

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 3, 2021

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Councilmembers Michelle Howarth, Frank Millsap, Chance Lindsey, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff; City Manager, Gina Nash; City Attorney, Joe Gorfida; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; IT staff, James Burns; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Fire Chief, Marty Wade; and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester. Mayor Pro Tem Franks was absent.

Mayor Felix opened the workshop meeting at 6:31 p.m.

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.

At 6:31 p.m., the City Council recessed into Executive Session.

At 6:54 p.m., the City Council reconvened back into the workshop meeting.

Mayor Felix adjourned the workshop meeting at 6:55 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 Bickerstaff led the pledges.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilman King encouraged residents to volunteer at 5 Loaves Food Pantry.

Mayor Felix announced how to apply for the Sachse Scholarship, the upcoming X-treme Green event on May 15, the Cops and Campers summer camp offered by the Police Department, and the Memorial Day holiday. Mayor Felix also congratulated the candidates who ran in the May election.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Diana Smith, 6802 Sachse Road, encouraged Sachse residents to volunteer and expressed her concern over the possible changes to the Ethics Policy.

Mayor Felix read the following comments into the record:

Jeffrey Roper, 6210 Bailey Road stated

“Bailey Rd repave - I read the minutes from the last meeting where Bailey Rd was discussed. The road is in critical need of repair. It is effectively a one-lane road at this time. Ruts are so deep that anything but a truck or SUV can be damaged from scraping the undercarriage/oil pan (e.g., my BMW or Maserati). I agree that concrete makes most sense given asphalt's shorter lifespan under Texas heat conditions. Would also like to see the preservation of speed humps or other methods to discourage speeding and high traffic. Bailey Road's beauty should be a showcase to our rural heritage as we become more and more urbanized. Thank you for your urgent consideration.”

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 April 19, 2021, combined meeting.**
- 2. Approve a resolution denying Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC's application for approval to amend its distribution cost recovery factor to increase distribution rates within the City.**
- 3. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending March 31, 2021.**

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Take any action as a result of Executive Session.

No action was taken.

Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances by amending Section 1-22 “Code of Ethics” to provide for provisions prohibiting council members and persons related to an employee, the mayor or any member of the City Council from serving on certain boards, commissions and corporations unless expressly permitted by law.

Mr. Gorfida stated changes were made based on feedback received from the City Council. He cited the new proposed amendments to E(4) and E(5). The primary changes being both sections only are within the first degree by consanguinity or affinity, and language added regarding excluding membership fees from non-city boards.

The City Council discussed definition of first degree by consanguinity or affinity, non-profits, nepotism laws, and subcommittees of non-city organizations.

Mike Kellam, 5619 Pinnacle Circle, stated he is disturbed by the limitations being placed on volunteers. He is in opposition of the proposed change.

Scott McMurdie, 7510 Taylor Lane, stated as a point of clarity that the proposed ordinance is not preventing individuals from volunteering, but is removing the right for a person to be a voting member of another board. He supports the proposed change.

The City Council discussed excluding children from the first degree by consanguinity or affinity, and removing the language 'direct funding' and 'support services'.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve as presented with the changes by the City Attorney to keep E(4) as written "No person related to an employee, the mayor, any member of the city council within the first degree by consanguinity or affinity shall be eligible to serve on any city board, commission or corporation and E(5) would state 'No councilmember or their spouses shall serve as a voting member on any non-city board, commission or corporation that receives direct monetary funding (excluding membership fees) from the city. This provision shall not apply where such voting member is only serving in the capacity for purposes of electing officers. The City Council's sole remedy for a violation of this section (5) is to discontinue funding and/or providing city support services to such non-city board, commission or corporation. Seconded by Councilwoman Howarth.

Councilman King asked if children were disallowed under E(4). Mr. Gorfida confirmed that is correct.

Motion failed with a 3-3 vote. Councilmembers King, Lindsey, and Millsap voting no.

Councilman King made a motion to approve as follows: E(4) "No employee, the mayor, any member of the city council or their spouses shall be eligible to serve on any city board, commission or corporation and E(5) would state 'No councilmember or their spouses shall serve as a voting member on any non-city board, commission or corporation that receives direct funding (excluding membership fees) from the city. This provision shall not apply where such voting member is only serving in the capacity for purposes of electing officers. The City Council's sole remedy for a violation of this section (5) is to discontinue funding and/or providing city support services to such non-city board, commission or corporation. Seconded by Councilwoman Howarth.

Motion carried with a 4-2 vote. Councilmembers Lindsey and Millsap voting no.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.



MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

