

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 19, 2021

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, April 19, 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 Attorney, Joe Gorfida; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; IT staff, James Burns; Director of CIP and Public Works, Corey Nesbit; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Development Services Director, Matt Robinson; Fire Chief, Marty Wade; and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester.

Mayor Felix opened the workshop meeting at 6:33 p.m.

COMMUNITY CENTER SUMMER HOURS: Discuss the Michael J. Felix Community Center potential summer hours.

Mr. Whitworth presented current and proposed hours of operation. He stated that staff is in the processing of interviewing for the third part-time position, which will assist with the summer hours and early morning camps. Staff recommends beginning summer hours on June 8.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks stated he would like to see hours added on Monday and starting later on certain days.

The City Council discussed the current and proposed staffing, and were in favor of the proposed extended hours.

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS: Discussion of City Council meeting agenda items.

The City Council began discussion on the Code of Ethics. Mr. Gorfida outlined the proposed changes based on previous feedback received by the City Council.

Councilman Lindsey asked several questions regarding distinctions between a City organization and a 501(c)3 corporation, as well as a clearer definition on what "support role" means.

The City Council questioned how it would be enforced, term limits on boards and commissions, and cities that have an Ethics Board.

Mayor Felix stated that the City Council will continue the discussion within the regular meeting.

Mayor Felix adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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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:

Councilman King encouraged adoptions from the Animal Shelter and thanked all the volunteers they have that help take care of the animals.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks announced the upcoming Cops n Campers summer camp offered by the Police Department. Registration is currently open.

Mayor Felix thanked all those that participated in the Clean Up event including staff, City Council, and Park Board members. He also announced how to apply for the Sachse Scholarship, the upcoming X-treme Green event on May 15, and where to go for Early Voting.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Diana Smith, 6802 Sachse Road, expressed her displeasure of the resignation of the Leslyn Blake from the EDC, requested a Charter Review Committee, and conveyed concern over the discussion of the proposed changes to the Ethics Policy.

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 5, 2021, regular meeting.**
- 2. Approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021, joint workshop meeting.**
- 3. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for professional services for the design of the Sable Hills Lift Station improvements between the City of Sachse and Birkhoff, Hendricks and Carter, LLP in the amount of one-hundred twenty-three thousand five-hundred and zero cents (\$123,500.00).**

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:

Conduct a public hearing to consider and act on an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 11 titled "Zoning".

Mr. Robinson presented the proposed changes to the ordinance which includes the removal of warehousing/self-storage and auto related uses as a permitted use in the PGBT – Turnpike Mixed-

Use District and making the use subject to an Special Use Permit (SUP), make auto repair (minor) uses subject to a Special Use Permit (SUP) in the C1 Neighborhood Commercial District, clarifies provisions regarding reapplication of denied zoning applications from one year unless requested, referred back or a denial without prejudice from the City Council, clarifies requirements for lots being platted prior to development, and miscellaneous other clean-up actions. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the amendment with a 5-0 vote at its April 12, 2021 meeting. Staff is recommending approval.

Mayor Felix opened the public hearing.

Mayor Felix read the following comments into the record:

Deb Schroeder, 3912 Heritage Park Drive stated

“I understand that we are concerned about tax dollars, but can we please put a limit on the number of storage facilities and auto shops in the city of Sachse? It would sure be nice to have some land available in case another type of business would like to build. Also, do we have a person in charge of trying to convince businesses to come and build/open in Sachse?”

Eliza Knieriemen, 5313 Savanna Street, stated:

“I just wanted to express a common sentiment in our city that storage and auto business are plentiful enough and we would love to see more variety outside of those. It is especially disappointing to see prime property like the corner of Miles and George Bush be put to such use. There is so much untapped potential in Sachse; most residents have to go to other cities to do birthday dinners, date nights, happy hour meet-ups, recreational activities, family attractions and so on. Please do what you can to rezone in ways that attract the kind of businesses that we are hungry for. We appreciate your consideration!”

Mayor Felix closed the public hearing.

The City Council discussed the proposed reapplication process, if there have been any current self-storage applications, and how an application for a service station would be affected in the PGBT – Turnpike Commercial District.

Councilman King made a motion to approve an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 11 titled "Zoning". Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

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.

The City Council continued its discussion regarding the proposed amendments, who would make up an Ethics Board, and how certain organizations including CERT, VIPs, the Sachse Historical Society, and the Sachse Baseball Association would be categorized under these amendments. The

City Council also discussed the various scenarios of a voting member versus a non-voting member as it pertains to the relationship of a city councilmember and funding matters.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks stated he would like first degree by consanguinity on any City board, commission, or corporation and non-City board, commission, or corporation.

Councilman Bickerstaff stated he would prefer striking second degree by consanguinity on any City board, commission or corporation, but adding councilmember to non-City board, commission, or corporation.

Councilman Lindsey stated he would like to see the change of command for CERT, and to remove second degree by consanguinity on any City board, commission, or corporation.

Councilman King indicated that he would like to see language added for a “general membership”.

Mr. Gorfida noted based on discussion, he is hearing that the City Council would like to add first degree by consanguinity on any City board and non-City board, commission, or corporation, add councilmember to non-city board, and add a way to address a general membership.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to postpone this item to a future agenda allowing the City Attorney to address concerns and bring back to a future meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Franks seconded that motion. Motion passes with a 6-1 vote. Councilman Lindsey voting no.

Discuss and receive an update on a potential Bailey Road project.

Mr. Nesbit stated that Bailey Road was originally built as a two-lane asphalt street serving a large (estate) lot subdivision. Throughout the years, with additional developments coming online around this area, traffic has increased usage of this road. Bailey Road is a connection between SH 78 and Sachse Road with the last major road overlay repair done in the 1990s. Mr. Nesbit noted that the longevity of the overlay has expired and now cannot be sustained by small patching and maintenance. Design options and elements were presented as well as estimated costs based on current pricing. Staff presented recommendations based on whether the project is considered with the Bond Election and passes or if it is not.

Councilman King stated he would like to see Bailey as a concrete road with bar ditches, but would like to hear from the residents. Mayor Pro Tem Franks agrees that he would also like to hear from the residents, but prefers an asphalt road.

Councilman Lindsey asked about reclassifying from a collector to residential road. Ms. Nash explained that changing the classification of the roadway would change its eligibility for funding partnerships through Dallas County.

The City Council discussed differences in costs, design elements, how potential cost sharing with the county is affected based on road classification, and function of the road. The City Council requested they would like to have additional input from the residents on Bailey Road.

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 8:59 p.m., the City Council recessed into Executive Session.

At 9:33 p.m., the City Council reconvened back into the regular meeting.

No action was taken.

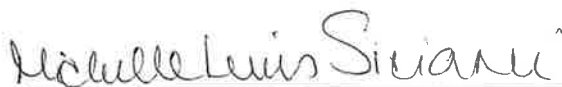
ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.



MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

