

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2022

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix; Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Bickerstaff; Councilmembers Brett Franks, Michelle Howarth, Frank Millsap, Chance Lindsey, and Cullen King; 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; Deputy Fire Chief, Lee Richardson; Human Resources Director, Kristi Wong; Director of CIP and Public Works, Corey Nesbit; Public Works Coordinator, Jon Lara; and Assistant to the City Manager, Amanda Chi.

Mayor Felix called the workshop to order at 6:33 p.m.

WORKSHOP:

Receive a briefing on a potential citywide resident survey.

Ms. Rose provided an overview of a potential resident survey. Mr. James Windisch from Polco, an industry leader in statistically relevant surveys, was also available virtually for any technical questions. Ms. Rose explained that a cross section of residents would be randomly selected to complete the surveys. Staff would like to have as much participation as possible so there will also be an open participation option for those residents that may not have been selected for the survey but would like to share their opinions and observations. The goal of the survey is to help Council and staff understand preferences within the community as well as get a benchmark of the City's performance on a variety of services. Targeted questions will be asked but the tool also allows cities to add customized questions. Ms. Rose reviewed the approach and methodology, customization opportunities, reporting and follow-up, and the next steps if Council chooses to proceed.

The Council asked for clarification on the costs associated with the survey as well as why a consultant would be needed for this process. Ms. Rose stated that meeting the statistically significant threshold involves a large number of respondents and requires a lot of follow-up to get the responses. City staff does not have any statisticians to compile and evaluate the surveys. In response to concerns about the expense, Ms. Rose noted that the larger, statistically significant surveys could be spaced out over a few years with staff completing smaller surveys in between. The City does not have the staff for the amount of time and manpower it would take to achieve the goal and make the survey meaningful. Ms. Nash commented that she would not recommend facilitating a survey every year as it will take time to implement programs and make progress. She also stated that Polco has experience with designing questions in an unbiased way to target the issue. After continued discussion, Ms. Rose clarified, that the City is trying to move toward data driven decisions and programs and this survey will introduce performance measures. She also explained that the intention is to have input from any and all residents. To that end, resident's access to technology will be taken into consideration and special efforts will be made to enable responses from all residents.

The Mayor adjourned the workshop at 7:00 p.m. and opened the regular meeting at 7:01 p.m.

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

Councilmember King lead the invocation and Councilmember Franks led the pledges.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Bickerstaff reminded the public that retirement receptions will be held for Councilmember King on May 21 and the Mayor on May 23 and invited all to attend.

Councilmember Franks announced that the Parks department held their first pickleball tournament, and there was great participation. The next major event will be the Red, White, and Blue Blast on July 3 at Heritage Park and encouraged attendance.

Councilmember King observed that this was his last set of announcements as a councilmember. He noted that May is National Foster Awareness Month. The Citizen's Fire Academy open house was last Saturday. This event is a great opportunity to learn what the firemen do during the day. Finally, Councilmember King invited people to attend his retirement reception and pet shot clinic. He introduced Mrs. Potts, one of the dogs at the animal shelter. The animal shelter is full and they are unable to take surrenders. He asked people to consider adopting a new family pet.

Councilmember Millsap brought attention to the Library's Summer Reading Program starting June 4 through July 30. There will be a kick off event on June 4 with some great attractions and door prizes. He invited residents to check it out.

Mayor Felix stated that early voting for the Dallas County Primary Runoff Election runs through May 20 and Election Day is May 24. He mentioned that the CWD X-treme Green Event will be on May 21 in the City Hall parking lot. City offices will be closed on May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. He thanked veterans for their dedication to preserving freedom. City Hall and the Laurie Schwenk Senior Activity Center will be testing new hours of operation over the summer to provide residents more flexibility. From May 31 through September 9, both facilities will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays. Residents will be asked to share their thoughts on the schedule change. Mayor Felix also asked everyone to attend his retirement reception. He thanked all the citizens of Sachse and shared that "God is good."

Recognize Claire Wilkerson, recipient of the 2022 City of Sachse Scholarship.

Mayor Felix recognized and congratulated Claire Wilkerson of Sachse High School as the recipient of the 2022 City of Sachse Scholarship. Ms. Wilkerson explained that she hoped to be an author creating inspirational devotionals one day.

Recognize Nathan Stokes for his heroic actions in saving the life of his neighbor.

Mayor Felix invited the Ravenscroft family and Nathan Stokes up to recognize Mr. Stoke's heroic actions that helped save Mr. Ravenscroft's life. Chief Wade noted that this is an incredible story of neighbors helping neighbors. He encouraged all to learn from Mr. Stokes' actions.

Proclamation recognizing the week of May 15-21, 2022, as National Public Works Week in the City of Sachse.

Mayor Felix presented a proclamation to Mr. Nesbit and Mr. Lara, Public Works Coordinator, recognizing National Public Works Week. He commended the work of the City's public works employees. Mr. Nesbit commented that the department is appreciative of the proclamation, the Council and City Manager's support, and the residents of Sachse.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Matthew Holboke, 5511 Oak Ridge Circle, wanted to say thank you to the Mayor for his service and helping him learn about city government.

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 May 2, 2022, meeting minutes.**
- 2. Approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.**

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Consider an ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Councilmember Place 5, and Councilmember Place 6.

Mayor Felix read the results of the May 7 election for a Mayor, Councilmember Place 5, and Councilmember Place 6 into record.

Mayor

	Early Voting In-Person	Early Voting Mail	Election Day In-Person	Early Voting Provisional	Total	Voting %
Teddy Kinzer	391	24	521	0	665	45.87%
Jeff Bickerstaff	459	49	278	0	786	54.13%
Totals	850	73	529	0	1,452	100.00%
Overvotes	0	0	0	0	0	
Undervotes	36	7	28	0	71	

Councilmember Place 5

	Early Voting In-Person	Early Voting Mail	Election Day In-Person	Early Voting Provisional	Total	Voting %
Lindsay Buhler	522	46	317	0	885	64.93%
Spencer Hauenstein	277	20	181	0	478	35.07%
Totals	799	66	498	0	1,363	100.00%
Overvotes	0	0	0	0	0	
Undervotes	87	14	59	0	160	

Councilmember Place 6

	Early Voting In-Person	Early Voting Mail	Election Day In-Person	Early Voting Provisional	Total	Voting %
Matt Prestenberg	492	33	266	0	791	59.88%
Adrian Rodriguez	293	32	205	0	530	40.12%
Totals	785	65	471	0	1,321	100.00%
Overvotes	0	0	0	0	0	
Undervotes	101	15	86	0	202	

Councilmember King made a motion approving the ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Councilmember Place 5, and Councilmember Place 6. Councilmember Franks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Felix offered congratulations to all candidates that came forward to spend time running for an office in Sachse.

Consider amending Article II, Section 2 of the City of Sachse Parks and Recreation Municipal Development District Bylaws titled "Appointment, Number, and Term of Office" to eliminate the requirement that a City Manager serve as one of the members of the Board of Directors for the Sachse Parks and Recreation Municipal Development District.

Butch Kemper, 7107 Longmeadow Drive, commented that the name of the board noted in the agenda item differs from the bylaws. The board should be called the Municipal Development District. Councilmember Franks noted that he requested the item to be included. The board was created two years ago and a councilmember and the City Manager were appointed to figure out the bylaws and how it would work. The councilmember was taken off the board last year and thinks it is now appropriate to remove the City Manager from the board. He agreed with Mr. Kemper that the board does not have pertinence to the Parks and Recreation Board but that should not should not affect the action at this meeting.

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

Councilmember Franks asked that the effective date of removal be June, 2022.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST:


Leah K Granger, City Secretary


Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

