

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2018

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 3815 Sachse Road, Sachse, Texas. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Watkins, Councilmembers Brett Franks, Charlie Ross, Bill Adams, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff; City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; Assistant to the City Manager, Lauren Rose; Development Services Director, Dusty McAfee; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Human Resources Director, Melinda Walter; Fire Chief, Marty Wade, and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester.

Mayor Felix opened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND STATE FLAG: The invocation was offered by Councilman Franks and the pledges by Councilman Ross.

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.

18-4284 - Approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 workshop meeting.

18-4285 – Approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 regular meeting.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve items on the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Adams seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilman Ross made an announcement about several upcoming events at the Library. On Tuesday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m., the Library will be hosting Family Game Night; on Thursday, June 21 at 11:00 a.m., the Blackland Prairie Raptors will be at the Library; and on Thursday, June 28 at 10:30 a.m., the Garland Symphony Orchestra will have a one-hour presentation and allow children to play and explore different instruments.

Mayor Felix announced the annual Red, White, and Blue Blast will be on Tuesday, July 3 out at Heritage Park.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Michael Feucht, 7121 Abilene Drive, expressed his frustrations and concerns on the enforcement of tall weeds near his property.

Bobby Tillman, 6314 Ben Road, thanked Councilman Ross for his service and work with the Historical Society.

Katrina Bowman, Parkview Drive, voiced her concerns of high shrubs and weeds near her neighborhood and the cemetery. She also asked if Council could address the drainage problem and unsightliness of the telephone poles on Williford.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

18-4303 Take any necessary action as a result of Executive Session.

No action was taken.

18-4281 Receive a presentation regarding the new live-streaming upgrades in the City Council Chambers.

Mrs. Nash stated Mrs. Rose would give some highlights and quick tour of the new live-streaming features provided by Swagit.

Mrs. Rose navigated through the City's website, demonstrating where to find the live video feed and archived meetings. She indicated how Swagit follows along through the meeting from start to finish and indexes each recording once the meeting is finished.

Mrs. Nash added that staff is currently using Legistar for the agenda management, but that will be changing to BoardDocs, which houses the voting component. The votes are captured in real time and placed into the minutes. Staff is planning to roll this out in mid-July.

18-4286 Consider appointments to the City's Boards and Commissions to include the Municipal Development District Board (MDD).

Each City Councilmember discussed their preferences for whom they would like to see on the Board.

Mayor Felix stated there were two citizens wishing to speak on this item and invited them to the podium.

Diana Smith, 4802 Sachse Road, stated that if the majority of the Board are Park Board members, she would like to see a different councilmember on the MDD versus the current Council Park Board liaison in order to get a different perspective.

Cyndi Mitchell, 3128 Welch Lane, stated she was satisfied with the composition for the MDD Board, but would like the City Council to consider possibly two Councilmembers if that is an option.

Councilman Bickerstaff questioned if the City Council needs to address the terms for each person appointed.

Mrs. Nash recommended that City Council assign the terms with this item, but reminded the Council that they have the right at any time to remove someone without cause.

Mayor Pro Tem Watkins stated that he has interest in serving on this Board, but feels the current Park Board liaison is a better choice for the initial setup.

Councilman Franks made a motion to appoint Gina Nash, Brett Franks, Cyndi Mitchell, Diana Smith, Jermaine McDaniel, Valerie Pike, and Butch Kemper.

Councilman Adams seconded that motion.

Councilman Bickerstaff noted that the terms need to be added. Mrs. Nash suggested that the City Manager and Councilmember be on opposite staggered terms.

Councilman Franks amended the motion to add staggered terms as follows:

- Gina Nash – two year term
- Brett Franks – one year term
- Cyndi Mitchell – two year term
- Diana Smith – one year term
- Jermaine McDaniel – two year term
- Valerie Pike – one year term
- Butch Kemper – two year term

Councilman Adams seconded the amended motion.

Mayor Felix suggested that he would even consider three and four year terms.

Motion carried with a 4-3 vote. Councilmembers Ross, King, and Bickerstaff were opposed.

18-4290 Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of the Funding Agreement in order to contract for the implementation of the major capital transportation improvement project with Dallas County for the preliminary engineering of Pleasant Valley Road.

Mrs. Nash stated that the agreement before City Council is related to the preliminary engineering and design. The agreement has also been amended to reflect the clarified understanding that the City of Garland is responsible for the maintenance of the current road.

Mr. Peters presented how Pleasant Valley Road ties in with the Master Thoroughfare Plan (MTP), the partnership with Dallas County on the project, the scope of the project, the involvement with the City of Garland, which will continue in order to discuss current maintenance concerns and future improvements to the road. Staff is recommending approval.

The City Council discussed their concerns regarding the responsibility of the maintenance of the road with the City of Garland. Councilman Ross expressed concerns about language in the agreement related to the transfer of maintenance responsibility as it is now in the agreement could cause an issue later. Mr. Peters stated that Dallas County has set language in their agreements, but that the City will be able to address in a separate agreement with the City of Garland.

Councilman King made a motion to approve a resolution approving the terms and conditions of the Funding Agreement in order to contract for the implementation of the major capital transportation improvement project with Dallas County for the preliminary engineering of Pleasant Valley Road. Councilman Franks seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

18-4291 Receive an update on the Merritt Road project.

Mr. Peters provided an update, which included the coordination with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT.) Staff has been meeting and coordinating regularly with TxDOT over the past four months, and is working on processing all the documents they require to formally begin a major transportation project. Mr. Peters noted that a formal advanced funding agreement (AFA) with TxDOT will be brought to the City Council for approval later this year and a request for qualifications (RFQ) for consultant services will be finalized late summer/early fall. Once federal approval is received, staff will prepare a consultant agreement for City Council approval, which will kick off the environmental and engineering design processes.

City Council discussed timeframe of completion and funding. Mrs. Nash emphasized the importance of securing of the additional funding of \$16,000,000.00 from NCTCOG. This additional funding source allows the City Council to build the entire road without burdening taxpayers

18-4304 Discuss the draft Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Mr. Peters presented a draft project list for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019, which also included an overview of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 that included completed and active street, drainage, and utility projects. The proposed projects for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 include:

- Street expansion projects
- Street maintenance projects
- Supplemental street maintenance projects
- Water and sewer expansion projects
- Water maintenance projects
- Sewer maintenance projects
- Drainage projects
- Drainage expansion projects
- Drainage maintenance projects

- Parks improvement projects
- Parks expansion projects
- Trail expansion projects

Mr. Peters stated staff is seeking feedback and will return to the City Council with a finalized list and budget for projects in August.

Councilman Adams inquired about the thoroughfare widening of Bailey Road. Mr. Peters indicated it was mentioned during the last budget cycle. The cost to asphalt the road was estimated at \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00 and the cost to widen the road was roughly \$3.5 to \$4 million. Mr. Peters noted he would have to check those numbers to confirm, but if the City Council would like staff to move forward with the preliminary engineering and scope to further evaluate, they could do so.

Councilman Franks asked if Muddy Creek hike and bike trail would be a 10 ft. trail or would it be more considered an access road. Mr. Peters replied it would be a trail, but would allow emergency and/or utility vehicles access if needed.

No further comments or action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.


MIKE J FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

