

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday May 1 2023 at 6 30 p m at Sachse City Hall 3815 B Sachse Road Councilmembers present were Mayor Jeff Bickerstaff Mayor Pro Tem Brett Franks Councilmembers Michelle Howarth Frank Millsap Chance Lindsey Lindsay Buhler and Matt Prestenberg

Members of staff present included City Manager Gina Nash City Attorney Joe Gorfida City Secretary Leah Granger Assistant City Manager Lauren Rose Assistant to the City Manager Amanda Chi Assistant Finance Director Ryan Bredehoeft Director of CIP and Public Works Corey Nesbit Economic Development Manager Jerod Potts Economic Development Coordinator Denise Lewis Fire Chief Marty Wade Police Chief Bryan Sylvester Firefighter/Paramedic Colton Haynes and Firefighter/EMT Jonathan Lee

Mayor Bickerstaff called the meeting to order at 6 30 p m

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

Councilmember Howarth offered the invocation and Councilmember Lindsey led the pledges

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1 Recognize Kylie Kaneshige, recipient of the 2023 City of Sachse Scholarship (Postponed)**
- 2 Present a proclamation recognizing the outstanding achievement of the Wylie East High School Lady Raiders Soccer Team for advancing to the 2023 UIL Girls Soccer State Championship**

Mayor Bickerstaff presented a proclamation to the Wylie East High School Lady Raiders Soccer Team coaches and school administration for advancing to the 2023 UIL State Championship

- 3 Present a proclamation recognizing the week of May 8 12, 2023 as Economic Development Week**

Economic Development Manager Jerod Potts and Coordinator Denise Lewis received a proclamation in recognition of Economic Development Week and the important work they do that benefits the entire city

- 4 Present a proclamation recognizing May 7 13 2023 as Public Service Recognition Week**

Public Service Recognition Week acknowledges the service of all employees of the City of Sachse Assistant City Manager Lauren Rose accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Human Resources Director Kristi Wong who was unable to attend the meeting

5 Recognize American Heart Association (AHA) HeartSaver Hero Award recipients for actions taken on December 21, 2022

Mayor Bickerstaff recognized the life saving actions of Firefighter Paramedic Colton Haynes and Firefighter EMT Jonathan Lee on behalf of Mr Jerry Moon that contributed to his survival

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

Councilmember Howarth reminded everyone that the Michael J Felix Community Center is a Vote Center for Collin County and encouraged all to go vote Early voting continues through May 2 and Saturday May 6 is Election Day Councilmember Prestenberg announced that there would be a low cost vaccination clinic at the Animal Shelter on May 6 Councilmember Millsap noted that there would be an Anime event on May 2 for youth between 11 and 15 years old Friends of the Library are also hosting a trivia night for adults in Wylie on May 2

Mayor Bickerstaff's announcements

- The grand opening for the J K Sachse Park is scheduled for 11 a m on Saturday May 13 Come check out all the great amenities and enjoy a fun filled day at the first park on the Collin County side of Sachse All residents and visitors are welcome!
- The Police Department will be conducting a flag lowering ceremony in honor of Peace Officers as part of National Police Week on Monday May 15 The ceremony will begin at 4 p m at the flag poles of the Public Safety Building All are invited
- Come out for the annual Fire Station Open House event Both Fire Stations will be open from 10 a m – 2 p m on Saturday May 27 There will be fun activities station tours and visits with Sparky Most importantly please sign up to donate life giving blood to Carter BloodCare at the event Every donation can save up to three lives! Sign up on the City s website

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were given

CONSENT AGENDA

1 Approve the April 17, 2023, Council meeting minutes

Matthew Holboke requested this item be removed from the Consent Agenda He pointed out that a misspoken word at the April 17 meeting was not printed in the minutes Ms Nash noted that the presentation and the agenda had the correct company name and the minutes could be corrected However as the name of that company was not listed in the minutes no correction to the document is necessary

Councilmember Prestenberg made a motion to accept the item as presented Councilmember Howarth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

2 Cancel the July 3 and July 17 City Council meetings, and move the June 19 meeting to June 20 in observance of Juneteenth

Mr Holboke requested this item be removed from the Consent Agenda He expressed concern about public input and timing of the budget process in relation to cancelling the July meetings Mayor Bickerstaff noted that there would be a preliminary budget workshop at the end of July Ms Nash explained that staff is gathering information for that meeting She also reiterated that there are very strict guidelines within the charter for budget adoption and approval Council will be receiving a budget calendar soon and early public input is scheduled in June each year All statutory requirements will be met

A motion to approve the item as presented was made by Councilmember Howarth and seconded by Councilmember Prestenberg The motion carried unanimously

- 3 Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending March 31, 2023**
- 4 Authorize the City Manager to extend the depository contract with American National Bank through May 31, 2024**
- 5 Declare as surplus property and authorize the disposal of a 1991 Federal Fire Truck Engine 2, Asset Number 297, via online auction**
- 6 Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for the Alternate Municipal Court Judge between the City of Sachse and the Honorable Rick Schimmel**
- 7 Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Master Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Dallas County and the City of Sachse for participation in road and bridge transportation related improvements and/or maintenance on designated roadways within the City of Sachse**

Councilmember Howarth made a motion to accept items 3 7 on the Consent Agenda Councilmember Prestenberg seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

- 8 Authorize the City Manager to execute and award the bid for the construction of drainage and erosion control improvements for the Third Garland Connection Creek Stabilization project between the City of Sachse and Solid Bridge Construction in the amount of \$1,612 625**

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and was not considered

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1 Receive Sachse Fire Rescue s 2022 Year in Review

Ms Nash noted that Chief Wade would present the annual year in review on the anniversary of his time with Sachse Chief Wade gave an overview of the department events and accomplishments of 2022 Call volume has begun to slowly rise since the COVID pandemic began Sachse is a very fire safe community and is on the lower end of the national average for number of fires per year Sachse has been authorized to be a training center for the national association for emergency

medical technicians which allows for additional credentials for Sachse employees Chief Wade reviewed training community outreach and prevention accomplishments and what is next for the department Councilmember Lindsey was particularly appreciative of the fall prevention training the department has undertaken Councilmembers expressed appreciation for all of the Sachse Fire Rescue employees

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 7 41 p m

- 1 The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code §551 071(2) to consult with the City Attorney regarding legal matters related to Vicksburg Drive drainage easements**
- 2 The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section §551 087 Economic Development Deliberations Deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive relating to the development of Project Spoke**
- 3 The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section §551 087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations Discussion of an Economic Development incentive for Bunker Hill Retail, LLC for a project generally located along Bunker Hill Road and Miles Road and for retail or commercial business projects seeking to locate within the City of Sachse**

Council returned to the meeting at 8 53 p m

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS / MEETING CLOSING

- 1 Discuss and take any action as a result of Executive Session consult with the City Attorney regarding legal matters related to Vicksburg Drive drainage easement**

Ms Nash provided a summary of the current situation At Council s direction staff mailed 25 letters on March 9 2023 by certified mail to residents on Vicksburg Drive that are affected by the drainage issues Two options were proposed for residents to choose A) grading within the drainage easement removal of several trees and fences grading and reestablishment of a drainage swale at no cost to the home owners B) take no action Specific language was included indicating that the action could only take place if all of the residents on Vicksburg agreed Also if no response was received it would be counted as a no The original deadline for response was March 31 however at the request of some residents the deadline was extended to April 14 The final results were as follows

- Five residents requested Option A to move forward with grading
- Three residents chose Option B to take no action
- Four residents wrote in an alternate option to build an underground drainage pipe within the bridle path
- Thirteen residents did not respond which counted as Option B take no action

Several residents addressed Council

- Jim Giunta of Abilene Drive spoke in favor of the alternate option suggested by some residents and asked about the legal road blocks
- Mitchell Giasson of Vicksburg Drive noted previous assurances that something would be done and would like to understand why it is not an option now
- Travis Yates of Vicksburg Drive challenged the City's intention with the letter and asked about the legal issues
- Carol Scafidi of Vicksburg Drive echoed previous residents' comments and detailed her experience
- David Scafidi of Vicksburg Drive noted that eight homes are affected by the issue
- Kayla Giasson of Vicksburg Drive said she did not receive her letter in the mail but learned of the survey through a neighbor who allowed her to look at the letter they received

Mayor Pro Tem Franks asked Mr. Giunta to explain the resident's plan which was to put an underground drain in the bridle path. City Attorney Joe Gorfida interjected that the public utility dedication within the bridle path is an old document with very old dedication language. The easement allows for underground utilities to be placed in the drainage easement; however, constructing the type of drainage system that is being proposed by the residents would not be a permitted utility. The way to proceed with using the bridle path for this type of drainage easement would be to amend or change that dedication language to specifically allow for a drainage easement of the type being proposed. This would have to be done by those that own that property.

Councilmember Prestenberg thanked staff for efforts put into addressing the issue. He assured residents that the Council is not taking their frustrations lightly. Councilmember Lindsey apologized for assurances from previous Councils that something would be done. Now knowing that this is not possible, he encouraged Vicksburg residents to work with their neighbors to try to come to an understanding and solution. Mayor Bickerstaff expressed sympathy and communicated that Council does not want residents to be experiencing these issues. He noted that staff made a good faith effort to improve the situation but it did not work in this case. No action was taken on this item.

2 Take any action as a result of Executive Session deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive relating to the development of Project Spoke

No action taken at this time

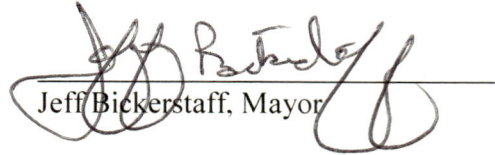
3 Take action as a result of executive session Consider authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an economic development agreement on behalf of the City of Sachse with Bunker Hill Retail LLC for a project generally located along Bunker Hill Road and Miles Road, and any amendments and instruments related thereto

Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an economic development agreement on behalf of the City of Sachse with Bunker Hill Retail LLC for a project generally located along Bunker Hill Road and Miles Road and any amendments and instruments related thereto with an amount not to exceed \$600,000. Councilmember Prestenberg

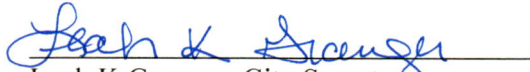
seconded the motion and it carried 5-2, with Mayor Pro Tem Franks and Councilmember Millsap voting against the measure.

4. Adjournment.

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.


Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:


Leah K Granger, City Secretary

