

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2023

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6 30 p m at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road Councilmembers present were Mayor Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor Pro Tem Brett Franks, Councilmembers Michelle Howarth, Frank Millsap, Chance Lindsey, Lindsay Buhler, and Matt Prestenberg

MEETING OPENING

1 Call to Order

Mayor Bickerstaff called the meeting to order at 6 30 p m

2 Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Franks offered the invocation and Councilmember Buhler led the pledges

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 Present a proclamation to Nicole Alvarez for earning the 2022-2023 Girl Scout Gold Award

Mayor Bickerstaff recognized Nicole Alvarez with a proclamation for earning the 2022-2023 Girl Scout Gold Award

2 Proclamation recognizing the month of July 2023 as Parks and Recreation Month in Sachse

Parks and Recreation Month was recognized with a proclamation presented to Cynthia Wiseman, Recreation Manager, and Jordan Beaulieu, Leisure Services Coordinator

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

Councilmember Prestenberg congratulated Ms Alvarez for her accomplishment Mayor Pro Tem Franks commented that summer camps are underway with great response Councilmember Millsap detailed upcoming Library events

Ms Nash's announcements

- Congratulations to Alfredo Rios on his promotion to Maintenance Technician II after earning his Class B CDL and Class D Water License
- Staff is happy to welcome Maricela Aguilar to the team as the new custodian
- Staff is excited to see everyone enjoying the new J K Sachse park and splash pad this summer She asked everyone to help keep the park looking beautiful by collecting any trash and belongings that they bring before leaving This will help ensure that the park stays clean for all visitors to enjoy throughout the day

Mayor Bickerstaff's announcements

- The hours of operation at the Laurie Schwenk Senior Activity Center are changing to 8 a m – 4 p m , Monday through Friday
- The Red, White, and Blue Blast will be on July 3 at Heritage Park
- City offices will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day
- The City is taking reservations for the next Citizens Police Academy class that begins on August 15 This is a great opportunity to gain a better understanding of the Sachse Police Department Some requirements apply, please check the City website for details
- As a reminder, the next City Council meeting will be held on July 31

CONSENT AGENDA

1 Approve the June 5, 2023, regular meeting minutes

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed after the Consent Agenda vote Sachse resident, Matthew Holboke, addressed the Council regarding meeting minutes

Councilmember Howarth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented Mayor Pro Tem Franks seconded the motion for discussion He clarified that the meeting minutes Mr Holboke referred to are not wrong During the meeting presentation in question the wrong company name was spoken The agenda item and associated approvals were correct and, as a result, the mistake was not detailed in the minutes This did not render the minutes inaccurate because the correct item was approved Mayor Bickerstaff noted that the minutes have been approved unanimously each time The motion to approve the minutes as presented passed unanimously

2 Approve a resolution of the City of Sachse, Texas, approving and authorizing the submittal of the grant application to Collin County Park and Open Space Project Funding Assistance Program for the design of the Maxwell Creek Trail Connection within the Cities of Sachse, Wylie, and Murphy, and providing for an effective date

Councilmember Howarth made a motion to approve item number two as presented Councilmember Prestenberg seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously

3 Authorize the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with Verizon Wireless for space for an antenna and equipment located at the Public Works Water Tower at 6420 Sachse Road

Councilmember Millsap requested that this item be removed from the Consent Agenda. He stated that he did not think the Verizon contract presented was a good use of resident taxes. Ms. Rose clarified that the City does not pay Verizon using resident taxes. Verizon pays rent to the City for the use of space on the elevated tank. After some negotiation with Verizon, staff recommends the presented rent escalation plan. Ms. Nash stipulated that the rent terms may be a little less favorable to the City, however, Verizon's updated coverage in the city will enhance and improve cell service in the area. The updated network is a long-term value to the community. Councilmember Prestenberg expounded that nothing else goes on top of a water tower and the rent is free revenue coming in to the City. He believes the agreement being made is good for the city and appreciates the rent escalation plan. Councilmember Buhler mentioned that the revenue may have been reduced slightly, but the original agreement was through 2039 and the proposed agreement guarantees service through 2063. Ms. Rose agreed that by extending the agreement to 2063, the City has the ability to potentially generate over \$1,000,000 in revenue.

Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the lease agreement as presented. Councilmember Howarth seconded the motion, and it carried 6-1 with Councilmember Millsap voting against the item.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1 Conduct a public hearing to consider an ordinance of the City of Sachse, Texas, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Sachse, as heretofore amended, by granting a special use permit to allow for the location of a gas station on land zoned Turnpike Mixed Use, on +/- 1.573 acres, generally located at the northeast corner of President George Bush Turnpike and Merritt Road, City of Sachse, Dallas County, Texas, more particularly described in Exhibit "A" and shown in Exhibit "B" providing a repealing clause, providing a severability clause, providing a savings clause, providing a penalty of fine not to exceed the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for each offense, and providing for an effective date

Mr. Robinson presented the request for a special use permit to locate a gas station on the northeast corner of the President George Bush Turnpike and Merritt Road. Charles Hodges, with Hodges Architecture and representing the Huffines community, spoke on the Aria Market plan being more of a shopping center rather than a traditional gas station. Mayor Bickerstaff opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. Sachse resident Nicole Alvarez addressed the Council about the proximity of other gas stations. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m. Councilmember Howarth noted the redirection of Merritt Road will change the layout and traffic of that area making a gas station appropriate for the corner. In response to questions from Council, Mr. Hodges noted that they do not have particular vendors in place and the entrance plan takes the access road into consideration.

Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the SUP as presented. Councilmember Howarth seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2 Conduct a public hearing to consider and act on a request for a sign variance for a mural, generally located west of State Highway 78 and north of Third Street, within Sachse city limits

Mr. Robinson explained the sign variance request by Chase Oaks and how it relates to the current Code of Ordinances. Murals are not currently permitted without a variance. General consensus among the councilmembers was positive in relation to the mural, however, there was disagreement whether that should be accomplished through a variance or by changing the sign ordinance. A variance remains with the property and requires any other mural requests to be addressed through other variances. Changing the Code of Ordinances to accommodate murals allows Council to specify what would be permitted in the city. Some councilmembers preferred a more permanent change that would take subjectivity out of the equation and others preferred the necessity of reviewing each case for determination.

Applicant Todd Baughman, Sachse resident and pastor of Chase Oaks Church, gave an overview about the effort to provide beautification and public art in Sachse with the mural request. He would like to generate pride and engagement for the city with the planned mural.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:30 p.m. with several residents speaking. Jackie Eichelberger, Matthew Holboke, Cullen King, and Valarie Fentress all addressed Council regarding the mural request. Mayor Bickerstaff closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

The Council continued discussion about special use permits versus variance requests, public art, and allowing the mural through a change in ordinance or by variance. A motion to approve the variance as presented was made by Councilmember Millsap and seconded by Councilmember Lindsey. The motion carried with a vote of 4-3 with Mayor Pro Tem Franks, Councilmember Howarth, and Mayor Bickerstaff voting against the measure.

3 Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute and award the bid for the construction of the 5th Street District Improvements Phase 1 (Alexander Street) project, R-22-05, to DDM Construction Corporation in the amount of Two Million, Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirty-Three and No/100 Dollars (\$2,789,933.00)

Ms. Nash noted that infrastructure has been the focus on the 5th Street District and Mr. Nesbit presented the next step to improve the utilities and roads in order to continue the development. Sachse resident Matthew Holboke addressed Council in relation to the development.

Councilmember Howarth made a motion to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Prestenberg seconded the motion, and it carried 6-1 with Councilmember Millsap voting no.

4 Receive an annual update from Community Waste Disposal (CWD), the City's solid waste and recycling services provider

Jason Roemer, Vice President of CWD, gave an update on the services CWD has provided since 2019. CWD President Greg Roemer spoke about future plans to expand the company and

accommodate city growth and community partnership events. Resident Matthew Holboke asked questions about recycling. Mr. Roemer clarified what items could and could not be recycled.

5. Receive an update on Bond 2021 projects.

Ms. Nash presented the second quarterly update on the projects approved by the voters in the 2021 Bond Election. She reviewed progress made and the anticipated next steps. Ms. Nash encouraged those interested in more detail on the projects to visit the Bond 2021 page on the City website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the Council to Executive Session at 8:36 p.m.

- 1. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.074: Personnel Matters: Regarding the mid-year review of the City Secretary.**

The Council returned to Regular Session at 8:57 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS / MEETING CLOSING:

- 1. Take any action as a result of Executive Session regarding the mid-year review of the City Secretary.**

No action at this time.

2. Adjournment.

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.


Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:


Leah K Granger, City Secretary

