

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 17, 2021

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Mayor Pro Tem Brett Franks, Councilmembers Michelle Howarth, Frank Millsap, Chance Lindsey, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff.; City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; IT staff, James Burns; Strategic Services Director, Lauren Rose; CIP and Public Works Director, Corey Nesbit; Lance Whitworth; Parks and Recreation Director; Fire Chief, Marty Wade; Assistant Fire Chief, Lee Richardson; and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester.

Mayor Felix opened the special meeting at 6:30 p.m.

2021 SACHSE SCHOLARSHIP: Discuss and review applications for the 2021 City of Sachse Scholarship.

The City Council discussed the top four applications that were narrowed down from the 21 applications received by staff.

Mayor Felix adjourned the workshop meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor Felix opened the regular meeting at 7:00 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:

Mayor Felix announced the Library's Summer Reading Challenge that begins June 5.

Animal Shelter staff brought Daphne the dog to the City Council meeting to raise awareness about adoption opportunities at the shelter. Councilman King introduced Daphne and encouraged residents looking to add a new member to their family to consider adopting from the Sachse Animal Shelter.

Recognize Sachse City Manager Gina Nash for receiving the Mentoring Award in Memory of Gary Gwyn from the Texas City Management Association.

Mr. Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager for the City of Dallas and President of the North Texas City Management Association, presented the award to Mrs. Nash.

Proclamation recognizing the week of May 16-22, 2021 as National Public Works Week in the City of Sachse.

Mayor Felix read and presented the proclamation to Mr. Nesbit, Director of Public Works and CIP.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Butch Kemper, 7107 Long Meadow, requested a four way stop sign at Blackburn/ Ingram Road. He asked the City Council to revisit the issue and bring the item back for discussion at an upcoming meeting.

Mayor Felix read the following into the record.

Chris Faucher, 7120 Bailey Road.

“My name is Christopher Faucher. My home is at 7120 Bailey Rd on the N.E. corner of Bailey Rd. and Creek Crossing. Our family has been living here for over 20 years. As you are already aware Bailey Rd is in desperate need of replacement and updating for what it is used for today. I firmly believe replacing the existing road surface with asphalt would be an incredible waste of funds due to the current and increasing amount of traffic it receives today. I believe replacing the existing asphalt surface with a concrete surface is the best solution long term. I have seen an increased amount of pedestrian traffic including families with baby strollers and small children on bikes. I take walks with my dog on Bailey Rd and most of the time I have to jump off the road into a soggy and muddy drainage ditch to avoid getting hit. I urge you all to consider installing sidewalks on at least on one side of the road and curbs on both sides of the road. Curbs will provide a safety barrier to help prevent vehicles from veering off the road into mailboxes, yards and most importantly pedestrians. Now is the opportunity invest the safety and durability of Bailey Road. Kind Regards, and thank you all for the hard work you do for our city.”

Dr. James R. Kieser, 6510 Bailey Road.

“My family and I have lived at 6510 Bailey Road for approximately 15 years now. We have had to put up with terrible road conditions on both Bailey Rd and on Williford Road most of these years. It has gotten so bad on these roads now that is a disgrace to the city. It is dangerous to drive, walk, run or bicycle along either of these roads. The surface ruts, cracks, and pot holes are so deep it tries to pull your car off the road and you have to try and drive down the middle of the road into the other lane in order to try and avoid it. I know they have resurfaced the roads a couple of times with asphalt and it does not last. It is my understanding that the city has a new code that all new roads in the City of Sachse have to be concrete. I heard at the last meeting that It was up for discussion to possibly reverse that code just so that this road could be done in asphalt again? I’m not sure how you could even consider that a legitimate option. How can you ask all new

developers to put in concrete when you're not even willing to do it yourself? My opinion is that both roads should be concrete with curbs and proper storm drainage. A large percentage of the homes along Bailey Road have flooding in their yards on a regular basis as the water no longer flows properly. The standing water leads to risk of mosquitoes and not being able to mow your yard at times when needed. I think it would be nice to have a sidewalk along one side, but I'm not sure there is enough room to do that. If there is not a sidewalk along the side something should also be considered to control the speed of the traffic along Bailey Road. These are my thoughts as a longtime resident. Thanks so much for taking the time to present this letter at the next council meeting."

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 May 3, 2021, combined meeting.**
- 2. Approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021, joint workshop meeting.**
- 3. Approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021, special meeting.**

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Receive an update on the Merritt Road project.

Mr. Nesbit presented a project timeline overview from October 2020 to March 2021. Mr. Nesbit noted that based on results of the individual meetings with residents, a public hearing was not required. Since the public hearing was not required, staff was able to move through the TxDOT approval and environmental clearance process faster than anticipated. Mr. Nesbit also showed the website dedicated to this project. He navigated around the site to show all the information that can be found including the progress to date and schematic of the project. Mr. Nesbit indicated that right-of-way (ROW) acquisition and franchise relocation are the next steps in the project.

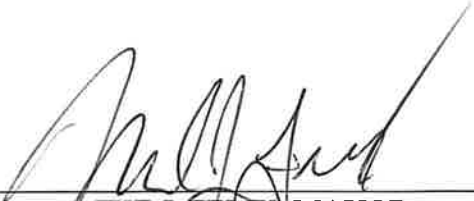
The City Council discussed the project including if the project would improve the flooding at the lift station and Willow Lake, the utility relocation timeframe, and any unforeseen challenges. Councilman Bickerstaff requested website viewership.

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.

Mayor Felix stated no Executive Session was needed. Therefore, no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.


MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

