

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, April 18, 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; Leisure Services Director, Lance Whitworth; Recreation Manager, Cynthia Wiseman; Neighborhood Services Manager, Ray Mendez; and Assistant to the City Manager, Amanda Chi.

Mayor Felix called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Councilmember King introduced Animal Services Supervisor, Terri O'Neal, and three-year-old Cookie, one of the dogs from the animal shelter. They noted that there are several large dogs and a few small dogs ready for adoption. They encouraged people to come visit with the animals to find a furry friend for the family. The Shelter is hosting a Spring shot clinic on May 21 which provides low-cost vaccines for pets, and they will be participating in the Cops & Campers program in the Summer. Councilmember King thanked the Leisure Services department for working hard to get the municipal facilities ready for Spring. He touted the upcoming candidate forum and election in May urging residents to learn about the candidates in person. Councilmember King also mentioned the 5 Loaves Ministry silent auction is a fun way to support the organization.

Mayor Felix announced that the Great American Cleanup is on April 23. Early voting runs from Monday, April 25 through Tuesday, May 3 and Election Day is Saturday, May 7. Dallas County residents may vote in the City Hall Courtroom, and Collin County Residents may vote in the Community Center Reservation Room A & B. Check out the elections page on the City website or call the City Secretary with any questions. Mayor Felix mentioned that the CWD X-treme Green Event will be May 21, running from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot. Residents may drop off trash, debris, brush, and appliances at the event, and CWD will be collecting e-waste, hazardous waste, and shredding documents. This event is for Sachse residents only, and you may be asked to show proof of residency. He also advertised the Red, White, and Blue Blast on July 3 at Heritage Park.

Recognize the 2022 Recycled Art Contest Winners.

This item was delayed until all students arrived.

Proclamation recognizing April 23, 2022, as Arbor Day in the City of Sachse.

Mayor Felix presented a proclamation to Mr. Whitworth recognizing April 23 as Arbor Day. Mr. Whitworth noted that this will be the 15th year for Sachse to be a “Tree City USA” and the City is proud to have planted over 3,500 trees over those past 15 years. He appreciates the support of Council and the community.

Proclamation recognizing April 23, 2022, as Keep America Beautiful - Great American Cleanup Day in the City of Sachse.

Mayor Felix presented a proclamation to Mr. Whitworth recognizing April 23 as Keep America Beautiful – Great American Cleanup Day in Sachse. Mr. Whitworth commented that this will be the 15th year that Sachse has participated in this great program. Thousands of pounds of trash have been collected by hundreds of volunteers. He encouraged people to sign up and participate in this fun and important event. Mayor Felix stated that there were many years without a Parks Department and credited Mr. Whitworth and the department for the work they’ve done to move the city forward.

CITIZEN INPUT:

No citizen input.

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 minutes of the April 4, 2022, combined meeting.**
- 2. Approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.**

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Recognize the 2022 Recycled Art Contest Winners.

Mayor Felix welcomed and recognized the Recycled Art Contest Winners from Armstrong Elementary. In honor of Arbor Day, students were challenged to design art pieces using recycled materials. The winners included:

- Kindergarten Winner: Cara Anderson
- 1st Grade Winner: Amelia Brown

- 2nd Grade Winner: Ellena Quan
- 3rd Grade Winner: Shayla Trott
- 4th Grade Winner: Kimberly Argueta
- 5th Grade Winner: Corvan Brandenburg

Receive an update from the City's Neighborhood Services division.

Ms. Rose explained the layout of the Neighborhood Services division. There are three subcategories within the division: Neighborhood Appearance, Environmental Services, and Neighborhood Vitality. The group is much more than code enforcement and is working on more proactive engagement with residents. Ms. Rose provided an overview of activity and accomplishments since 2020.

Ms. Rose went on to show that bulk trash violations continue to be the greatest issue facing Neighborhood Services. The ordinance revisions have helped, but unforeseen weather and health related challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic presented unusual circumstances over the last year. Enforcement was relaxed during that time but will pick back up. She went on to outline programs that will be initiated, including a mobile tool shed in a repurposed Senior Center bus that lends tools to groups or residents that may benefit from a helping hand; strengthening relationships with existing HOAs; and neighborhood recognition programs such as a 5-Star Neighborhood Designation and a Neighborhood Spotlight.

Councilmember King asked for more detail about the increased enforcement for bulk trash violations. Mr. Mendez showed the new attention-grabbing notices changing the curtesy notice to a notice of violation, which will reduce the amount of time from case initiation to closure. He described how education will be rolled out and increased for trash and parking violations.

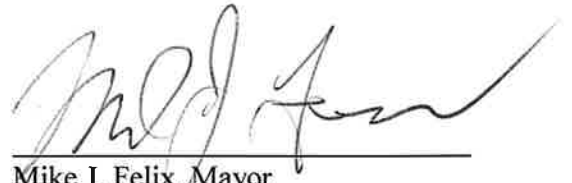
Councilmember Franks asked if the goal was still resident compliance to the standards rather than citation, to which Ms. Rose confirmed. Councilmember Franks also questioned the process for nuisance vehicles on the road after they are referred to the Police Department (PD). Mr. Mendez explained that Neighborhood Services does not have jurisdiction over violations on public streets and those cases are referred to PD but that the groups follow up to verify the issue has been corrected. Councilmember Franks requested attention for the disabled and elderly that may need assistance with cleaning up their property. Ms. Rose noted that Neighborhood Services is working on a City-sponsored event that will facilitate connecting groups with those that could benefit from some help. Councilmember King also noted that a local church coalition is also working on these concerns.

After continued discussion and questions, Councilmember Lindsey mentioned that he is excited about the programs to come. He asked about water restrictions and storm detention pond issues in relation to Code Enforcement. Ms. Rose responded that those issues are outside of Neighborhood Services' purview and the Public Works Storm Water Specialist actively handles those matters.

Mr. Matthew Holboke, 5511 Oak Ridge Circle, asked if the bulk trash cases that Neighborhood Services sees are related more to lawn debris or material waste. Mr. Mendez replied that trash rather than brush waste tend to be more common.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.


Mike J. Felix, Mayor

ATTEST:


Leah K Granger, City Secretary

