufficient or insufficient.

The City Council requested staff to bring item back for further Council discussion at the next City Council meeting.

The Bond 2021 Committee adjourned.

PRELIMINARY 2021-2022 BUDGET: Discuss the preliminary 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget.

Mrs. Savage presented the preliminary FY 2021-2022 budget by providing an overview of the General and Utility funds including revenues and expenditures. She also presented a summary comparison of each departmental fund and the vehicle/equipment replacement fund (VERF).

Mrs. Nash presented a compensation update and recommendation along with the supplemental requests based on how they align with the goals from the strategic plan.

Mrs. Savage concluded with summaries of the preliminary budget for the General and Utility funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

The City Council discussed the compensation recommendation, the proposed alley projects, and monies available within the fund balance.

No further comments or questions were made.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP): Discuss the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Mr. Nesbit provided an overview of current funded projects underway including Sachse Road Phase I, Anthony Lane sewer system project, Merritt Road, the Muddy Creek sewer main, the Maxwell Creek pump station reconstruction, Sable Hill lift station, and the Public Works pump station emergency generator. Mr. Nesbit also presented project recommendations with utilities, roads/streets, and drainage, and the street projects presented within the supplementals for the 2021-2022 preliminary budget. Staff is recommending selecting the alley packages to be included in the funding from the General Fund supplemental with the remaining funding to be transferred from

the Fund Balance. Other funding for projects may be done in combination of Street Maintenance Tax, Fund Balance, and Roadway Impact Fees as appropriate.

No comments or questions were made by the City Council.

Mayor Felix adjourned the workshop meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Felix opened the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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

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

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

No comments were made.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Butch Kemper, 7107 Longmeadow Drive, stated he was disappointed in the traffic survey results regarding a four-way stop at Blackburn/Ingram Road. However, he would like to make it a proper road. Therefore, does not agree with the signalization option that was given.

Matthew Holboke, 5511 Oakridge Circle, expressed his frustration with not receiving justification for the \$20 million proposed for collector streets on a possible bond election as well as not adding sound walls on Sachse Road.

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 12, 2021, combined meeting.

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Consider a resolution approving the 2021 annual update to the service and assessment plan and assessment roll for public improvements for the Sachse Public Improvement District No. 1.

Mrs. Nash provided a brief introduction and noted the service and assessment plan must be reviewed and updated annually per the Texas Local Government Code.

Kirk McDaniel with Petty and Associates and Jason Hughes with Hilltop Securities were in attendance for any questions.

No comments or questions were made by the City Council.

Councilman King made a motion to approve a resolution approving the 2021 annual update to the service and assessment plan and assessment roll for public improvements for the Sachse Public Improvement District No. 1. Mayor Pro Tem Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Conduct a public hearing and consider the adoption of an ordinance accepting and approving an operations and maintenance service and assessment plan update and operations and maintenance assessment roll for the Sachse Public Improvement District No. 1, levying operations and maintenance assessments against certain property in the District and making certain findings and determinations relating to the District.

Mrs. Nash provided a brief introduction and noted a public hearing is required to be held to consider proposed assessments.

Mayor Felix opened the public hearing.

No comments were made.

Mayor Felix closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Bickerstaff made a motion to approve the adoption of an ordinance accepting and approving an operations and maintenance service and assessment plan update and operations and maintenance assessment roll for the Sachse Public Improvement District No. 1, levying operations and maintenance assessments against certain property in the District and making certain findings and determinations relating to the District. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michelle Lewis Sirianni
Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary


MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

