

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road. Those present were Mayor Jeff Bickerstaff; Mayor Pro Tem Brett Franks; Councilmembers Michelle Howarth, Frank Millsap, Chance Lindsey, Lindsay Buhler, and Matt Prestenberg; City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Leah Granger; Assistant City Manager, Lauren Rose; IT Manager, Mike Pastor; Finance Director, David Baldwin; Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester; Fire Chief, Marty Wade; Human Resources Director, Kristi Wong; Director of CIP and Public Works, Corey Nesbit; Assistant to the City Manager, Amanda Chi; Assistant to the City Manager – EDC, Jerod Potts; and Neighborhood Services Manager, Ray Mendez.

Mayor Bickerstaff called the workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS:

Mayor Pro Tem Franks lead the invocation and Councilmember Lindsey led the pledges.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Councilmember Millsap encouraged everyone to participate in upcoming library activities. Ms. Nash announced the new Assistant Public Works Director, Kip Dernavich, will start with the City on June 27. He has 18 years of experience in the public sector and holds a Masters of Public Administration. Assistant Chief Baxter has graduated from the 282nd session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico. This is a rigorous course focused on leadership, organizational development, communications, and fitness training. Attendees must be nominated by their agencies as well as the local FBI field office. It is a tremendous honor and Assistant Chief Baxter is the first member of the City of Sachse to attend and the City congratulates him on this milestone. Kyle Potraza was promoted to Emergency Management Analyst. He is working on his Master's Degree at the University of North Texas for Emergency Management and Leadership, which will be a great foundation for his new role.

Mayor Bickerstaff reminded residents of the new summer hours at City Hall and asked them to share their thoughts on the website. The Red, White, and Blue Blast is coming up on Sunday, July 3. City facilities will be closed on July 4 in observance of the holiday. Sachse has been named the 10th safest city in Texas. He thanked our first responders for all their efforts. The Mayor announced the Sachse Police Department's annual Community Chat event. This is an informal community chat with Sachse Police Department on June 27 at Woodbridge Cafe. Mayor Bickerstaff also congratulated the Sachse Rod Shop for celebrating 40 years of operation. They are the oldest full-service rod shop in the Dallas Metroplex and have been a great community partner with the City

of Sachse. He also gave kudos to the City Manager's staff for the presentation that was given to Sachse's new Dallas County Commissioner, John Wylie Price.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments at this time.

Proclamation recognizing Arissa Grace McGowan for receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Mayor Bickerstaff congratulated Arissa Grace McGowan for her hard work and achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed on the consent agenda will be considered by the City Council and will be enacted on by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests.

- 1. Approve the June 6, 2022, meeting minutes.**
- 2. Approve cancelling the July 4, 2022, City Council meeting.**
- 3. Approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.**

Mayor Pro Tem Franks made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Howarth seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute and award a construction contract 2021 Alley Reconstruction Project between the City of Sachse and Candor Construction, LLC in the amount of Eight Hundred Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-Three and No/100 Dollars (\$809,693).

Director of CIP and Public Works, Corey Nesbit presented the current situation in many of the alleys throughout the city. The typical lifespan of the pavement has been surpassed and it is deteriorating quickly. Several sections of alley have been selected for immediate improvements. Councilmember Buhler asked if the sections of alley were selected using a pavement surface evaluation and rating system (PASER). Mr. Nesbit responded that the City does not have PASER data yet, but these sections were chosen based on staff knowledge and residents calling attention to them.

Matthew Holboke, 5511 Oak Ridge Circle, commented that he wanted to have access to the plans for the alleys. He does not believe the City is acting transparently if he has to pay to see them. Ms. Nash responded that Mr. Holboke was directed to a free website to view the plans or he could receive them in the same manner as contractors by paying the stated fee in the published Notice of Bid.

Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the item as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Franks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Consider authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract in the amount not to exceed Four Hundred Sixty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$460,000.00) with Reynolds Asphalt and Construction Co. for Bailey Road, Hooper Road, and Anthony Lane asphalt street repairs.

Mr. Nesbit presented the plan to perform asphalt street repairs to Bailey Road, Hooper Road, and Anthony Lane as discussed at previous Council meetings. He explained that the project would be complete in a matter of weeks. Mayor Pro Tem Franks expressed concern that the project was not worth it considering the amount of money needed and that the asphalt would only be in place for year or so. There is not enough value for the cost.

Matthew Holboke, 5511 Oak Ridge Circle, voiced his frustration with the reticence to complete the asphalt overlay. He insisted that if the City could put "lights on Sachse Road then (it) should have been able to do Bailey Road."

Doris Wiseman, 6807 Bailey Road, explained that residents have been complaining about the road since she moved in 2012 and nothing has been done. She is ready for the road to be fixed in any capacity.

Councilmembers continued discussion about spending that amount of money for a temporary fix. Mr. Nesbit noted that it would be two years before construction begins on Bailey Road if Council decides to wait for the current bond project to be completed. Councilmember Buhler mentioned that she is concerned about the cost but is also very concerned about the safety issues on the road. Councilmember Millsap asked if the money requested could be used instead to speed up the bond project. Ms. Nash explained that if Council instructs, staff could pursue an expedited timeline for the bond project. After further discussion, Councilmember Lindsey insisted that the time for these questions was last month and the overlay needs to be done now. Mayor Pro Tem Franks returned to the length of time before the bond project would be complete and declared that they could not ask people to drive on the current conditions for four more years. When asked, Mr. Nesbit responded that the asphalt would last approximately two years. He noted that it could be longer but two years is a conservative projection. Councilmembers did not like the amount but declared that the money should be spent if it will buy two years of improvement.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks made a motion to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion, and it carried 6-1 with Councilmember Millsap voting against the measure.

Receive an update on the Animal Shelter project.

Chief Sylvester updated the Council on the progress of the new Animal Shelter. He noted that the shape is intentionally simple to reduce costs and improve the functionality for staff and residents. Chief Sylvester will present another update to Council when there is more specificity in the design.

Discuss a potential structure and definition for City Council liaison positions.

Ms. Nash explained that staff gathered information but wanted to be sure Council understood that there is no bias for one model or another regarding the Council liaison structure or definition. Ms.

Rose presented the facts gathered from comparator cities and a sample definition and structure for Council to consider. Staff wanted to provide the City Council with a point at which to start their conversation.

Several councilmembers took issue with portions of the definition and structure presented. Councilmember Howarth suggested that it is the liaison's core responsibility to bring the board's desire to the Council. Liaisons cannot speak for the entire Council but may provide feedback clarifying that it is their personal opinion only. Mayor Pro Tem warned against micromanaging boards. Councilmember Prestenberg advised that the role was less impactful when more strictly defined. Councilmember Millsap advocated for Council to hold off on further discussion until after the Charter Review Commission had completed its task. Ms. Rose noted that the Commission discussed possibly defining the Council liaison role in the Charter. Councilmember Howarth preferred the issue be addressed through an ordinance rather than the Charter for more flexibility since it is not critical to city function.

Matthew Holboke, 5511 Oak Ridge Circle, said that the undercurrent in the Commission is that boards do not know what to expect from the liaison. He suggested to simply explain that their role is communication and not to sit in a position of authority over the board.

Butch Kemper, 7107 Longmeadow Drive, is concerned that the liaison position has devolved into telling boards what the Council wants. He noted that all board and commission members serve at the pleasure of the Council, not an individual councilmember. All boards work from a definition in the charter or their bylaws so the Council does not need to "ensure" alignment with the Council. He feels it is a disservice to the Council as well as the boards to have someone micromanaging.

Councilmember Lindsey mentioned that the ethics policy may be a good spot to address Council liaisons. Most importantly, the liaison does not speak for the entire Council but should listen and bring feedback to Council.

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting to executive session at 8:16 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.074: Personnel Matters: Regarding a briefing preceding the review of the City Prosecutor.

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The meeting reconvened at 9:33 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS / ADJOURNMENT:

Take action as a result of Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.074 Personnel: regarding the mid-year review of the City Manager.

No action taken at this time.

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.


Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:


Leah K Granger, City Secretary

